

# ARTWORK DESIGN

## BY CHRISTIAN MOELLER

Artist Christian Moeller is creating a permanent public artwork for the future North City Pure Water Facility being constructed north of Eastgate Mall just east of Interstate 805 in University City. Moeller spent several months learning about people’s connection to water, the City of San Diego’s Pure Water Program and its water purification technology in the development of his artwork design. Inspired by the Pure Water Program’s mission to produce safe, high-quality drinking water, the kinetic artwork *Daphne* takes a playful form open to multiple readings.



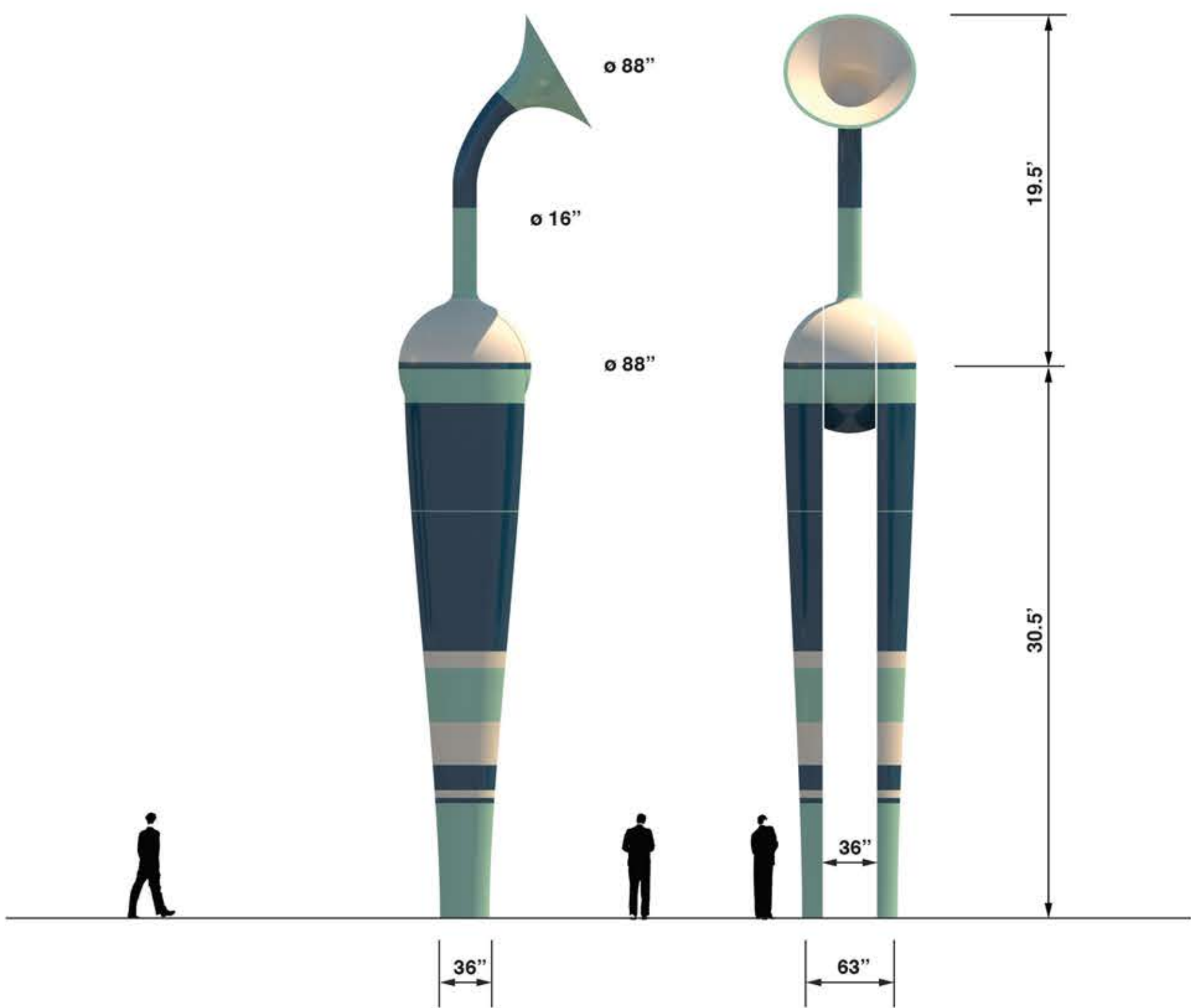
Artist rendering of the artwork in detail.

