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San Diego Unified School District and Ocean Discovery Institute entered into a Joint Venture agreement to construct and run the Ocean Discovery Living Lab facility that will be used to provide educational programs in outdoor science and environmental conservation. The Living Lab Facility shall provide significant science and other educational opportunities to more than 10,000 youth per year who attend the fourteen District public schools in the City Heights area just South of Joyner ES.

The Living Lab facility will be and approximately 12,000 square foot two story building that will include two laboratories, administrative space plus an approximate 35,000 square feet of outdoor features that will include nature play elements and natural trail.



Main courtyard entrance



Exterior Terrace (second floor)

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The Living Lab will be more than just a building. It will be a place where students and teachers explore the fields of science during and after school. It will be a place where youth define their college and career aspirations, where families engage in science and conservation activities relevant to their daily lives, where scientists from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and other partners conduct research alongside students, that transforms an entire community through science and conservation.



Lobby view



Main entrance large windows opened



Entrance water wise landscaping



Example of lab classrooms

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View of outdoor lab



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Water wise landscaping



View of retention pond