

# Nora and Hashem Naraghi Hall of Science

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Turlock, California

**Owner**

California State University Stanislaus

**Architect**

Perkins+Will

**General Contractor**

SJ Amoroso

**Completion Date**

2006

**Construction Cost**

\$38 million

**Total Area**

115,000 sf

**Number of Stories**

3



Thornton Tomasetti provided structural design for a 115,000-square-foot multi-story structure consisting of two wings with a central lobby and atrium and a cylindrical tower to support a rooftop observatory. The building houses the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics/Geology Departments. Functions include lecture classrooms, teaching laboratories, graduate research laboratories, computer laboratories, animal care facility, greenhouse, faculty and Dean's offices, and miscellaneous storage and clerical support.

The structural system for this LEED-Silver certified structure consists of a structural steel frame with composite concrete and steel floors which incorporate vibration sensitivity criteria plus steel-braced frames strategically located at fixed wall elements.