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Withee Malcolm Architects Joins Ganahl Lumber to Celebrate the Opening of Their New Torrance Lumber Yard

Torrance, CA – Withee Malcolm Architects was on hand for a day of tours and celebration as Ganahl Lumber opened its new Torrance lumber yard to visitors for the first time on August 3, 2017. The Withee Malcolm team worked closely with Ganahl and Oltman's Construction to bring the design of the 18-acre yard to life.

"The new yard is not only impressively large, the design is an innovative celebration of wood," said Dale Malcolm, AIA, founding partner and principal-in-charge of Withee Malcolm Architects. "From the graphics in the interior spaces to the wood frame structure that supports rooftop parking, the Torrance facility acknowledges Ganahl's history and demonstrates the versatility of lumber as a building product."

With a total of 225,000 square feet of new buildings, the lumber yard includes an 86,000-square foot retail store, the stand-out structure on the site, will call storage and loading area, operations offices, and two mezzanines. The large yard also provides ample space for lumber storage and an onsite mill.

The Torrance yard represents a return to the South Bay for Ganahl, who had a presence in Redondo Beach from the 1880's to the 1940's, when lumber was shipped from Northern California and the Pacific Northwest to that city's deep water port. Historic photos of South Bay cities recalling that period are part of the graphics in the new store.

Although Ganahl is the oldest lumber yard in California, the new yard is future focused. " This is a state-of-the-art facility and it's a product of what we've learned over the last 50 years," said John Ganahl.

Withee Malcolm was the executive architect for the project and provided interior and graphic design. Onyx Architects were the conceptual design architects.

Withee Malcolm Architects serves clients in the residential and commercial industrial markets throughout the West from their offices in Torrance, California. For more information on the firm, visit www.witheemalcolm.com



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