

## Water Play Solutions for Parks & Recreation

When drought-affected Southern California's San Diego County Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) envisioned a nautical-themed interactive spray park for its diverse communities, water conservation,

water safety, and play value were expected to be key parts of its design. Now complete, its admission-free recirculating aquatic playground at Hilton Head Park saves over 500,000 gallons of potable water annually.



“The goal was to build a facility that would be a model for water conservation, energy efficiency, fun and safety,” says Brad Roberts, lead project manager for San Diego County DPR’s Hilton Head Park, phase 2, improvement project.



Waterplay Solutions Corp. was integral in the construction process, from design through construction. The company added the necessary water features to make the aquatic playground’s nautical theme come alive. Ground sprays were placed directly over the blowholes

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of a killer whale and dolphins, a circular spray was added to mimic the arms of an octopus, and a water cannon was added to protect the buried treasure on Pirate's Cove Island.

Control of the water features was put into the children's hands via an activator at the aquatic playground. The water features run in a 7-minute

sequence when someone touches the activator. This means the aquatic playground only operates when children actually play in the spray park, rather than running continuously during published hours.

The result is less water evaporation, power usage and unused water drainage.  
—Del Williams

## WhiteWater pioneers translucent waterslide technology

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd., the global leader in waterpark design, engineering and manufacturing, today announced the expansion of its line of patent-pending SilkTek™ translucent fiberglass components found on its AquaTube and Poolsider waterslides. WhiteWater is the only global manufacturer to offer its customers this exclusive technology, which combines the unique benefits of enhanced visual impact and a more entertaining spectator experience.

Available in an array of colors, the translucent components elevate the visual appeal of waterslides, while maintaining the highest level of safety or durability. "Before translucent technology, enclosed waterslides were dark, almost industrial looking" says WhiteWater West CEO Geoff Chutter. "See-through fiber-



glass lets in more light and creates beautiful prismatic effects, while also putting on a great show for both people waiting in line and spectators. Watching someone sliding through the AquaLoop™ – the world's first looping water slide – builds tremendous anticipation and excitement."

The see-through fiberglass technology is the result of more than 10 years of in-house research and development, and is now available in blue, red, green, dark green, orange and yellow.

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