

DENNIS OTSUJI, PRINCIPAL, RLA, FASLA

Formerly Principal and Owner of ONA Landscape Architects, Dennis Y. Otsuji merged his practice with Wimmer Yamada and Caughey in November 2011. As President of ONA, Inc., for 28 years, Dennis Otsuji led his firm in providing services in landscape architecture, urban design and land planning while developing a reputation for designing exceptional, award winning projects. In his new position Dennis will provide leadership in the firm and he will concentrate on business development and client relations.

As an active member in the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) since 1979, Dennis has held many important positions at both the local (San Diego) Chapter and National levels. Locally Dennis served as Chapter President, and Chapter Trustee; nationally he was elected to National Vice President for Policy in 1991 and in 1994 he became the 46th National ASLA President.

Dennis Otsuji was appointed to chair the eight member ASLA Committee for the Manzanar National Historic site renovation project. In conjunction with the National Park Service this committee assisted in the planning and preparation of the Draft General Management Plan for the historic site. Manzanar was one of ten Relocation Centers constructed to intern the 110,000 Americans of Japanese descent during the Second World War.

As a board member of the National Japanese American Foundation, Dennis also served as the facilitator for the construction of the National Japanese American Memorial in Washington D. C., which memorialized the hardship endured by those who lived in the internment camps as well as the patriotism of those who served our country while their families were interned.

Dennis has participated in many civic and public service activities. He is currently a member of the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Design Review Committee and a Commissioner on the City of San Diego Planning Commission. He serves on various boards including The Friends of Manzanar and the San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden. In addition, he has volunteered his time to various public groups, such as the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA. He has received numerous awards including the American Society of Landscape Architects President Medal for Unparalleled contribution to the Profession of Landscape Architecture, as well as the Distinguished Alumnus for the College of Environmental Design at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- Ruocco Park ~ Bayfront San Diego, CA
- NTC / Liberty Station Redevelopment and Restoration ~ San Diego, CA
- NTC Park ~ San Diego, CA
- Yokohl Ranch ~ Tulare County, CA
- Aviara Master Planned Community ~ Carlsbad, CA
- Aviara Golf Course ~ Carlsbad, CA
- Four Seasons Resort Club Aviara ~ Carlsbad, CA
- Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita ~ Baja, Mexico
- Tecolote Shores ADA Accessible Park ~ San Diego, CA
- Eastlake Master Planned Community ~ Chula Vista, CA
- San Elijo Hills Master Planned Community ~ San Marcos, CA
- Scripps Ranch Villages Master Planned Community ~ San Diego, CA
- Scripps Memorial Hospital ~ San Diego, CA



REGISTRATION

California Architects Board,
Landscape Architects Technical
Committee, # 1557

State of Arizona Board of Technical
registration, # 25926

Nevada State Board of Landscape
Architecture, # 333

EDUCATION

California State Polytechnic
University Bachelor of Science,
Landscape Architecture, 1968

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wimmer Yamada and Caughey
San Diego, CA | 2011- Present

ONA, Inc
San Diego, CA | 1984- 2011

Wimmer Yamada Associates
San Diego, CA
1973 - 1977 | 1979-1984

Van Dyke/ Halsey Design Group
San Diego, CA | 1977-1979

Kenneth Hayashi Associates
San Diego, CA | 1970 - 1973

PUBLIC SERVICE

City of San Diego Planning
Commission

City of San Diego Park & Recreation
Design Review Committee