

Five Trends That Defined 2013

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This year, Orange County (and a lot of SoCal) finally **nailed down the recovery**, and every property type benefited--but each in its own way. These **OC trends** made the **top of our list** for 2013. (Sorry, argyle, you weren't trendy enough this year.)

5) Fundamental Shift in Green Development



It wasn't local, but it was a big deal for OC when **Gov. Brown** put his John Hancock on **ABB 440** in October, which will impact **brownfield redevelopment** by transferring legal authority to local governments to clean up contaminated properties and holding financially accountable the party responsible for the contamination. Cox Castle Nicholson attorney **Robert Doty** told us how the law makes the **redevelopment** of brownfield properties **easier**. It restores and expands a powerful tool that cities and counties use to convert polluted, underutilized areas into mixed-use neighborhoods, affordable housing sites, TOD sites, and other **redevelopment success stories**.