Eldon Beck was born July 7, 1931. Beck graduated from the University of California, Berkeley's Department of Landscape Architecture in 1953. Eldon began his professional career with Eckbo, Royston, and Williams in 1956 and was offered the position of Associate with the new firm of Royston, Hanamoto, and Mayes in 1958 when the Eckbo firm took a new direction. In 1960, he became a partner in the firm eventually known as Royston, Hanamoto, Beck, and Abey (RHBA).

In September 1978, Beck was offered an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Landscape Architecture at UC Berkeley so he took a one year leave of absence from RHBA. Although he had no intention of pursuing professional work, while teaching that same year, Beck was asked to prepare the masterplan for a new village at Whistler, British Columbia. According to Beck, "The appeal was irresistible. This was to be the first new mountain resort village in North America, pedestrian spaces were to be dominate, free of automobiles, and the village leadership was enthusiastic. This was the beginning of a thirty-five year working relationship with Whistler."

In September 1979, Eldon left RHBA and established the firm of Eldon Beck, Landscape Architects with three employees, Steve Perkins, Renee Bradshaw, and Hope Rehlander, all graduates of the UC Berkeley Landscape Program. In 1985 additional major projects were offered and the corporation of Eldon Beck Associates was formed. Eldon continued to teach at Berkeley until 1987.

With many projects throughout North America, Australia, New Zealand, and France, the office grew in size. All projects from 1998 to 2013 were with Canadian clients, and collaborative working arrangements were established with Architects and Landscape Architects in Vancouver, Montreal, France, and Australia. Village master planning was the dominate work in Eldon's practice during this time. After completing the initial plans, Beck often provided services as a design advisor through approval and construction stages.


System of Arrangement
This collection is organized into three series: Professional Papers, Office Records, and Project Records.

Scope and Contents
The Eldon Beck Collection spans the years 1968-2014 (bulk 1990-2006), and includes files created by Beck while working for RHBA and for his own practice. The collection is organized into three series: Professional Papers, Office Records, and Project Records. The collection documents his career including his work at RHBA, his own landscape architectural practice,
and teaching at the University of California, Berkeley. His career focused on designing landscapes for commercial and recreational spaces, of which many are well documented in this collection. The Professional Papers series contains correspondence, presentation materials, records relating to involvement with associations and committees, awards, research, and reference files. The most significant materials in the Office Records series include brochures, photographs, and news clippings that extensively document completed projects. Project Records containing drawings, photographs, and files comprise the majority of the collection and span the entirety of Beck’s career. Well documented projects include the Olympic Athletes Village in Whistler (2006-2010), Whistler Village and Town Center (1978-2010), Mont Tremblant Village (1991-2000), Snowmass Village (2001-2004), and Remarkables Park (1996-2005).

Related Collections
For related materials to the items in this collection, please see the following finding aids:
Robert N. Royston Collection, 1941-1990 (1999-12), UC Berkeley: Environmental Design Archives

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Landscape architecture, Modern -- 20th century -- California.
Landscape Architecture
Landscape Architecture Firms

SERIES I. PROFESSIONAL PAPERS 1977-2014
Scope and Contents
Professional papers are arranged chronologically. Contains a book chapter about Beck’s work with ski resorts, awards and certificates, general correspondence as well as letters of reference for tenure at UC Berkeley, CV and list of professional experience, lecture notes and research slides, and photographs from The Sea Ranch Design Review Board.

A. Awards

American Ski Resort Book Chapter 2013
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F. Research Materials

Negatives for Project Based Presentations 1983, n.d.
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G. Associations

The Sea Ranch Design Review Board Photographs n.d.
Physical Description: 1 Box- 1|9

SERIES II. OFFICE RECORDS 1972-2008

Scope and Contents
Office Records are arranged alphabetically by folder title and chronologically within each subseries. Consists of brochures, photographs, and news clippings that extensively document large projects.

A. Brochures

Eldon Beck and Associates Brochure Booklets 1990-1995
Physical Description: 1 Box- 1|10

B. Clippings

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C. Concept Report

Concept Report for Mont Tremblant Project 2000
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D. Photographs

**Portrait of Eldon Beck n.d.**
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**RHBA Office Photographs n.d.**
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E. Presentation Materials

**Presentation materials Outlining Projects for Prospective Clients 1992-1993**
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F. Slides

**Slides for RHBA Projects: DeAnza College, Redrock Canyon, Lahontan Reservoir, Reichold Cultural Center, Las Positas Park, and Parkland College 1972-1973, n.d.**
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SERIES III. PROJECT RECORDS 1968-2014

Scope and Contents
The following is a list of architectural projects from the Eldon Beck Collection. For more complete information about collection contents for each project download the complete **Project Index** in an Excel spreadsheet format by going to Eldon Beck i-page. For instructions on interpreting the Project Index, see The Guide to the Project Index.
The project list below, derived from the Project Index, is arranged alphabetically by Project/Client Name and contains information, where available, about the location, date, project type, collaborators, photographers, and formats for each project in the collection. Contains drawings, photographs, slides, and files that comprise the majority of the collection and span the entirety of Beck’s career. Well documented projects include the Olympic Athletes Village in Whistler (2006-2010), Whistler Village and Town Center (1978-2010), Mont Tremblant Village (1991-2000), Snowmass Village (2001-2004), and Remarkables Park (1996-2005).

**Alioto Park (San Francisco, California)**
creator: San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (organization), Pacha Mama (Organization)

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**Baytowne Wharf (Destin, Florida) 1998-2004**

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