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## Glazed CMU Creates Art in an Unlikely Place: A Public Restroom

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### Ocean Beach Comfort Station - Ocean Beach, CA

Building a durable public restroom at the beach that can withstand abuse, vandalism, and exposure to marine elements with little or no maintenance is a challenge for any city. But creating one that looks great, is sustainable, and reflects the character of the local community is an even greater feat.

This talented Design Build Team met that challenge by using a random mosaic pattern to mimic the colors of the ocean and sky, created with four different colors of [Astra-Glaze-SW®](#) concrete masonry units (CMUs). The vandalism-resistant glazed finish of the CMU made it possible to meet the aggressive construction timeline. Since the blocks are prefinished, no additional finishing was required, reducing the installation time. The glazed CMUs also helped meet the project's sustainability goals due to its 40% pre-consumer recycled content.

To add to the artistic quality, an elevated roof was designed to allow natural ventilation with a winged pitch design that was modeled after the Ocean Beach signage that features a seagull in flight. To add even more flair, a San Diego artist was commissioned to create a colorful mural for the ceiling.

**Designer:** Kevin deFreitas, Kevin deFreitas Architects

**Architect:** Brett Tullis, Sillman Wright Architects

**Engineer:** Charlie Colvin, Burkett & Wong Engineers

**GC:** Prava Construction Services, Inc.

**Masonry Contractor:** Cleavneger Masonry

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### Lunch & Learn: The Concrete Benefits of Glazed Masonry

Program Number: Tren-1 · AIA/CES credits: 1 Health, Safety, and Welfare

Glazed concrete masonry units (CMUs) are a safe, clean alternative to structural glazed facing tile (SGFT) and ceramic tile. This HSW program addresses sustainable design and LEED® credits that may be achieved using glazed CMU. Attendees also learn why glazed CMUs have a high impact on safety objectives and are a "healthy choice" in terms of how it impacts both building inhabitants and the environment.



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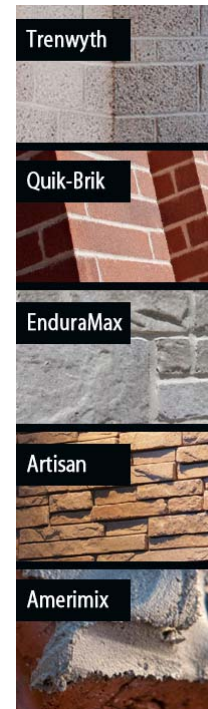
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