

Shea Homes added as a builder at The Cannery in Davis

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Shea Homes has joined on as a homebuilder for The Cannery redevelopment project in Davis with principal builder and developer **The New Home Co.**

The 120 homes Shea will build will be in two of the initial [six neighborhoods at The Cannery](#), which at buildout will have 547 single-family homes as well as retail and office space.

[Layne Marceau](#), Shea's Northern California division president, said in an email Shea was attracted to The Cannery as a unique product in a city with a strong quality of life.

"It has great access to parks and greenbelts, a diverse range of housing, an urban farm and a central location to schools and the larger Davis community," Marceau said. "Davis has a reputation for being a quality place to live and the type of community we want to be a part of."

Shea will build both traditional and alley-loaded homes for The Cannery, with energy efficiency and designed for solar power. Marceau said the alley-loaded homes also will have options for a second unit, and all the company's homes will be near a community clubhouse.

Though residential development often gets a skeptical response in Davis, Marceau noted The Cannery has city-approved design guidelines that he thinks will meet or exceed the city's expectations.

The New Home Co. announced Shea as a homebuilder as part of laying out the plan for the first six neighborhoods at The Cannery, a seven-acre site. Model homes will begin appearing this spring at the former Hunt-Wesson tomato cannery at E. Covell Boulevard and J Street, with sales beginning this summer.

To start, New Home will build 73 single-family residences and 72 townhomes in two neighborhoods, designed by **Woodley Architectural Group** and Jeffrey DeMure and Associates. Shea Homes neighborhoods will be designed by **Lim Chang Rohling & Associates** and the Woodley Architectural Group.

Other features of The Cannery include a block of retail shops called The Cannery Village, a recreational center called The Ranch House, an amphitheater and an urban farm that will directly supply The Cannery residents and restaurants with seasonal produce. The latter comes through a collaboration with the **Center for Land Based Learning**.

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