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California State Historical Resources Commission To Consider Eleven Properties for Action

This week, the California State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) will consider eight nominations for federal historic designation, and three nominations for state historic designation. Nominations and photographs of properties under consideration are available at http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24368.

The Commission will meet this Friday November 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Historic Hearing Room at Historic City Hall, 915 I Street in Sacramento, California.

National Register of Historic Places nominations scheduled for action include:

Lawrence Warehouse

Sacramento

Sacramento County

A five-story reinforced concrete warehouse located in Sacramento along the R Street railroad corridor, built in 1914-1915. The property was designed by master architect Clarence Cuff and used as a transfer warehouse storing products ranging from rice to Model T automobiles.

Pereira Octagon Barn

San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo County

A former dairy barn built in 1906 and used for that purpose until the mid-1950s. The barn is a rare manifestation of Octagon Style architecture and one of the only examples surviving in California. The barn is located in San Luis Obispo, in a farming region best known for its dairy products.

Seabiscuit's Stud Barn

Willits

Mendocino County

The retirement home of legendary racehorse Seabiscuit, built by Seabiscuit's owner as a place of honor and functional horse barn. The horse lived in the barn from 1940 until its death in 1947. The site became a tourist attraction for horse racing fans.

Memorial Hall

Crockett

Contra Costa County

Located in the small community of Crockett and dedicated in 1925, Memorial Hall is associated with the national and regional effort to commemorate veterans of World War I through the construction of local monuments and memorial halls. Completed through the efforts of Crockett citizens with the assistance of C. & H. Sugar, Memorial Hall stands apart from other memorials in its unique style as a small, Classical Revival octagonal meeting hall.

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Lasky-DeMille Barn

Los Angeles

Los Angeles County

Constructed in 1901 and converted to motion picture use in 1913 the Lasky-DeMille Barn is associated with Cecil B. DeMille and Jesse L. Lasky, two of the most important pioneers of the film industry and founders of the Jesse L. Lasky Film Company, the company that became Paramount Pictures.

Bald Eagle Ranch House

Modesto

Stanislaus County

Constructed in 1893 using plans purchased from George Franklin Barber's mail order catalog, the Bald Eagle Ranch House is a large, two story Queen Anne house. Once the center of a farming operation of more than 4,000 acres, the Bald Eagle Ranch House is eligible for the National Register for its association with the development of agriculture in Modesto.

Mutual Savings Bank Building

San Francisco

San Francisco County

The Mutual Savings Bank Building is one of the finest examples of French Renaissance Revival style architecture in downtown San Francisco, and one of the most prominent local examples of architect William Curlett's work. Charles Moore's 1964 remodeling and Annex addition to the building is a notable example of an early adaptive reuse project in San Francisco. A certified rehabilitation project, designed by Charles F. Bloszies and constructed between 2009 and 2013, is contemporary in style and designed to be compatible yet visually subservient to the adjacent 1902 building.

University Art Museum

Berkeley

Alameda County

Significant at the local level in the areas of art and entertainment/recreation for its association with the development of art and film in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is also architecturally significant at the local level for its embodiment of Brutalist style including sculptural massing, board-formed concrete surfaces, and deeply recessed window walls.

California Historical Landmark nominations scheduled for action include:

Mission Guadalupe

San Jose

Santa Clara County

Served as the first parish in the impoverished and largely Latino community of East Side San Jose starting in October, 1953. Originally built in 1911 and moved to Kammerer Avenue in 1953. The building was directly associated with Cesar E. Chavez during his early years as a community organizer for the Community Service Organization and the earliest days of the new organization that became United Farm Workers. The building was relocated to a nearby site in 1974 and has undergone modification but remains a tangible link to Cesar Chavez's activism as a beacon of social justice for the Mexican immigrant community of San Jose.

Vernon-Brannan Building (Update)

Sacramento

Sacramento County

An update of California Historical Landmark #604, "Site of Sam Brannan House." The property was the site of Sacramento's first post office, and the existing building was the founding site of the Society of California Pioneers. The site was owned by California's first millionaire Sam Brannan, who later repurchased the site and raised the building to Sacramento's elevated street level in the 1860s.

Crystal Cove Historic District

Laguna Beach

Orange County

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in June 1979 for its exceptional significance as a unique self-contained Southern California coastal community with a vernacular character as well as architectural and construction style that has remained intact since the 1930s. Many of California's coastal cities began as recreational communities. Post-World War II development changed the nature of most of those communities, especially in Southern California. Crystal Cove is eligible as a California Historical Landmark as the last historical property of its type in that region. The district includes 46 wood frame buildings and associated landscape features located in a natural cove at the mouth of Los Trancos Canyon on the Pacific Ocean. The district forms a self-contained neighborhood of 12.3 acres within the nearly 3,000-acre Crystal Cove State Park.

RESOLUTIONS

- California State Parks 150th Anniversary
- Crystal Cove Alliance and California State Parks

The public may present oral statements at the hearing at the appropriate time. Written comments about any subject on the agenda may be submitted to Carol Roland, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, Post Office Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001. Inquiries may be directed to Recording Secretary Twila Willis-Hunter by phone at (916) 445-7052, by fax at (916) 445-7053 or by mail to the State Historical Resources Commission, Post Office Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001. Notices and agendas for the Commission's workshop and meeting are available at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov ten days before the meeting. # # #