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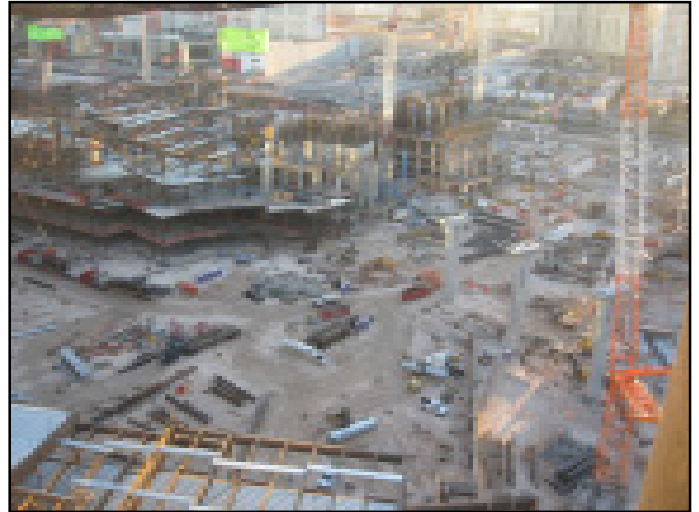
A Good Foundation for CityCenter

Article By Douglas Horman

The CityCenter project, with an estimated cost of \$7.4 billion, is currently the largest privately financed construction in the western hemisphere and the largest in U.S. History. Urata & Sons is playing a vital role in this monumental effort. With a Strip frontage of ¼ mile, CityCenter incorporates a coordinated combination of numerous structures. Any of these buildings would be note worthy on their own but when presented in combination they have created a standard of excellence that will not be transcended in the near future. The highlighted facilities include:

- The 60-story **CityCenter Resort and Casino** designed by Cesar Pelli. This includes a 4,000 room resort hotel and a 165,000 square foot casino.
- The 400 room exclusive **Mandarin Oriental Hotel/Residences**.
- The 400 room **Harmon Hotel/Residences**.
- The twin 350 unit luxury **Veer Condo Towers**
- **SoBella Retail** – 500,000 square feet of luxury shopping, restaurants and entertainment.
- The **Vdara Condo/Hotel** tower with 1500 units.
- Support facilities including over 1 million square feet of spa, back-of-house, utility plant, fire station, parking and more.

Urata & Sons Concrete has been involved since the beginning of construction. Initially we provided concrete



foundations and floors for The Sales Center and the Central Utility Plant. We are now supporting the construction effort with foundation, cast in place walls and columns and concrete slabs in the Convention Center, East and West Podiums for the Pelli Tower / Casino, Garage 6, SoBella Retail Shopping Mall, Harmon Hotel Podium and the 2,000 seat Specialty Theater – including the 3 story deep orchestra / mechanized stage pit. To support the ambitious schedule, much of this work involves Urata's work force on a seven days per week basis.

In addition to our ongoing projects at CityCenter, Urata is working with Perini Building Company to provide our expertise and services on other aspects of the project which will be starting up in the future. These projects may include the main Casino Avenue Entrance, a Harmon Blvd. Entrance, hardscape, pool decks, and mechanical/electrical/housekeeping pads. Urata's can do attitude and flexible approach to supporting the overall goal of creating a project for the history books has made us a valued contractor in the CityCenter effort.

When complete, CityCenter will epitomize the ideal in urban environment – with pleasantly disguised parking structures, open parks and a complex of rooftop gardens. The project will be a mini-city with its own Fire Station, an on-site power/utility plant and lots of open areas for pedestrian traffic. CityCenter has also achieved LEED certification for the project as outlined by the U.S. Green Building Council. Portions of it are expected to open as early as 2009. For more CityCenter pictures and information, please visit our website at www.urataconcrete.com.



