

San Diego Brewery Timeline

The Third Wave 1980s-March 2020

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1980s

Beer and Wine Crafts was the only San Diego supply shop.

Fergie's sells craft beer in the county as the first brewpub, little is known as they appear to have been unlicensed.

1986

Oktoberfest Hofbrau Brewery filed incorporation papers but never opened.

1987

Bolt Brewing opened in Fallbrook (closed in 1988.)

Sail Brewing filed incorporation papers for a Shelter Island location but never opened.

1988

Mission Brewery was planned for revival by new owners (Foote) as part of a redevelopment project for the 1913 brewery property near the airport. Although brewing did occur on an infrequent (trial) basis over the next year or so, the entire project went into foreclosure in the early 1990s.

Note about the building: There were several attempts to open a brewery in this building, sometimes using the Mission name. The current Mission Brewery opened in 2007 but is in a different location and as of 2022 rebranded as Mission Brewing.

Mission Brewing (similar name but Packer listed as owner) had business papers filed but never opened.

--Bolt Brewing closed.

1989

Callahan's Pub and Brewery opened in the Miramar area (closed 2017.)

Karl Strauss' Old Columbia Brewery opened and continues today as the longest running brewery in San Diego and is now known as Karl Strauss Brewing Company.

Royal Tonga Beer filed incorporation papers for Chula Vista but never opened.

--Mission Brewery briefly brewed in a La Jolla location.

1990

Red Kettle Brewing opened in Encinitas (closed 1993?)

SeaWorld opened a tabletop brewery after the park's purchase by AnheuserBusch to comply with California's tied-house laws (unclear as to closure, but license is canceled 2010.)

--Callahan's Pub got brewing license, becoming a brewpub.

--Old Columbia Brewery renamed to **Karl Strauss Brewing Company**.

1991

Brewhouse of California pulled an ABC permit (never opens.)

La Jolla Brewing Company opened (closed about 1998.)

Pacific Beach Brewhouse opened (closed 1995.)

Unnamed brewery license application filed and withdrawn, possibly for Carlsbad location.

--Karl Strauss opened a production brewery on Kurtz St.

1992

Brewski's Gaslamp Pub opened on 5th Avenue.

Home Brew Mart opened (brewing supplies only, ownership opened Ballast Point Brewing while HBM continued and added a small brew system later.)

Newport Avenue Bar & Grill files with the ABC for an Ocean Beach location. Never opened after numerous license changes.

Pizza Port Solana Beach began brewing and selling their own beers (had been a restaurant since 1987.)

RJ's Riptide opened in the Brewski's location (closed 1996.)

Unnamed brewery license application filed and withdrawn for somewhere in San Diego.

--SeaWorld expanded their brew system and gives beer away at the park.

1993

California Brewing Company filed incorporation papers, with a potential location in Oceanside, but never opened.

San Diego Brewing Company's name is revived with a location in Mission Valley by the owners of Callahan's.

San Marcos Brewery and Grill opened (closed 2000.)

--Karl Strauss opened an additional site on Scranton Rd.

--Red Kettle closed (maybe 1992.)

1994

California has 84 microbreweries or brewpubs in operation across the state.

Emerald Coast Brewing filed incorporation papers but never opened.

Old European Brewery which appeared to be a revival of Oktoberfest Hofbrau filed incorporation papers but never opened.

Sequoia Brewing was the name considered for what opened as Ballast Point Brewing.

--Home Brew Mart opened a Solana Beach location (unknown as to when closed.)

1995

AleSmith opened on Cabot Dr. (sold to new owner in 2002.)

Big Cat Beer pulled an ABC permit for a location on World Trade Dr. as an importer/wholesaler.

Carlsbad Village Brewery and Pub opened on Carlsbad Village Dr. with Pizza Port as partner.

Dino and Luigi's Stuff Pizza Sports Bar and Microbrewery opened in Carmel Mountain area of San Diego (became Stuff Pizza Carmel Mountain in 2000 with ownership change.)

Home Brew Mart filed for a Type 23 license, withdrew the application and location was licensed under Ballast Point Brewing in 1996.

Hops! Bistro and Brewery opened on La Jolla Village Dr (changes hands 1997, closed by 2002.)

Oggi's opened on Rancho Carmel Rd. as the first in of this brewpub chain in the county.

San Diego Old Town Brewery applied for by the owners of San Diego Brewing Company who later withdrew the application.

Stuff Pizza opened in Carmel Valley (merged with Oggi's 2001.)

Terrific Pacific opened brewery in existing restaurant (closed brewery 1997, restaurant 2002.)

White Labs established with yeast strains developed specifically for consistent brewing.

The following filed incorporation papers but never opened: **California Classic Brewing** (distributor? Revived filing at least one additional time), **Original Smith Brewing**, **Pacific Crest Brewing** and an **unnamed brewery** license for Escondido was likely approved but canceled.

1996

Baja Brewing pulled a type 23 license along with other permits (unclear as to whether it ever opened, cancelled in 1999.)

Ballast Point Brewing opened as an expansion of Home Brew Mart.

