



Campus Revitalization

Orosi High School

Orosi High School district has a history dating back to 1912. Originally built in 1920, the Orosi High building had high curving arches and strong forms. However, as the years passed and more buildings were added, the existing Orosi campus suffered from poor planning, neglected maintenance and student abuse. Plans were made to revitalize the campus. The keystone to the campus' modernization would be the new Administration/Classroom building. Drawing from the original 1920's design this building would provide a new rejuvenated face for the campus.

The revitalization project was spear-headed by Taylor Teter Partnership of Visalia, CA lead by Robert Thornton. Thornton wanted to protect the rich history of the campus while keeping the project within budget. To that end, the new building would need to be a combination of site built and modular buildings. The two building types would need to blend in order to create a focal point for the community. DECRA Villa Tile in Capri Clay was selected for both building types. The Italianate barrel tile was chiefly responsible for connecting the buildings visually - sustaining the proud history of the school.

Villa Tile has a high 3-1/4" barrel and emulates old Italian or Spanish barrel tile. This look was important to maintaining the historical appearance. Villa Tile has all the classic beauty of clay tile without the required upkeep. Because the product is made of stone coated steel, the panels can easily be walked on for maintenance purposes, they will not crack or break like traditional tile.

In addition to the attractive appearance, the 3-1/4" barrel offset contributes to the continuous airflow across the deck and helps to pull the heated air away from the conditioned space. Less heated air entering the conditioned space equates to less stress on the cooling system, and lower energy consumption. It is fitting that the Orosi High School Campus modernization and new construction was completed in 2009 for the district's 100 year anniversary.

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Project: Orosi High School

Location: Visalia, California

Challenge(s): Protect the campus's rich history while keeping the project within budget.

Solution: Stone coated steel barrel tile to visually connect the buildings.

Profile: DECRA Villa Tile