H. Allen Hight Learning Center

Article by David Acrell

Urata & Sons is in the final stages of completing the H. Allen Hight Learning Center in Sacramento, CA for repeat client, Turner Construction Company. The 21 acre School consists of a two-story elementary school and a three story middle school using a shared gymnasium and administrative buildings. All four tilt up buildings required multiple casting slabs, multiple picks and extensive panel walking to bring these structures together. The school will have room for 900 elementary students and 1,100 middle-school students. The \$79 million dollar project is being built with bond and state funds as well as developer fees. The school will include the latest features in energy and water efficiency.

Urata & Sons would like to thank our entire crew responsible for bringing this project in under budget, injury free and two months ahead of schedule. The quality of the workmanship, efficiency of the crews and professionalism of the staff on this project have earned us three more projects with Turner Construction and another project with John F. Otto Construction. Good work Team!!!



Project Location:	Sacramento, CA
Contract Amount:	\$8,000,000.00
Project Manager:	David Acrell
Project Superintendent:	Jim Berry and John Hicks
General Contractor:	Turner Construction Company

Welcome New Employees

California office

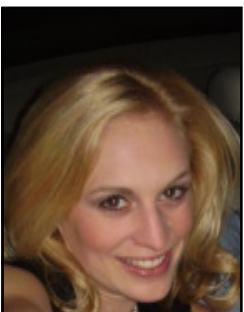
LouAnn Kelsheimer – Contract Administrator



LouAnn joined Urata & Sons on July 16, 2007. LouAnn has been working in the construction industry for nearly 6 years, most recently for a custom homebuilder in Davis, CA. While she's not at work she enjoys spending time with her husband, Isaias, of nearly 3 years, her kitty, Yikes and two bunnies. Animals have always been a passion for her, especially cats. LouAnn owns a safari company called Prowler Safaris and takes people to South Africa. Since joining Urata & Sons

she has had the opportunity to learn about another aspect of the construction industry and test her contracting skills. She is thrilled to be setting in and looking forward to growing with Urata!

Lindsey Williams – Project Administrator



Lindsey Williams started with Urata & Sons on August 14, 2007. Lindsey graduated from Chico State University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development. Before coming to work for Urata Lindsey was a preschool teacher in Chico. Construction is very new to Lindsey but she has enjoyed learning the concrete and construction world. In her free time she enjoys cooking, spending time with her family and friends and outdoor activities. She looks forward to learning more about Urata.

We'd also like to give a warm welcome to our newest Foreman.

California Foreman

- Mitchell Jamerson
- Danny Padgett

Nevada Foreman

- Teddy Quimby
- James Joe Jr.
- Harold Gross

Annual Company Picnic

Urata & Sons hosted its annual Company Picnic in California on September 15, 2007. The fun included 3 legged races, hula hoop and limbo contests. The winning contestants won \$50 dollar gift certificates to Target. Other activities included face painting, water slide and air brush tattooing and an all you can eat barbeque. This event was a great way for employees to mingle and meet each other's families.



SACTO Golf Tournament

SACTO stands for Sacramento Area Commerce Trade Organization. Urata & Sons sponsored its 6th annual golf tournament which was held at the Northridge Golf Club on Monday, September 24, 2007. SACTO is a great organization that provides eminent networking with other companies from the Sacramento area.



Safety - A Way Of Life !

By Joey Stetson, Safety Director

A day just like any other but this day was going to be different. For Urata & Sons this day made us stop and think WOW this can really happen!

It was Thursday, September 20th when life changed for some of the Urata employees. At the Mission Bay jobsite in San Francisco time stood still and nobody could believe their eyes. Just when you think you've seen it all life has a way of throwing us for a loop. It was on the 9th floor where it at all happened and with no notice at all a fellow trade worker crawled through the guard rails and walked out to the end of the deck, then proceeded to walk out onto the tables that were about to be pulled and then fell to the 4th floor. Urata employees immediately called a supervisor and dispatched 911 to the jobsite which may have saved this workers life. The worker did not have on any fall protection and was terribly injured, but Urata employees kept calm, knew what to do and took charge of the situation which may have made all the difference in the world. This dreadful accident will impact this worker's way of living for the rest of his life, and it is a blessing that he remains alive!