BJs Pizza & Grill opened and closed in La Jolla, later opened as BJs Brewhouse nearby.

Brewers Union pulled a permit for Kearny Villa Rd (cancelled 1999.)

Cerveceria La Cruda opened on 4th St. (closed 1997.)

Coronado Brewing opened on Orange Ave. in Coronado.

Murphy's Custom Brewing opened with brew-on-premises, supplies and contract brewing (closed 2000.)

Stone Brewing opened in San Marcos.

--Hops! Brewpub took over the Riptide Gaslamp location (closed 18 months later.)

--Karl Strauss opened larger brewing facility on Santa Fe St.

An **unnamed brewery** license for Escondido was likely approved but canceled. Same location but different applicant than the 1995 application.

QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity) of San Diego began a long run of Homebrewing Club of the Year wins from the American Homebrewers Association.

1997

Carlsbad Ale Works distributed beers contract brewed by Coast Range Brewing of Gilroy, CA from Carlsbad location. (Uncertain as to when closed.)

Hang Ten opened on 5th Ave. in previous Brewski's/Hops! Location. (Closed in 2002.)
Mission Brewery name is revived in permit application for Hancock St location (canceled 2001.)
On Tap Bistro and Brewery pulled a license (canceled 2004.)
--Pizza Port took over the Carlsbad Village Brewing site as an additional location.

Related

KJCS Micro Brewing filed incorporation papers but never opened, may have been brewing equipment only.

1998

Gem of the Sea produced a few beers for distribution. An approved license for a Vista tasting room did not open before license cancellation.

La Jolla Brewing Company pulled a new license and ran a microbrew operation in the original Mission Brewery location (closed 2001?)

Rock Bottom Brewery Restaurant (national chain) opened on La Jolla Village Dr (closed 2020.)

Sports City Café and Brewery opened on La Jolla Village Dr (closed in 2001.)

1999

Alpine Brewing brewed on AleSmith's equipment (later sold to Green Flash Brewing.)

BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse chain opened in La Mesa (brewing is done out of the county.)

Jamul Brewery trademarked the business name but never opened.

Royal Duffer Beverage in Carlsbad marketed beer contract brewed by a brewery in Gilroy, CA.
Date of closure unknown.

--Rock Bottom Brewery Restaurant opened additional location on G St. (closed 2013.)

2000

Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant (chain) opened on Mission Center Rd (closed 2019.)

Jose O'Reilly's Cantina, owned by the partners behind San Diego Brewing Company opened on Black Mountain Rd. (closed 2010.)

--Murphy's Custom Brewing closed.

2001

Green Flash opened on Vantage Ct. in Vista.

La Jolla Ale & Ocean opened with a brewery (sold next year to new ownership group.)

--Oggi's Pizza and Brewing opened on Fenton Pkwy in San Diego.

QUAFF won the American Home Brewers "Best Homebrew Club of the Year" award for the 6th year in a row.

2002

--AleSmith changed ownership.

--Alpine bought some of the old Brewski's equipment to start brewing their own beer.

--La Jolla Ale & Ocean's new ownership changed from a small brewery license (Type 23) to a Type 75 (brewpub) license (closed 2003.)

2003

Beach House Brewery opened in La Jolla and closed as evidently no brewing license.

Firehouse Brewing applied for an Type 23 license for a Miramar area location (later moved to Mission Valley.)

La Jolla Brew House opened in La Jolla Ale & Ocean location (closed 2013 and location became La Jolla Brewing.)

O'Brien's Pub opened and featured local craft beers as well as noted non-local breweries.

--Beach House closed to become La Jolla Brew House.

--Oggi's Pizza sites begin years-long process of removing brewhouses from all but Del Mar.

--Pizza Port opened a brewpub in San Clemente.

2004

Birrifico Calabria opened (closed 2016.)

CJs Grill opened and quickly closed in La Jolla.

Lamppost Pizza (restaurant chain operating Backstreet Brewing) opened in Vista.

--Ballast Point expanded to Scripps Ranch district.

--Ballast Point began a distilling spirits division which later became **Cutwater Spirits**.

--Firehouse Brewing opened.

2005

La Jolla Brewery and Restaurant pulled permit, never opened.

--Stone moved to expanded production facility in Escondido.

2006

Lightning Brewery opened in Poway (on hiatus and sold equipment 2017, reopened 2018.)

Port Brewing and **The Lost Abbey** opened in Stone's vacated San Marcos site.

Miami Grill opened in La Jolla (closed in 2013.)

Oceanside Ale Works opened in their original site (moved in 2010, changed ownership, closed 2018).

Unnamed brewery license was submitted but withdrawn.

--Coronado expanded production capacity.

--Stone opened the World Bistro & Gardens in Escondido.

2007

Bay Bridge Brewing opened and operated without a tasting room (TR opened 2015.)

Brewhouse/Eastlake Tavern and Grill opened (closed in 2012.)

Mission Brewery opened inside a restaurant in University Town Center, moved in 2008.

New English Brewing opened in the old Mission Brewing building.

Pacific Beach Ale House opened (closure in 2015 due to fire, reopened 2017.)

