

Project Profile



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AIL Sound Walls make "happy campers" at California RV resort using Tuf-Barrier noise fences

Our reflective sound walls reduce noise from the nearby freeway Flying Flags RV Resort and Campground is located in Buellton — a small city at the junction of historic US Route 101 and State Route 246 along California's central coast. While the location is great for business, unwanted noise from the 101 freeway was creating some "unhappy campers" among the luxury tent, vintage trailer and cottage rentals set.



Project at a glance:

Name: Flying Flags RV Resort and Campground

Location: Buellton, California

Owner: Highway West Vacations

Project Manager: Red Tail Acquisitions

Product: Tuf-Barrier (Reflective)

Sector: Commercial

Application: Commercial Development Noise Walls

Corner Wall Dimensions: Length 900', Height 10'

Installation Time: Three weeks



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Lower cost than concrete sound barrier

A traditional concrete sound barrier wall would have been too costly due to the complexity of the site snugging along the backs of the cottages. A lightweight AIL Sound Walls solution was chosen to mitigate the problem with limited disruption to the site — and that translates to a lower installed cost.

Soon enough, a handsome Tuf-Barrier (Reflective) sound barrier wall was installed around the resort's freeway-facing corner. Its Green Teak embossed wood grain panels with Tan post caps and accents were a perfect complement to the resort's natural setting.

Tight site was also difficult to access

The site brought some complexities, but our lightweight PVC system rose to those challenges. An existing berm was built up where the wall was to be installed, so digging the footing and clearing debris along the same path was challenging at times. Also, getting equipment and material from the highway was difficult as the wall site was too far from the highway for access. Instead, a reach-fork lift was used to pass our materials over the rental cottages from inside the park. Still, the project started on time, was completed in approximately three weeks and was even under budget.

Needless to say, there were "happy campers" all around when the project was completed. The resort patrons were happy that the freeway noise level was drastically reduced, and, naturally, the resort owners were happy to say goodbye to traffic noise complaints. However, they were also very happy that their new sound barrier wall was installed so quickly with limited site impact and that it suited their resort's landscape and architecture so well.

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