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Welcome!

Welcome to the SDSU College of Engineering’s Fall 2023 Design Day. We are proud to have our undergraduate students showcasing their capstone Senior Design projects completed during the Fall 2023 semester. These projects encompass various aspects in Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering, and address some of the society’s most pressing engineering needs. Many of the projects dealt with real-world problems and were advised by frontier engineers and industrial leaders with decades of practical experiences.

Please join me in congratulating our student teams on their innovative design projects. These projects represent the culmination of the technical knowledge that they have learned during their time at SDSU. This unique educational experience provides our students with the opportunity to apply fundamental knowledge to solve real-world problems, develop their critical thinking skills, understand the critical human and societal needs, and design novel and sustainable solutions. Above all, these projects provide the students with real-world project experiences that involve project management, design constraints, teamwork, cost analysis, communication, and deadlines.

As always, we are sincerely grateful to our sponsors for their generous support of time for developing these projects and mentoring the students, including Black and Veatch, Group Delta, SANDAG, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, County of San Diego DGS, and Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. Their involvement not only provides practically meaningful projects, but also instills a strong professionalism in the student teams. And of course, we are deeply grateful to Caltrans for continuing to allow us to utilize this beautiful facility to host this event.

In addition to the Project Sponsors, I would like to thank our Program Sponsors for their financial support, including the Stepen and Lynne Doyle Family Foundation, Stantec, Black and Veatch, and Bruce Urquhart.

Lastly, I commend the faculty and instructors for having done such a fabulous job! Inspired and facilitated by our Department’s Industrial Advisory Board, our faculty have been actively involved in interacting with the engineering industry. In addition to joint engineering projects, our faculty have been serving on the boards of various industrial organizations, such as the ACE Mentorship, Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA), the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), and the Industrial Environmental Association (IEA). As the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is being implemented, we foresee even greater collaborations between our faculty and the industrial partners, which will in turn benefit our effort in educating the next generations of engineers.

Enjoy the College of Engineering Design Day, and thank you for being a part of this exciting event!

Dongye (Don) Zhao, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering
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CivE 495 - Capstone Design Class

PROJECT AND PROGRAM SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

→ Fall Semester runs August-December

→ Spring Semester runs January-May

PROJECT SPONSOR PROCESS

- Project sponsors help develop an "RFP" and available project information (topo, soils data, etc.) before each semester. Involvement during semester is as much or little as desired.
- Student Team major submittals include a Proposal and 50% and 100% Design Submittal Packages
- The semester culminates with Senior Design Day, an event showcasing projects to industry and faculty in December/May
- Submit your project ideas to us with this Google Form

PROGRAM SPONSOR LEVELS

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- Funding supports year-end reception, award for best project team, Design Day, Undergrad Researchers, etc.

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Industry Partners,

We invite you to be a Project Sponsor providing real project opportunity to our students (no cost) or be a Program Sponsor (donation levels below), or both!

Not sure if your project idea will be a good fit for the Capstone Senior Design class? Contact us or submit this form and we can help. Projects can include a current project your firm is working on, or even a completed or future project.

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TEAM 1

Engineering Team

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PM, Geotechnical / Site Civil

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GROUP DELTA
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Carlsbad Landslide Retaining Wall
Group Delta

DYGEE will be designing improvement plans for the proposed retaining wall to be located in the City of Carlsbad on Park Drive. This project consists of removing the existing retaining wall which has shown signs of failures due to an improper drainage system. The proposed retaining wall will be a cast-in-place retaining wall with an improved drainage system and slope stabilization to limit erosion.
TEAM 2

MWALLS Engineering has been tasked with designing a landslide retaining wall for an eroding hillside in Carlsbad, CA. For over 40 years, city maintenance crews have been cleaning soil runoff after every rain storm. The runoff is not only a financial and maintenance issue, but it is a safety issue as well. Along with the new cast-in-place reinforced concrete retaining wall, the MWALLS Engineering team will also be addressing the slope stabilization and drainage system issues. Our design goal is to determine the most cost effective solution that minimizes the impacts to the environment.