San Diego Beer Company (AKA The Beer Company) filed for incorporation.

Audrey Eckblom of Beer and Wine Crafts Supply started a homebrewers competition during the Del Mar County Fair. Competition became the San Diego International Beer Festival and changed name again to San Diego County Fair Craft Brew Competition.

Pink Boots Society is founded by Teri Fahrendorf with San Diego as one of the first chapters.

2008

Airdale Brewing opened (their beer is contract brewed in Irvine, closed early 2012.)

Automatic Brewing (later became Blind Lady Ale House) opened.

Breakwater Brewing opened a restaurant in Oceanside, began brewing 2009.

Cold Bore Brewing started brewing in Jamul, but there is no tasting room.

Mother Earth Brew opened in Vista.

Tailgate Beer began mobile sales at sports parking lots serving tailgaters (ended by 2015.)

--AleSmith expanded.

--Alpine expanded production.

--Firehouse Brewing moved to a new location in Mission Valley (closed in 2011.)

--Mission moved to Chula Vista, moved again in 2011.

2009

El Cajon Brewing (AKA Downtown El Cajon) applied for ABC permit (closed in 2013.)

Five Points Brewing, operated by **Stromberg International** opened in the original Mission Brewery building without a formal tasting room as they contract brewed for local breweries Coronado and New English (closed 2012.)

Julian Hard Cider opened.

--Breakwater Brewing began brewing their own beer on equipment from post-Katrina brewery.

2010

Blind Lady Ale House opened with Automatic Brewing in rear.

Golden Coast Meadery opened in Oceanside.

Hess Brewing opened [AKA Mike Hess.]

Indian Joe Brewing opened in first Vista location (closed for move 2015, reopened 2017, closed again 2020.)

Iron Fist Brewing opened in Vista (closed 2020.)

Manzanita Brewing opened (expanded as Twisted Manzanita in 2012 and closed in 2016.)

North Park Beer filed Fictitious Business Name, opened in 2016.

--Alpine opened tavern pub in addition to brewery tasting room.

--BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse opened in Escondido (no local brewing.)

--Karl Strauss opened an additional site in Carlsbad.

--Mother Earth opened second location.

--Oceanside Ale Works moved to a new location.

--Pizza Port opened in Ocean Beach.

--San Diego Beer Company (AKA Beer Company) opened as a Gaslamp District brewpub (closed 2017.)

2011

Aztec Brewing opened in Vista in partnership with **Seven Nations Brewing**.

Butcher's Brewing located in Santee was contract brewed by BayHawk in Irvine.

Crow Brewing pulled license for distributorship (Lakeside.)

Devil's Forge was in planning by homebrewer.

Home Brews and Gardens opened (became Thorn St. Brewing.)

Monkey Paw Pub & Brewery opened (closed 2018.)

Neighborhood applied for Type 23 license but withdrew.

On the Tracks Brewery opened in Carlsbad and carried home brew supplies (closed 2016.)

Prohibition Brewing opened in Vista.

Stumblefoot Brewing opened in San Marcos (sold to new ownership 2017.)

Wet n' Reckless pulled a permit (see Reckless Brewing 2014.)

--AleSmith expanded

--El Cajon Brewing opened (AKA Downtown El Cajon, closed in 2013.)

--Firehouse Brewing changed ownership and closed shortly after.

--Green Flash moved to Mira Mesa district in San Diego from Vista.

--Hess expanded brewing capacity.

--Iron Fist expanded capacity.

--Mission moved to L St location (Old Wonder Bread building.)

--Stone expanded brewing capacity in Escondido, opened tasting room on 30th St (closed 2015)
AND established an organic farm (closed 2016.)

2012

Acoustic Ales opened in the old Mission Brewing building.

American Craft Brewers Co-op reported to be in planning with no details (never opened.)

Amplified Brewing opened in California Kebab in Pacific Beach (restaurant started in 2009.)

Alevolution Brew'ry submitted an application for Oceanside that was withdrawn.

Belching Beaver Brewing opened in Vista.

ChuckAleK opened in Ramona.

Council Brewing opened (original name was Red Topper, closed 2018)

Fezziwig's opened in Vista, changed its name in 2013 to Arcana Brewing.

Helm's Brewing opened (closed to rebrand as Two Roots THC-infused beer, 2018.)

Hillcrest Brewing opened.

Jamul Brewing opened as part of J Pilar Winery.

Julian Brewing opened inside Baileys BBQ (closed and reopened 2014, reopened 2018.)

Kensington Brewing opened in shared space with coffee roaster.

Kuracali Sake and Beer Brewery opened in San Marcos.

KNB Wine Cellars pulled a brewpub license.

Latitude 33 opened in Vista in the old Green Flash location.

Legacy Brewing opened in Oceanside.