Standing at 50 feet tall, In a color scheme inspired by the color-coding of water utilities, *Daphne* will appear for some viewers as a hybrid between a giant Greek amphora and a watering can. Mildly anthropomorphic in its form, the kinetic sculpture will respond to the frequent breeze at the site, slowly tilting forward and back as if dancing in the wind or leaning as if to empty the contents of a vessel.

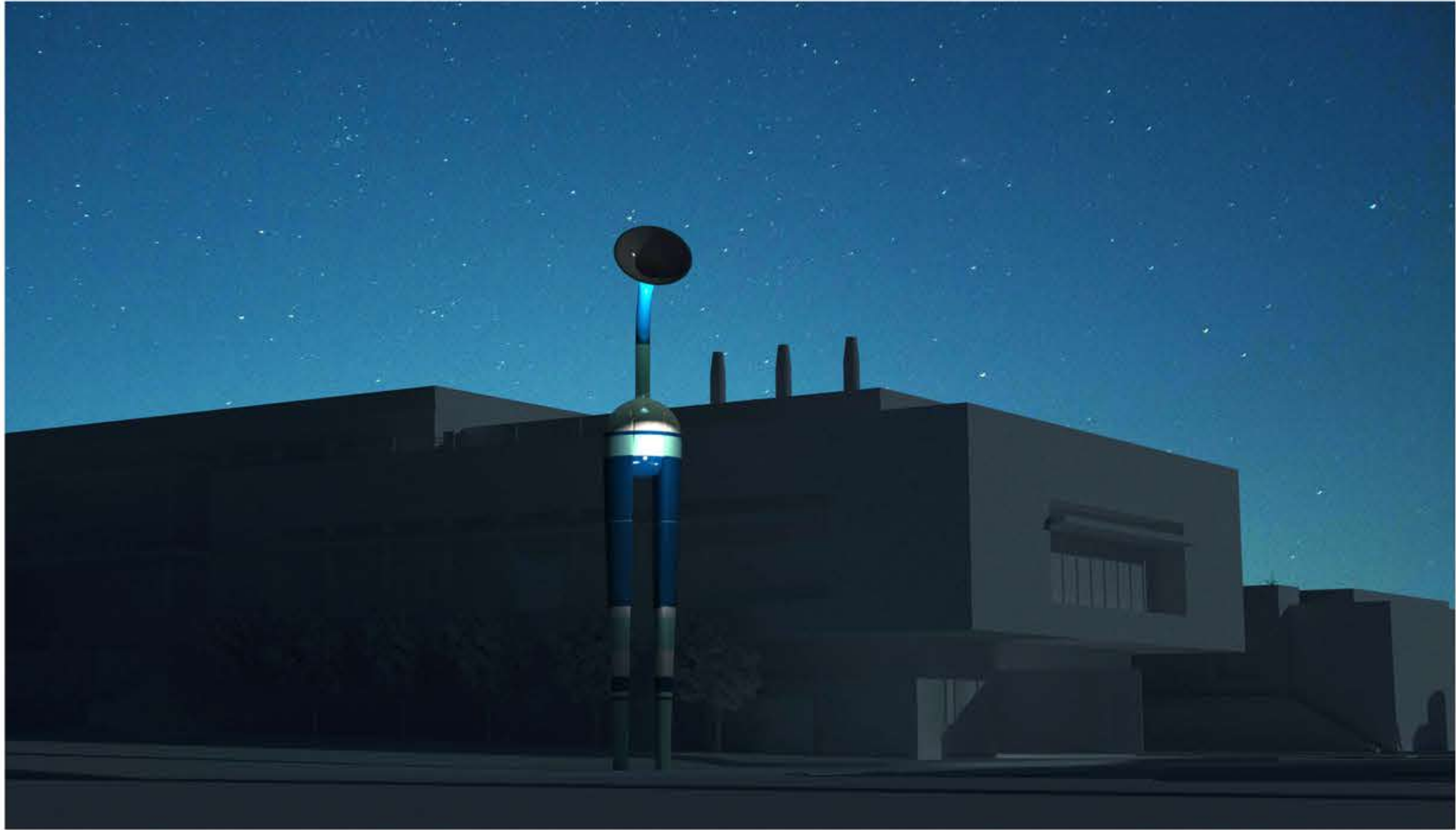
At its monumental scale, the artwork will become an iconic landmark, as well as a beacon and point of orientation that is easy to read from a drive-by perspective, welcoming visitors to the facility. The title *Daphne* refers to a nymph in Greek mythology associated with fountains, wells, springs, streams, and other bodies of freshwater. The sculpture will be lit at night, allowing viewers to enjoy its presence at all times.



