As Casa Nueva’s primary tenants, employees of the Air Pollution Control District played a key role in advocating an environmentally progressive design from the very start. Many of the features that make Casa Nueva an enjoyable place to work are also environmentally friendly and save money. For instance, Casa Nueva:

- Is designed to be 20% more efficient than 2001 Title 24 energy requirements.
- Cost less per square foot than other recent office buildings built by the County.
- Uses interior finish wood from sustainably harvested and 3rd party-certified forests.
- Required fewer watts of lighting per square foot than most buildings.
- Is surrounded by native, drought tolerant landscaping (except wisteria).

Look around and enjoy our ‘new house.’
OUTDOOR SPACE
- Protected courtyard
- Native, drought tolerant landscape
- Sustainably harvested wood accents

ENERGY - CLIMATE CONTROL
- Building shape maximizes natural ventilation
- Sails & vines shade south and west windows
- High performance window glazing
- Climate Control system can run on fresh air
- Roof sails lower rooftop temperature
- Efficient lighting reduces interior heat

ENERGY - LIGHTS
- Building shape and white ceilings maximize natural light
- High performance window glazing
- Automatic light dimming
- Individual control of lights in most areas

MATERIALS
- Recyclable steel framing, #2 plastic restroom stalls and fabric shades
- Limited structural wood use
- Sustainably harvested wood accents
- Self-adhesive modular carpeting
- Exposed ceilings and steel columns
- Exposed concrete in lobby, kitchen, and lab
- Low and no VOC paints

TRANSPORTATION
- Access to public transportation lines
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Protected bicycle parking
- Lockers and showers

WATER & RECYCLING
- Native, drought tolerant landscape (excluding wisteria)
- Waterless urinals
- Convenient location of receptacles for recycling paper, glass, and aluminum

For more information on the green building features of Casa Nueva, look for the wall posters at the locations marked on the floorplan. The numbers correspond to the categories and features listed at left.

Casa Nueva is occupied by
- Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
- County of Santa Barbara Social Services Department