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## Turner Celebrates Completion of Innovative, Net-Zero Energy and LEED Gold Project at Chico State

*The Behavioral and Social Sciences Building enriches the educational experience while serving as a beacon of sustainability for California State University, Chico.*



March 06, 2025 – Turner Construction Company is proud to announce the grand opening of Chico State's new Behavioral and Social Sciences Building, a 94,000-square-foot facility that sets a new benchmark for sustainable construction while fostering cutting-edge research, collaboration, and student success.

Earning LEED Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the building incorporates energy-efficient systems. As the first net-zero building on the Chico State campus, the building will generate more renewable energy than it consumes. Sustainable features include solar panels, LED lighting, a chilled beam cooling system, native plants throughout the landscape, and a water-efficient infrastructure. Eco-conscious materials were also used, including benches made from sustainably repurposed valley oak trees, reducing the project's carbon footprint.

Turner incorporated sustainable practices into the construction of the project by using smart building technology to optimize temporary heating. By deploying sensors and transitioning to renewable diesel, Turner reduced carbon emissions, improved air quality, and minimized fuel consumption. Additionally, the team diverted nearly 80 tons of clean drywall cutoffs from landfills by separating and recycling the material during construction. These efforts lowered the environmental impact while increasing efficiency and cost savings on the project.

"This project is a testament to our commitment to sustainability," said Jim Hull III, Turner's Construction Executive. "From its net-zero design to its water-saving infrastructure, every element of this building was thoughtfully crafted to reduce environmental impact while providing an exceptional learning environment for students. We are honored to support Chico State's vision for a more sustainable future."

The building's modern amenities, state-of-the-art technology, and thoughtfully planned interiors are designed to enhance the academic experience. This multifunctional hub is home to nine academic departments, a large 130-seat lecture hall, 22 classrooms, five laboratories, study and breakout areas, an indoor arboretum, and Love Bird coffee shop by alumna Rebecca Turi. It also houses the Community Legal Information Clinic and the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition. Its open floor plan and generous natural light create a welcoming environment where students can learn, study, and connect.

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