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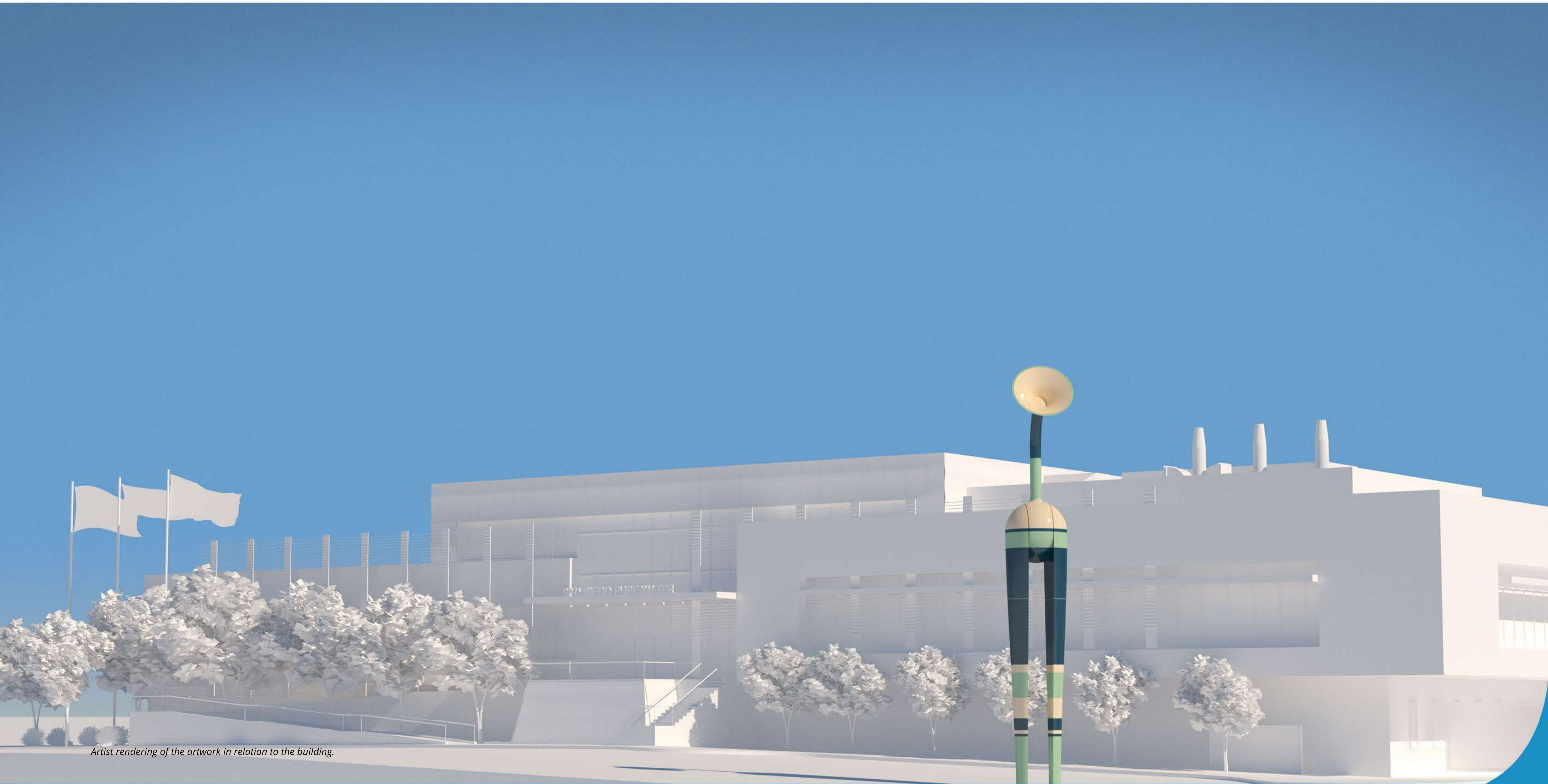


Artist rendering of the artwork to show scale.



Artist rendering of the artwork as seen at night.

The artwork will serve as a landmark encouraging viewers to pause and consider their relationship with drinking water, and reminding them of the essential role the facility plays in bringing that water to San Diego.



Artist rendering of the artwork in relation to the building.