Mad Lab Craft Brewing opened (closed in 2014.)
Offbeat Brewing opened in Escondido (closed 2017.)
Pacific Brewing opened in Miralani district of San Diego (closed 2016.)
Poor House Brewing opened by former owner of Firehouse Brewing.
Rampage Brewing was planned, opened as **Rip Current Brewing** in San Marcos (closed 2023.)
Red Topper planned as possible brewery (opened as **Council Brewing** 2014.)
Rough Draft Brewing opened.
RPM Brewing was mentioned in the San Diego Reader as a brewery-in-planning for Analog Ales but never applied for an ABC license.
Societe Brewing opened.
Spec Hops announced plans to open, does not until 2016.
Stumblefoot Brewing opened in San Marcos.
Thorn St. Brewing opened as an expansion of Home Brews & Gardens homebrew supply.
Tiger! Tiger! Tavern opened as part of Automatic/Blind Lady partnership.
--Airdale closed.
--Aztec expanded capacity.
--Coronado opened Bay Park location with expanded production facility.
--Five Points (Stromberg International) ceased brewing at the old Mission Brewery building.
--Indian Joe expanded capacity.
--Iron Fist expanded capacity.
--Karl Strauss opened in the 4S Ranch area.
--La Jolla Brewhouse expanded.
--Manzanita moved.
--Mother Earth expanded its original location.
--New English opened their new location in Sorrento Valley.
--Stone opened tasting room in downtown Oceanside.
--White Labs opened tasting room.

2013

2 Kids Brewing opened (closed 2019.)
Arcana Brewing was chosen as the new name for Fezziwig's.
Barrel Harbor Brewing opened in Vista (closed 2020.)
Beer Brewing granted license to open in Oceanside (closed 2015.)
Benchmark Brewing opened (closed 2019.)
BNS Brewing and Distilling opened in Santee.
Booze Brothers opened in Vista.
Border X opened in Otay Mesa area of San Diego.
Culture Brewing opened in Solana Beach.
Ebullition Brew Works filed for LLC (limited liability company, opened 2017, closed 2024.)
Fallbrook Brewing opened (closed 2018.)
Finest Made Ales (Formerly Butcher's Brewing) introduced new recipes.
Groundswell Brewing opened.
Intergalactic Brewing opened (for sale 2017, closed 2018.)

La Jolla Brewing Company opened with new owners (closed 2018.)

Legacy Brewing opened in Oceanside.

Modern Times Beer Lomaland Fermentarium opened.

Nickel Beer opened in Julian.

Orbit Brewing opened in Escondido (closed 2016.)

Plan 9 Ale House opened in Escondido.

Saint Archer Brewing opened (sold to MillerCoors 2015.)

Stone Farm, part of the Stone Brewing Company granted a Type 01 license (canceled 2016.)

Urban Jungle Brewing was planned (never opened.)

--Acoustic Ales opened Brewing Experiment.

--Ballast Point opened Little Italy location.

--Belching Beaver opened North Park location.

--BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse opened in San Diego (no local brewing.)

--Butcher's Brewing took over Manzanita's former tasting room and brewery in Santee (becomes Finest Made Ales in 2016.)

--Crow Brewing moved operations to Sorrento Valley area while distributed in bars and restaurants.

--Devil's Forge (not yet opened) merged with Absolution Brewing and opened in Torrance, CA.

--Hess opened expanded brewing in North Park.

--Monkey Paw opened restaurant portion.

--Pizza Port opened new headquarters and brewing facility in Carlsbad Bressi Ranch area.

--Rock Bottom Downtown location closed.

--Stone opened Liberty Station location and tap room at SD International Airport Kettner Blvd locations.

Related

Wings & Arrow established as a brand management/distribution company.

2014

32 North Brewing opened.

Abnormal Beer/Cork & Craft opened.

Bagby Beer Company opened in Oceanside.

Beerfish pulled type 23 license to augment restaurant operation (as of 2020, no brewing.)

Bolt Brewing opened (revived by original owner) in La Mesa.

Council Brewing opened in Kearny Mesa area of San Diego (closed 2018.)

Dos Desperados opened in San Marcos.

Embarcadero Craft Supply opened as homebrew supply store, added a brewery, 2018.

Fall Brewing opened.

Fat Cat Beer brewed at Latitude 33.

Imperial Beach Brewing planned (never opened.)

Julian Ciderworks opened a tasting room.

Kilowatt Brewing opened.

Knox Corners announced plans to open in El Cajon, later switched to Lakeside, and never opened.

La Jolla Brewing opened (revived business name, closed 2018.)

Magnetic Brewing opened (closed 2017.)

Mucho Aloha Beer was created as a companion brand under Butcher's Brewing.

O'Sullivan Brothers Brewing opened (for sale 2017, sold to Savagewood Brewing 2017.)

Otay Lakes Brewery formed, opens as Novo Brazil in Chula Vista, 2015.

Pacific Brewing opened (closed 2016.)

Quantum Brewing opened (changed ownership 2016.)

South Park Brewing opened.

Toolbox Brewing opened in Vista (closed 2018)

Valley Center Brewing opened (closed 2016.)

Wavelength Brewing opened in Vista (closed 2021.)

Wet n' Reckless Brewing opened, closed after fire, re-named Reckless Brewing (closed 2019.)

Wrench and Rodent Seabastropub applied for brewery license (withdrawn 2016.)

--Alpine and Green Flash entered partnership.

--Ballast Point expanded, opened Miramar location.