In the construction industry in the United States, falls are

the leading cause of worker fatalities. Each year, on average, between 150 and 200 workers are killed and more than 100,000 are injured as a result of falls at construction sites. OSHA recognizes that accidents involving falls are generally complex events frequently involving a variety of factors. Consequently the standard for fall protection deals with both the human and equipment-related issues in protecting workers from fall hazards. For example, employers and employees need to do the following:

- Where protection is required, select fall protection systems appropriate for given situations.
- Use proper construction and installation of safety systems.
- Supervise employees properly.
- Use safe work procedures.
- Train workers in the proper selection, use, and maintenance of all protection systems.

At Urata & Sons Safety is "Our Way of Life". We would like to give a sincere thank you to our employee's who assisted in saving this man's life and who were courageous enough to take the appropriate steps in handling the accident: Kristin Crawford, Travis Law, Alex Martin, Donny Wirtz, Marcos Hernandez, Ronald Napier and Sergio Carrillo. We cannot say thank you enough. Thank you, thank you!!

Going Paperless

Urata catches the wave of the future....we are going digital! Project Management and Estimating have been investigating the benefits of going paperless and have found a beneficial solution to take Urata to the next level as we grow our business. Paperless is not an industry trend, it is a necessity! Storage, money and manpower are all saved to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually! The new software we are proposing will save time, MONEY and will streamline processes. Research shows that the cost per copy made including all overhead is nearly 28 cents **per copy!** By going digital we will not only cut that cost down to an average of 7 cents a copy, but we will be creating a SECURE on-line filing system that is accessible to our Las Vegas office. Stay tuned for updates!!

Gallo Winery

Urata & Sons was recently awarded a new job with Sorensen Construction working on the Material Sequencing Center for E&J Gallo Winery, one of the largest wine producers in the world. Urata will be working adjacent to Gallo's 24 hour bottling operation. This job is challenged with both site logistics and a demanding panel erection schedule. The 135,00sf tilt up is scheduled to have all panels erected within two months of beginning footing excavation.

New Projects

URATA & SONS was recently awarded the New Promenade Shopping Mall in Elk Grove, CA. We will be working with a new client, Howard S. Wright Construction located in Seattle, WA. This fast track project will consist of foundations, formwork and columns. During the first year of opening it is expected to employ 2,500 new jobs for the Elk Grove citizens. The 1.2 million square foot open air mall, located on 107 acres will feature more than 100 retail stores including Macy's, Barnes and Noble bookstore, and a 16-screen Cinemark Theater. The Promenade is scheduled to open in the fall of 2008.

Project Name:	Elk Grove Promenade
Project Location:	Elk Grove, CA
Contract Amount:	\$4,500,000.00
Project Manager:	Dylan DePaulo
Superintendent:	Hank Higham

Payroll

The week of September 14, 2007 Urata & Sons reached its peak of employees and had 383 employees on its payroll. This is the most amount of employees at one time on the payroll that we've ever had! We would like to thank our efficient and hardworking Payroll Accountants, Jackie Senf and Karen Cunnagin for being so good at their job!!!



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Mark Your Calendars

December 7, 2007	Urata & Sons NV Annual Holiday Party Las Vegas, NV
December 25, 2007	Christmans Day (Holiday)
December 31, 2007	New Year's Eve (Holiday)
January 12, 2008	Urata & Sons Annual Company Party Sacramento, CA
May 3, 2008	Susan B. Komen Race Las Vegas, NV
May 10, 2008	Susan B. Komen Race Sacramento, CA

Current Projects

California

Antelope High School
Washington School
Mission Bay Project
Thunder Valley Porte Cochere / Back of House
H. Allen Hight Learning Center
Marriott Timberlodge Phase III
Sierra College Tahoe
Duckhorn Drive Office Complex
Sacramento County Corporate Yard
Mercy San Juan Parking Structure
Elk Grove Promenade

Nevada

City Center Central Plant
City Center Block A Lowrise
City Center Block A Convention Center
City Center Sobella Retail
City Center Block A – Showroom
The Harmon Hotel Podium



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