

Marine World's leaving, what's next for site?

Campeau has some big plans

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REDWOOD CITY — Campeau Corp. of San Francisco has unveiled plans for five office buildings totaling 1.25 million square feet, a 350-room hotel, a lake-front plaza and a health club — a complex which is scheduled to be built on the site of Marine World/Africa USA after it closes this fall.

The planned corporate office park will break ground in October and create 900 construction jobs, according to Campeau Vice President Peter L. Clark.

He said that the office park, when completed in five years, will generate \$1.4 million annually in tax revenues for the city, an amount he said is 14 times the tax revenue generated by Marine World.

The amusement park, which opened at Marine World Parkway in 1968, will reopen in 1986, likely in Mountain View.

Clark said that the office park will create 5,000 permanent jobs, which he said is at least 20 percent of Redwood City's current workforce, and create more than 900 construction jobs.

Construction will begin in summer 1985 on a 200,000 square-foot office building, the hotel, and health club. An additional office building will be added each year in 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

According to Clark, the corporate park's design theme will focus on a 13.5-acre reflecting lake with seven acres of public recreation facilities designed by archi-



This is a rendition of the proposed complex.

tect Dan Kiley, whose credits include landscape designs for New York's Lincoln Center, Independence Mall in Philadelphia, the Oakland Museum and the East Wing of the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

The public recreation facilities, which will open in the summer of 1986, will include a 1.8 mile jogging path, a par course, a 100-seat amphitheater, picnic areas and bay view park sites.

The office park buildings will be sited along two sides of the

triangular reflecting lake. Along the far side of the lake will be two 1,000-foot rows of palm trees and a fountain shooting forth a geyser of water.

The Campeau project was conceived in 1980 when Marine World sought financial assistance because of financial difficulties and the need to fund a new attraction and other capital improvements, according to Clark.

He said that Campeau offered to loan Marine World the needed funds and at that time an agree-

ment was reached between the two companies to form a joint venture to commercially develop the 65.8-acre site in October 1983.

The date was later delayed to this fall.

Clark said that Campeau will assist Marine World employees to find new jobs.

He said his firm has hired a San Francisco employment counseling firm to evaluate employee skills and find appropriate employment opportunities.