--Beer Brewing in Oceanside opened.

--Border X opened tasting room in partnership with taco shop.

--Coronado opened location in Imperial Beach.

--Culture Brewing opened Ocean Beach location (closed 2020.)

--Golden Coast Meadery added location in Julian.

--Jamul Brewery planned to open as Jamul Town Brewery and Tap, but never opened.

--Julian Brewing closed to reopen briefly in 2016, reopened again 2018.

--Manzanita Brewing became Twisted Manzanita in Santee (closed in 2016.)

--Modern Times Flavordome opened.

--Oggi's opened at SDSU Student Union, reopened Vista location.

--Stone opened tasting rooms at SD International Airport and Petco Park.

--Thorn St. Brewing changed business name to Thorn Brewing,

--Twisted Manzanita succeeded Manzanita Brewing.

2015

Barrel Rescue signed a lease, opened, and closed in 2018.

Barritus Brewery filed incorporation papers (Carlsbad, never opened.)

Bay City Brewing opened, reviving a pre-Prohibition brewery name that never opened.

Bear Roots Brewing (also home brew supply) opened in Vista.

Citizen Brewers (brew your own beer) opened.

Depot Springs Beer Company planned for La Mesa (project sold to Cohn Restaurant Group as revised concept including **Draft Republic** 2018.)

Division 23 Brewing opened.

Duck Foot Brewing opened.

Fighter Town Brewing pulled license; license withdrawn 2016.

Guadalupe Brewery (in Carlsbad Home Brew Supply) opened in Carlsbad (no tasting room.)

Half Door Brewing opened.
Helix Brewing opened.
Home Brewing (part of Home Brewer Supply location) opened.
Legatus Brewing pulled license, never opened.
Mason Aleworks opened as part of Urge Gastropub, in Oceanside (closed 2019.)
Novo Brazil opened in Chula Vista.
Pacific Islander Beer Company opened in Santee.
Papaya Bay applied for and withdrew a Type 23 (small brewery) license in Oceanside
Prodigy Brewing opened, closed to relocate, never reopened.
Reckless Brewing (formerly Wet n' Reckless) reopened (closed 2019.)
Resident Brewing opened.
Sabre Brewing was the planned name for brewery that opened as Battlemage Brewing.
Second Chance Beer Company opened.
Thr3e Punk Ales contract brewed at Butchers in Santee (opened in Chula Vista 2017.)
URBN St. Pizza in El Cajon added brewery.
Winegreeting.com applied for a license for Vista never opened and application withdrawn.
--AleSmith moved from Cabot to a new location.
--Ballast Point sold to Constellation Brands for record amount (sold again in 2020.)
--Belching Beaver opened second site in Vista.
--Council added Magic Factory line.
--Fat Cat merged with Twisted Manzanita (closed 2016.)
--Hess Brewing opened Ocean Beach location.
--Indian Joe closed for move (reopened 2017, closed again 2020.)
--Iron Fist opened additional tasting room in Barrio Logan.
--Kensington moved into its own brewing space.
--Legacy opened tap room and kitchen in San Diego.
--Lost Abbey's Confessional opened in Cardiff.
--Oggi's opened in Del Mar.
--Pacific Beach Ale House closed temporarily due to fire (reopened 2017.)
--Saint Archer sold to MillerCoors, brand put on hiatus in 2021.

Related

Craft Country magazine launched (locally published for three issues.)

2016

Barn Brewery opened.
Bitter Brothers Brewing opened.
Burgeon Beer opened in Carlsbad.
Burning Beard Brewing opened in El Cajon (was going to be Promethean.)
Culver Beer (was going to be Palomar) opened in Carlsbad.
Finest Made Ales created as new identity for Butcher's Brewing in Santee.
Firehouse Que planned a partnership with Fallbrook Brewing (never happened.)
J&L Eppig Brewing opened in HG Fenton Brewery Igniter space.

Knotty Brewing Company opened.
Little Miss opened.
Longship Brewery opened.
Midnight Jack Brewing opened in Oceanside, closed 2019.
Mikkeller Brewing opened.
Newtopia Cyder opened.
North Park Beer opened.
Novo Brazil Brewing (was Otay Lakes Brewing) opened.
OB Brewery opened.
Oceanside Brewing opened.
Pure Project Brewing opened.
Resident Brewing opened.
Saga Bar filed for a Type 23 license which was never approved.
Setting Sun Sake opened.
Thunderhawk Alements opened (closed 2020.)
--32 North planned Liberty Station tasting room (did not open.)
--Amplified Ale Works opened tasting room in Miramar district
--Belching Beaver moved to new headquarters in Oceanside and applied for a location in East Village area of San Diego (withdrawn.)
--Bolt added location in Little Italy.
--Butcher's Brewing became Finest Made Ales in same Santee location.
--Fighter Town withdrew their license.
--ChuckAleK opened additional location in San Diego.
--Crow Brewing ceased operations.
--Green Flash opened Cellar 3 (closed 2018.)
--Helm's opened an additional location in Ocean Beach.
--Intergalactic expanded.
--Karl Strauss opened La Jolla, Anaheim, and Los Angeles locations.
--Mason Aleworks opened another location as Urge Commonhouse in San Marcos.
--Mission opened Cellar and Loft event space in the brewery.
--Pacific Brewing closed (one owner will establish Align Brewing.)
--Rip Current opened North Park location with Sublime Ale House.
--Stone opened in Berlin, Germany.
--Valley Center Brewing closed.
--Wrench and Rodent Seabastropub withdrew brewery application.

