



## **HERCULES BAYFRONT PLAN AWARDED LEED-ND GOLD – AMONG THE FIRST IN THE NATION UNDER PILOT NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

HERCULES, Calif. – April 9, 2010 - The Hercules Bayfront mixed-use neighborhood redevelopment program has been awarded the Stage 1 LEED-ND Gold certification, the first of a three stage pilot neighborhood certification program. Anderson Pacific, LLC, owner and developer of Hercules Bayfront, submitted its plans for the community to the U.S. Green Building Council for pre-review and were found to be in compliance with Gold certification standards as the project is currently outlined and anticipated to be completed. Hercules Bayfront is one of only seven communities in California and among the first in the nation to achieve certification under the new LEED program that looks at the overall sustainability of a neighborhood master plan.

“Hercules Bayfront’s LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Rick Fedrizzi, president, CEO and founding chair, U.S. Green Building Council. “The urgency of the U.S. Green Building Council’s mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before, and Hercules Bayfront serves as a prime example of how much we can accomplish.”

The leading green building organization recognized Hercules Bayfront for its unique, integrated approach to sustainability. Among the features highlighted by the Council are the restoration of a contaminated site and damaged creek, its urban-infill site near existing jobs, services, parks and trails, the ferry-rail-bus transit hub, high levels of water and energy efficiency and the design of the buildings and public space that create an exceptional, walkable environment.

“It’s rewarding to see our efforts recognized by this leading national panel of experts in sustainability and green building,” said Jim Anderson, president and CEO of Anderson Pacific. “The transformation of this site from environmentally challenged to poster child for green design and new urbanism principles positions Hercules Bayfront as a community of national importance.”

## Hercules Bayfront

Hercules Bayfront is the planned redevelopment of a 42-acre former dynamite manufacturing site into a transit-oriented, mixed-use waterfront community. It is designed to comprise approximately 1,400 residential units, 115,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, 90,000 square feet of office space and 134,000 square feet currently designated as flexible for either residential or commercial use depending on the greatest demand.

Hercules Bayfront features a new regional Intermodal Transit Center combining train, ferry and bus service in one terminal – the first of its kind in California. Another key component is Hercules Point, a 10-acre regional public park that will include the restoration of Refugio Creek, provide an extension of the Bay Trail and potential Water Trail, as well as integrate several public parks, plazas and paseos. Additional information is available at

[www.herculesbayfront.com](http://www.herculesbayfront.com).

## About Anderson Pacific, LLC

Anderson Pacific is the owner and developer of Hercules Bayfront in a joint venture with Oso Trabuco. Over the last twenty five years, the principals of Anderson Pacific have either owned, developed or managed some of the nation's most prominent projects, including Library Square in downtown Los Angeles, Playa Vista in West Los Angeles, Potomac Yard in Alexandria, Virginia, Solana in Dallas Texas, and Amerige Heights in Fullerton, CA.

Anderson Pacific was formed to pursue the investment, planning, design, entitlement and development of community plans and mixed-use infill projects closely following principles intended to create livable and walkable communities. For more information, visit [www.andersonpacificllc.com](http://www.andersonpacificllc.com).

## About the LEED Rating System

The LEED-ND program incorporates the principles of smart growth, new urbanism and green building practices into the first national rating system for neighborhood design. The program emphasizes smart locations, neighborhood connectivity, transit accessibility, resource-efficient buildings and infrastructure, community open space and natural habitat.

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED rating system is the preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. 35,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED system, comprising over 5.6 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 81 countries. For more information, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).

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