

Work begins on Sutter Health facility in River District



A rendering of a planned Sutter Health adult health center in Sacramento's River District.

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Dreyfuss & Blackford Architecture has released design concepts for a planned Sutter Health adult health center in Sacramento's River District, where construction has already begun. By summer, Sutter plans to have completed transformation of a 45,000-square-foot office park into a new location for the health system's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE.

Features at the new center at 444 North Third St. include an open therapy room with high ceilings, a full commercial kitchen and areas for performances, crafts, gardening, meals and salon appointments. When the center was approved by the city last May, Sutter described PACE as offering outpatient treatment for seniors and older adults as a way to prevent premature placements in nursing homes. Site renovations will also create 10,000 square feet of courtyards for recreational and physical therapy uses.

Jaymi Alas, an interior designer for Dreyfuss & Blackford who worked on the project, said inspiration came from the nearby confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers. "Where the rivers meet, critical changes occur that significantly alter what happens downstream," Alas said in a news release. "In the same way, this facility has a profound effect on participants and staff, positively influencing the daily care provided and ultimately their long-term quality of life."

The site will consolidate operations of two existing Sutter PACE sites in Sacramento, at 7000 Franklin Blvd. and 1234 U St. At full capacity, the site will have 120 employees. DesCor Builders began work last month on the project, which was estimated to cost \$11.6 million.