2017

10 Barrel Brewing opened (the headquarter brewery is out of state.)
Align Brewing opened (brewery sold in 2019 to a kombucha fermenter who may brew beer.)
Alta Brewing opened (temporarily closed 2018, closed permanently 2019.)
Battlemage Brewing opened in Vista.
Black Plague Brewing opened in Oceanside (closed all locations 2025.)
Boochcraft (kombucha) opened in Chula Vista.

Brewers Landing planned (never opened.)
Bronto Mead opened.
Chula Vista Brewery opened in Chula Vista.
Circle 9 Brewing opened.
Deft Brewing opened.
Escondido Brewing opened in Escondido (closed 2020.)
Horus Brewing (blendery) opened in Oceanside with no tasting room.
Imperial Brewing planned for operation inside Luigi's Pizzeria, Imperial Beach (never launched.)
Jacked Up Brewing opened in Escondido.
Kno Beverage House planned for Escondido, to brew Cismontane beers.
KO Underground pulled a license (never opened brewery.)
Lost Cause Meadery opened in Miralani Makers district in shared space with Serpentine Cider.
Melvin Brewing, an out of state brewing company, announced plans to establish in San Diego.
Newtopia Cyder opened.
Northern Pine opened in Oceanside with an old Stone/Coors brewing system.
Pariah Brewing opened (Igniter space.)
Protector Brewery opened (was going to be Warrior Brewing.)
Raging Cider and Mead opened in San Marcos.
Rouleur Brewing opened in Carlsbad.
Savagewood Brewing took over O'Sullivan Brothers space and some O'SB beer recipes.
Serpentine Cider opened in San Diego's Miralani Makers district, in shared space with Lost Cause Meadery.
Smoking Cannon opened in Ramona.
SouthNorte brewed at Coronado Brewing Knoxville location.
Spec Hops opened in Vista (in planning since 2012, closed end of year.)
SR76 Beerworks opened at Harrah's Casino in Valley Center (rebranded as Rincon Reservation Road, 2020.)
TapTruck BBQ, a mobile taproom concept, applied for and withdrew a small brewery license.
Twisted Horn Mead and Cider opened in Vista.
Viewpoint Brewing opened (was going to be Vigilante Brewing) in Del Mar.
White Fence Brewing opened in Encinitas (by appointment.)
Wild Barrel Brewing opened in San Marcos.
Wiseguy Brewing opened in Carlsbad (closed same year.)
 --Acoustic began transition from old Mission Brewery building to Carlsbad.
 --Barrel Harbor opened At Ease in San Diego (closed in 2019.)
 --Belching Beaver opened a new supplemental brewery in Vista.
 --Butcher's Brewing as Finest Made Ales closed their Santee tasting room.
 --Callahan's closed by San Diego Brewing partners.
 --Culture Brewing opened tasting room in Encinitas.
 --Coronado Brewing bought a partnership in Monkey Paw.
 --Ebullition Brew Works opened in Vista.
 --Finest Made Ales closed their only location in Santee (ceased business in 2018.)
 --Groundswell opened Santee and Chula Vista locations.
 --Helm's Brewing sold (to be rebranded as Two Roots in 2018.)

- Indian Joe Brewing reopened in new Vista location.
- Kilowatt opened additional location.
- Kensington moved all operations from Mission Gorge to Adams Ave location.
- Kuracali Sake and Beer closed in Vista.
- Little Miss opened a second location in Normal Heights district.
- Mason Aleworks opened as part of URGE Gastropub in San Marcos.
- Modern Times sold to employees.
- Mother Earth added food service to Vista tasting room.
- O'Sullivan Brothers closes (Savagewood takes over space and equipment.)
- Offbeat Brewing closed.
- Pacific Beach Ale House reopened.
- Reckless Brewing expanded.
- Rough Draft opened tasting room at University of California San Diego campus.
- Saint Archer opened Encinitas tasting room.
- San Diego Beer Company (AKA Beer Company) closed.
- San Diego Brewing opened additional site in North Park Igniter location (closed 2018.)
- Second Chance opened North Park tasting room.
- SpecHops in Vista closed.
- Stumblefoot in San Marcos sold to new owners.
- Thorn St. opened Barrio Logan location.
- Thr3e Punks opened tasting room in Chula Vista.
- Wiseguy in Carlsbad closed.

2018

Absolution Brewing by-the-Sea opened by Absolution Brewing of Torrance in La Jolla Brewing space with rebrand to **CAVU** within the year.

Attitude Brewing opened.

Barrel Rescue opened (and closed after one day.)

Beach Grease opened in the former SpecHops location in Vista.

Bell Marker Brewery & Kitchen took over Beer Company location.