Engineering Team

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Soboba Soboba Indian Reservation
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Soboba Reservation Erosion Repairs
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

TerraGuard Engineering will provide civil design services for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians to solve erosion issues within the reservation. Targeting three specific areas that are crucial to the reservation in times of emergencies and everyday use. The project also includes geotechnical design and stormwater management.
The project consists of approximately 18.5 acres of land located west of Interstate 15, south of CA State Route 76, and east of Old Highway 395 in the incorporated area of Fallbrook, San Diego County. The proposed project will be located within the northern disturbed area of the parcel approximately 238,000 SF of the site and consists of 37,000 Sheriff Station Facility and a 122,000 SF parking lot with a total of 262 spaces.
TEAM 5

Engineering Team

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Andrew Rodríguez
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Del Mar Tunnel (LOSSAN Rail Corridor)

LOSSAN Del Mar Tunnel has five proposed alignments that run through the City of Del Mar. All of the alignments run through various portions of the Del Mar community, ensuing debate. The objective of this project is to determine which alignment is the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA). Studies of the environmental impacts and cost-to-benefit of each alignment will be required.
The Del Mar tunnel project is an initiative to design and construct a new alignment of the rail that runs from Sorrento valley through the Los Penasquitos Lagoon, through Del Mar Heights, through the Del Mar Lagoon finishing at the fairgrounds. The demand for this rail realignment is growing due to bluff erosion and aging infrastructure of critical spans. Our team’s main objective was to complete a comparative analysis of two of the alignment alternatives, researching, comparing and contrasting the environmental impact, efficiency, constructability, and feasibility of the two alternatives. We researched environmental, geotechnical, hydrological, economic, and transportation design considerations and weighed the differences in order to evaluate the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative. We analyzed technical analysis reports and determined key design specifications and recommendations.
SDSU Bike Path to Mission Valley

The SDSU to MV Bike path is a safe, convenient and scenic connection between the beautiful campus of San Diego State University and the driving area of Mission Valley. As of right now, there is not a pedestrian specific route currently implaced, so UrbanBuild Innovations has proposed and designed a bike path connecting the two destinations.
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Aaliyah Chavolla

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Jeremy LaHaye, PE

SDSU Bike Path to Mission Valley

MAGDAK Engineering is designing a 3-mile long class 1 bike path that will aid in connecting SDSU’s Main Campus with the Mission Valley Campus. The goal of this project is to provide detailed exhibits and reports which include but are not limited to: Site Plans, Hydrology Studies, Structural Studies, Environmental Damage Mitigation, and Cost Estimates. MAGDAK Engineering believes this project will positively impact the local community and plans to provide services to the best of our ability.
Coastal Consulting has designed a pump replacement and wastewater force main rerouting for the Moonlight Beach Pump Station. It will divert sewage for the City of Encinitas from the Encina Wastewater Treatment Plant to San Elijo’s Water Reclamation Facility. This forcemain rerouting will yield a more sustainable and more cost effective water reclamation system. It also aligns with the treatment facilities capacities, which will allow for more municipal growth.
Moonlight Beach Pump Station
San Elijo JPA

The Moonlight Beach Pump Station currently collects and pumps all wastewater from the surrounding area to the Encina Water Pollution Control Facility. The city of Encinitas is aiming to redirect a portion of this wastewater to San Elijo to reduce costs, conserve energy, and save water for its customers. Therefore, this project will focus on designing an additional pipeline from the Moonlight Beach Pump Station routed to the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility. For this project, NMBR Engineering Co. has made drawings of the current and proposed pipeline routings. A site visit was conducted to identify and evaluate any pipeline design considerations and parameters. Additionally, any necessary permits, plans, and studies were included in our design to help achieve desired project results."
The SVPS project redefines sustainable energy infrastructure by seamlessly integrating an upper reservoir with existing RCC embankment dams at the San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside, CA. Our focus on environmental preservations is matched by our commitment to community engagement, reflected in our educational initiatives and job creation efforts. Striving for the highest standards of safety and sustainability, we prioritize stringent regulatory compliance and the use of internationally recognized rating systems. The project represents a model of successful integration of innovation, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility, setting a new benchmark for responsible energy development.
San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside, California is undergoing a transformation into an energy storage facility. This conversion aims to generate 500 MW of power daily, addressing the increasing energy demand in San Diego County. Using sustainable energy, the water used to generate electricity will be pumped from the lower San Vicente Reservoir to the newly constructed reservoir via a tunnel conveyance system that we optimized, including an inlet/outlet facilities, and combined pump turbine system. Our design will allow water to flow efficiently between reservoirs, playing a crucial role in energy generation. By utilizing the best available resources, our tunnel conveyance system will be designed to last for generations.
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