



Sara Means, SE, LEED AP
Principal

Years of Experience: 21

Years with Structural Focus: 13

Education

- MS, Structural Engineering
University of California, San Diego, 2004
- BS, Structural Engineering
University of California, San Diego, 2003

Licensing & Certifications

- CA – Structural Engineer, 2010 (S5417)
- CA – Civil Engineer, 2006 (C70381)
- Safety Assessment Program Disaster
Emergency Worker SAP61782
- LEED Accredited Professional

Professional Affiliations

- Structural Engineers Association of
Southern California (SEAOSC)

Volunteer Organizations

- Seismic Outreach (UC San Diego &
Calpoly San Luis Obispo)
- California State Parent Teacher
Association

Sara Means has 13 years' experience with Structural Focus and 21 years' experience working on structural projects. Sara, a Legacy LEED Accredited Professional, is passionate about sustainability and is active in the SE 2050 efforts to understand, reduce, and ultimately eliminate embodied carbon in our projects by 2050. She has extensive experience working on evaluations and retrofits of existing buildings, historic preservation, structural analysis, computer modeling, and new building design.

Selected Experience

- **9300 Wilshire:** Historic renovation, seismic retrofit, lobby renovations, and rooftop expansion of a reinforced concrete, four-story office building, with a rooftop penthouse and subterranean parking—a Beverly Hills Historic Landmark, originally built in 1963.
- **Wilshire Boulevard Temple Camp Hess Kramer:** Design services (including more than 20 camper cabin buildings and several camp activity buildings) for the reconstruction of a children's camp where many of the buildings were lost due to the 2018 Woolsey fire.
- **Wilshire Boulevard Temple:** Renovation and seismic retrofit of the 1920s four-story structure, listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the project included installation of HVAC systems; acoustic, audio visual, lighting enhancements; improved accessibility; sanctuary seating; and restored restrooms.
- **Griffith Park Plunge Pool & Bathhouse Facility Rehabilitation:** Historic rehabilitation and replacement of infrastructure and equipment for the existing 1920's pool building, as well as demolition of the existing pool to be replaced with two new pools. The project has LEED Gold certification goals.
- **Rockhaven Sanitarium:** Structural design services to develop a museum within the historic The Pines Cottage; site survey and seismic evaluation for Coulter Cottage; renovation of the Nurses Parcel and adjacent garage for community service and storage.
- **Agensys Laboratories:** New steel-frame pharmaceutical lab and manufacturing buildings designed to combine the facility on one campus, with admin and manufacturing spaces, and research & development operations.
- **Red Bull North American Headquarters:** Adaptive reuse of 1970's warehouse building into new headquarters facility with offices, screening theater and studio, warehouse space, and loading docks.
- **Sony Pictures, Multiple Projects:** Repair and strengthening of exterior walls, catwalks, and trusses at multiple sound stages.
- **Warner Bros. B81 and Victory Studios:** Renovations and tenant improvement.
- **The Roy O. Disney Building, Burbank:** Renovations and tenant improvement of the existing building at Disney Studios, including lobby work, new edit rooms, a new screening room, and new mechanical unit support.
- **Chapman University Innovation Hub, Dodge College of Film and Media Arts:** Design/build renovation and conversion of an existing sound stage into a virtual production stage.