

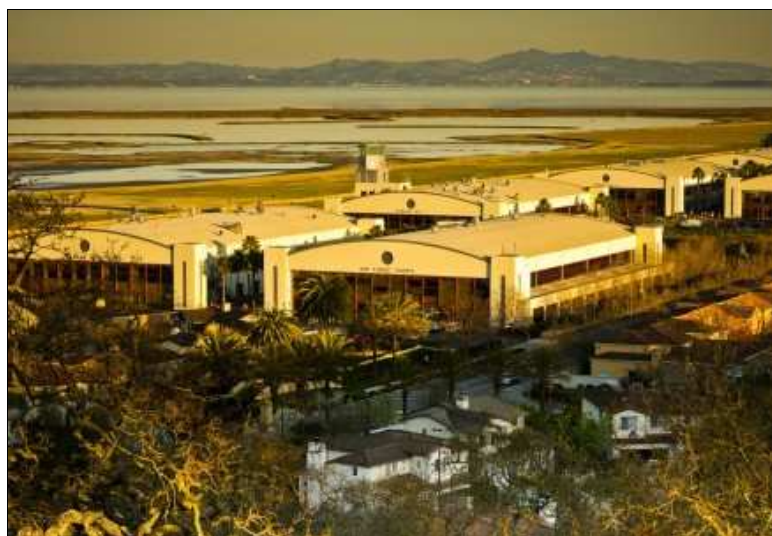


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Disney Dropouts Don't Get Barker Down



When **Disney shut down** at Barker Pacific's Novato campus three years ago, managing director **Michael Barker** didn't jump off a cliff (here, hiking in Southern Utah near Lake Powell). He hoped that new tenants would desire Hamilton Landing's creative layout, and they did; Barker Pacific is now **close to refilling** most of the space Mickey Mouse left behind. (Though one tenant looks suspiciously like Huey, Dewey, and Louie standing on top of each other wearing a trench coat.) Hamilton Landing recently signed three lease expansions and two new major leases, totaling **nearly 119k SF**. Hamilton Landing is now 85% leased, with 84k SF available of a total 403k SF.



The Marin County office complex has a storied past. Built as **air-base hangars** in the 1930s, the site fell into disrepair after the Air Force returned the land to the city in 1974. When Barker Pacific stepped in to perform a **massive overhaul** in the late 1990s, Michael recalls the site being in "wretched condition," with mice and broken glass accompanying his purchase. George Lucas' **nearby Skywalker Ranch** helped create a population of "tech geeks" who love living and working in Marin over the city, he notes. (And being close to the genesis of Hans Solo.) Now **gaming companies** like 2K and Touchfactor, as well as Raptor Pharmaceutical and EDG Interior Architecture, are calling the hangars home.



We can go back to driving on 3rd Street; Dreamforce is over. tjerney.plumb@bisnow.com

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