

# Denis LaClaire

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## Education:

Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture June 1991  
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

## Professional:

Licensed Landscape Architect, State of California, RLA 3861 August 1993  
American Society of Landscape Architects, Full Member May 1994

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*Dedicated and passionate landscape architect with over twelve years of experience as a designer and project manager, producing construction documents for bidding and installation purposes on a variety of projects seeks full time employment with an energetic, creative design firm.*

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## Experience:

**The Lightfoot Planning Group**, Carlsbad, California February 2001 – April 2010  
Project Manager/Landscape Architect  
Responsibilities and Opportunities included:

- Preparation of Landscape Architectural Construction Documents for bidding and installation purposes.
- Landscape Concept Plans and Design Development.
- Design of Hardscape plans, Irrigation plans, Planting plans, Drainage plans, Lighting plans.
- Detailing of construction elements.
- Designing Recreation Areas, Entry Monuments, Gated Entries, Model Home Complexes.
- On-Podium projects constructed over parking structures.
- Design for Accessibility/ADA requirements for public spaces.
- Preparation of plans to meet Brush Management criteria, and Emergency Access requirements.
- Conducting site turnover walk-throughs, writing reports/punch lists, and certification of installed projects.
- Site Observation, contractor Submittal Review/approval and Construction Administration.
- Slope Stabilization plans for Manufactured Slopes and Reconstructed Hillsides.
- Acquiring points for LEED certification–Water Efficient Landscaping and Heat Island Effects.
- Preparation of plans for approval from the Department of the State Architect (DSA).
- Utilizing AutoCAD for efficient preparation and successful completion of landscape plans.
- Developing Excel spread sheets for calculating water use.
- Collaborating with other design professionals for successful, well thought out design solutions.
- Meeting with Clients and agencies to present solutions and obtain approval of projects.

While with The Lightfoot Planning Group, I had the opportunity work on a variety of projects of which a few noteworthy ones are listed below:

- ❖ Pacific Station, a multi-level mixed-use; commercial, retail, residential and restaurant project in Encinitas, California. The majority of the project is on-podium constructed over a parking garage. Design features include: pedestrian circulation, planters, entertainment nodes, and water features.

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- ❖ Sea Cliff Condominiums in Oceanside, California which features two building complexes, with social recreation areas and intimate courtyards constructed on-podium over a parking structure as well as on-grade. Amenities include courtyards, swimming pool & spa, barbecue area, shaded seating areas, and water features.
- ❖ Mission Wells Historical Park in Oceanside, California which won a Merit Award for the firm, in the Resource Conservation Design category, from the San Diego Chapter of ASLA

## **Denis LaClaire, Landscape Architect** (Sole Proprietorship)

March 1999 – February 2001

Responsibilities and Opportunities included:

- Conducting all aspects of business; marketing, proposal writing, design, and accounts receivable.
- Preliminary plans, Design Development and Construction Documents.
- Performing contract work with landscape architectural firms, which included; Caltrans landscape inspection, conducting turnover walk throughs and writing reports.

## **Marquez/Kuhlken Landscape Architects**, San Diego, California

January 1996 – March 1999

Project manager/landscape architect

Responsibilities and Opportunities included:

- Preparation of Construction Documents.
- Interacting with Clients, consultants and agencies.
- Architectural review for Home Owner's Associations.

## **Delorenzo Associates**, San Diego, California

August 1991 – February 1993

Entry level/support staff

Responsibilities and Opportunities included:

- Assisting in the preparation of Construction Documents, and Conceptual Master Plans.
- Conducting site inventory on a military base.

Following departure from Delorenzo Associates, due to lack of work, the opportunity to experience a variety of Firms provided invaluable experience prior to joining Marquez/Kuhlken Landscape Architects. Firms included: Van Dyke & Associates, Gillespie Design Group, John Hanna & Associates, and Ralph Stone & Associates. These firms specialized in various aspects of landscape architecture, which provided an opportunity to broaden experience, while enduring a recessionary period.

Responsibilities, Opportunities and Experience included:

- Site Analysis, Site Inventory, and preparation of landscape plans.
- Designing and Hand Drafting Hardscape plans, Irrigation plans and Planting plans.

## **Honors:**

Merit Award – ASLA San Diego Chapter, in the Resource Conservation Design category.

Dec. 2005

Cum Laude Honors, Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

June 1991

Recognition Award, Landscape Architecture Department, Cal Poly S.L.O.

1990-1991

Sigma Lambda Alpha, Landscape Architecture Honor Society, Cal Poly S.L.O.

April 1990