



## PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT OFFICE FACILITY

### Okanogan, Washington

#### CLIENT

Okanogan County Public Utility District #1

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#### SIZE

33,500-sf

#### COST

\$4.9 million

#### YEAR COMPLETED

2010

USKH provided architectural, engineering, and construction services for this project. The new building, located adjacent to the District's existing building, houses all of the administrative departments, and includes a large multi-purpose room which can be used by the community.

The design approach included the verification of the building program which was completed in 2007. Working with the building committee, USKH was able to review the previous findings, adjust for changes and prepare a final report which itemized the building requirements. Realizing that space needs change drastically every year in the public power marketplace, a decision was made to treat the building design as a "shell" building, allowing the final office and workstation layouts to remain flexible. After the building was "designed" individual departments were allocated space and space planning was undertaken to "fine tune" their specific office and furniture needs.

Design of the new office complex centered on the parking facilities required for the District. The 92-space parking lot serves the employees of the main office and warehouse facility on the site. It also serves the general public, which uses the District meeting facilities after hours and it serves as the main parking area for the "Farmers Market" located in the City park across the highway.

The design is compatible with many sustainability elements and will be utilized by the District to demonstrate those techniques to its customers. Innovations include day lighting, advanced HVAC systems, on-demand water heaters, and LED lighting. The project also included the demolition of the old facility.



1. Interior ceiling
2. Exterior landscaping
3. Evening exterior
4. Interior