Bivouac Cider opened.

California Wild Ales opened.

Creative Creature Brewing opened in the former URBN St site in El Cajon.

Double Peak Brewing planned for San Marcos, opened early 2019.

Draft Republic took over the Depot Springs proposed location in La Mesa.

Embarcadero opened tasting room within National City supply store (closed 2019.)

Fourpenny House opened in La Mesa (closed 2019.)

Ketch Brewing opened (owned by Brigantine Restaurants.)

Helia Brewing opened in Vista (prior name was White Fence after a local surf spot.)

Hodad's Brewing is planned for late 2018.

Juneshine Hard Kombucha opened in former San Diego Brewing Igniter space in San Diego.

Latchkey Brewing opened in the former Acoustic Ales location in the Mission Brewery building.

My Yard Live announced plans to open in San Marcos.

Owl Farm brand of non-beer fermented beverages launched by Booze Brothers.

Papa Marce's Cervceria opened in the former Wise Guys (Carlsbad) space (closed 2020.)

Three Frogs Beer planned for Santee (closed 2025.)

--Alta brewing closed temporarily and reopened (closed for good 2019.)

--Amplified opened tasting room in San Diego's East Village district.

--Bear Roots opened tasting room in downtown Vista.

--Cellar 3 (Green Flash subsidiary) closed.

--Council took over Finest Made location for a second site then closed both locations.

--Dos Desperados expanded to adjoining space.

--Fallbrook Brewing closed (space taken over by Prohibition Brewing of Vista.)

--Finest Made Ales ceased business, Council Brewing takes location.

--Guadalupe Brewery (part of Carlsbad Home Brew Supply) planned tasting room in Vista.

--Green Flash is foreclosed and sold to WC IPA LLC.

--Helix Brewing added a sours brewing facility called Sourworx.

--Intergalactic Brewing closed.

--J&L Eppig Brewing opened satellite tasting room (Waterfront Biergarten) in Point Loma.

--Julian Brewing reopened.

--La Jolla Brewing Company closed.

--Latitude 33 opened an expanded production facility in Carlsbad.

--Melvin Brewing opened in San Diego (out of state brewer, changed ownership, closed 2020.)

--Mikkeller opened Little Italy tasting room.

--Monkey Paw closed.

--Mother Earth closed their tap room but kept brewery operations at original Vista location.

--Oceanside Ale Works closed, opened briefly with new owners, and closed again.

--San Diego Brewing closed the North Park (Igniter) location.

--Stone Brewing sued MolsonCoors over Keystone beer branding, citing customer confusion.

2019

Several changes in California Law provided breweries with new opportunities, including the ability to brew multiple types of alcoholic beverages at a single location, lowered the production requirements for brewpubs, and merchandise donations. Summary at

<https://www.abc.ca.gov/2019-chaptered-legislation/>

13 Point Brewing opened in Lemon Grove.

Alexander Beer filed and withdrew an application for the location that later became Bitter Brothers.

All Hands Brewing filed for an LLC (Limited Liability Company) but never opened.

Backyard Brewing applied for license in San Marcos (see 2021.)

Black Market Brewing (founded in Temecula) opened tasting room in San Diego.

California Spirits Company applied for a Type 23 license in addition to their distilling license but withdrew the application.

Degenerate Brewing pulled license for Encinitas location (renamed as Regenerate in 2020).

Dogleg Brewing opened in Vista in same building as J&L Eppig production site.

Double Peak Brewing opened in San Marcos.

Five Suits Brewing announced plans to open in Escondido with multiple partners for distilling, mead (Good Omens), sake, and food vendor (opened solo in Vista 2020.)

Gravity Heights Brewery and Biergarten opened in San Diego.

Guadalupe Brewing opened tasting room in Vista (part of Carlsbad Home Brew Supply.)

Hannegan's House Beer Co & Creamery planned brewery and ice cream facility in National City.

High Garden LLC filed an application for a Type 23 brewery, withdrawn in 2020.

Hopnonymous Brewing opened tasting room and contract brews for other businesses.

Invoak Brewing and Blending pulled license for San Diego.

Kairoa Brewing (Formerly Long Cloud) opened in San Diego.

Local Roots Kombucha opened in Vista (was Toolbox Brewing location.)

My Yard Live brewpub opened in San Marcos.

Oceanside Ale Warehouse planned by former Oceanside Ale Works owners.

Original 40 Brewing opened brewpub in San Diego.

Piston Pete's opened with no tasting room, distribution only, in Vista.

Puesto announced plans to open a brewpub in the old Gordon Biersch location.

Stave and Nail (blender, using local beer) opened for limited hours in San Marcos.

Vineyard at 1924 pulled license to open in Fallbrook.

Westbrew pulled license for Vista.

--2Kids Brewing closed.

--Acoustic Ales opened brewpub location as Carlsbad Brewing Company with brewing at former location now Latchkey Brewing) under contract.

--Align owner sells equipment on site to new majority partner, a kombucha fermenter interested in brewing.

--Alta closes for good.

--Ballast Point closed sours brewing facility.

--Barn Brewery brewing license canceled.

--Barrel Harbor closed At Ease permanently and Vista location temporarily only to close in 2020.

--Benchmark Brewing closed.

--Bolt Brewing opened distilling operation in La Mesa in addition to their brewing site.

--Creative Creature planned for Santee and East Village (San Diego) locations (neither happen).

--Embarcadero Brewing closed.

--Fall Brewing planned additional San Diego location.

--Fourpenny House closed.

--Gordon Biersch closed the San Diego brewpub; site was taken over by Puesto Mexican which intended to keep the long-time GB brewer.

--Green Flash rebranded.

--Harland Brewing opened in north San Diego/Del Mar and announced planned tasting room in San Diego Intercontinental Hotel (did not happen.)

--J&L Eppig opened new production facility in Vista, closes San Diego production site (Igniter location.)

--Juneshine Kombucha opened larger production site in San Diego in old Ballast Point location.

--K O Underground surrendered their brewing license, never brewed.

--Karl Strauss reported as starting to plan Santee and San Marcos locations.

--Kilowatt Brewing opened Oceanside tasting room.
--Latitude 33 planned tasting room in San Diego Intercontinental Hotel, did not continue, project picked up by Harland.)
--Legacy closed Miramar location, having previously closed the kitchen portion.
--Little Miss Brewing opened East Village, La Mesa and Escondido locations.
--Lost Abbey opened tasting room in San Elijo Hills area of San Marcos.
--Mason Ale works closed Oceanside and Carmel Valley locations to refocus business.
--Midnight Jack closed.
--Mike Hess Brewing opened Imperial Beach tasting room.
--Novo Brazil opened second location in Chula Vista, planned tasting room in National City.
--Prohibition Brewing opened tasting room in Fallbrook in old Fallbrook Brewing location.
--Pure Project opened another tasting room in San Diego, planed for tasting room in Carlsbad.
--SR76 closed for rebranding.
--Reckless Brewing closed.
--Thorn Brewing opened another tasting room in San Diego in Mission Hills district.

Recent Application/Unclear status: **Rocky Point Brew and Spirits/Rocky Point Beverage Company** (affiliated with Belching Beaver.)

2020 January to statewide shutdown due to COVID-19 mid-March

COVID-19 shuttered all breweries in mid-March with a shelter-in-place order. As state and local regulations sorted out, many breweries re-opened for walk-up or delivery sales.

- Breweries which closed for the duration include 13 Point, Bagby's, Division 23, Northern Pine, Rincon Reservation Road, and Rough Draft.
- Other breweries temporarily closed select locations. Two Roots and Culture Brewing permanently closed Ocean Beach locations.
- Permanently closed breweries: Barrel Harbor, Indian Joe, Iron Fist, Escondido Brewing, Melvin, Papa Marce's, Rock Bottom, and Thunderhawk Alements during this period. Not all closures are attributed to COVID. Changes since mid-March 2020 noted in the Fourth Wave section.

Co-Lab collaborative brewery proposed for several breweries in Vista.

Five Suits Brewing opened in the former Barrel Harbor location.

Mujeres Brew House announced plans to open a 501(c)3 brewery in vacated Alta Brewing location (with support from Border X.)

Organic Craft Brewing (Local Roots) planned for Solana Beach.

Rincon Reservation Road opened following restructuring and rebranding of SR76 Brewing.

TapRoom Beer opened brewpub.

Three Frogs Beer opened in Santee.

--Amplified proposed a new production facility in Lemon Grove.

--Ballast Point sold by Constellation Brands to Kings and Convicts Brewing, returning to craft beer status.

- Bay City opened tasting room in East Village area of San Diego.
- Bear Roots Brewing changed ownership.
- Black Plague planned tasting room in San Diego.
- Booze Brothers opened tasting room in Oceanside, planned another in Vista.
- Burgeon Beer planned tasting room in Little Italy area of San Diego.
- California Spirits Company applied a second time for a Type 23 license in addition to their distilling license (canceled).
- Culture Brewing closed Ocean Beach location.
- Degenerate Brewing renamed as Regenerate brewing, not yet open.
- Ebullition Brew Works opened second location in Carlsbad.
- Escondido Brewing closed.
- Indian Joe closed with undetermined re-opening.
- Iron Fist closed both locations.
- Little Miss planned Lakeside location.
- Lost Abbey planned San Diego tasting room.
- Melvin Brewing closed their San Diego location.
- Novo Brazil planned to take the vacated Culture location in Ocean Beach.
- Papa Marce's Cerverceria closed.
- Rock Bottom closed the remaining location in La Jolla.
- Rouleur revised their H. G. Fenton Igniter lease to a standard lease and expanded into adjoining suite (former Wiseguy then Papa Marce's space.)
- Thunderhawk Alements closed.

Related:

Oceanbrook Brewing, headquartered in Fallbrook, obtained license to open a tasting room in San Clemente.

--Timeline begins with "The First Wave, March 1868-1919" at <https://archives.csusm.edu/brewchive/record/1>--
 Timeline continues with "The Fourth Wave, March 2020-Present" at <https://archives.csusm.edu/brewchive/record/1>--

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