

# News Advisory



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## California State Historical Resources Commission To Consider Six Properties for Action

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

The Commission will meet this Friday, February 7 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:

**New Helvetia Historic District**      **Sacramento**      **Sacramento County**  
Submitted under cover of the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Submission Public Housing in the United States, 1933-1949, New Helvetia represents an important local attempt to improve the housing conditions of African Americans and is associated with the career of Nathaniel Colley, the first African American attorney in Sacramento, who had a significant role in the effort to implement fair housing practices. The buildings were designed by a coalition of Sacramento's Master architects – Charles Dean, Leonard Starks, Ed Flanders, and Harry Devine, Sr. – the only project on which they collaborated.

**Pilarcitos Creek Bridge**      **Half Moon Bay**      **San Mateo County**  
This two-lane concrete bridge, built in 1900, is an extraordinarily early example of prestressed concrete bridge construction, which did not come into general use until decades later. The cables used to construct the bridge are Hallidie wire rope originally manufactured to pull cable cars in San Francisco.

**Robert O. Peterson – Russell Forester Residence**      **San Diego County**  
**San Diego**  
The house built for Robert Peterson, constructed 1964-1965, is a highly acclaimed example of the Modernist design of master architect Russell Forester, a pioneer of San Diego modernist architecture.



**Tassajara One Room School**

**Danville**

**Contra Costa County**

Built in 1889, the one-room schoolhouse was the primary school for the Tassajara Valley until 1946, and also served as a community center for residents of all ages.

**Union Iron Works Historic District**

**San Francisco County**

This 65 acre maritime industrial district at Potrero Point in San Francisco is significant at the national level for its association with the development of steel shipbuilding in the United States 1884 to 1945: for pioneering technological developments and the production of significant wartime vessels. The district is also eligible at the local level as a physical record of the trends in industrial architecture from the late nineteenth century through World War II.

**California Historical Landmark** nominations scheduled for action include:

**Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge**

**Placer & Eldorado Counties**

The bridge spans the American River on the boundary between Placer and El Dorado Counties. Built in 1912, it was a very early example of reinforced concrete railroad bridge construction. The bridge was designed by John B. Leonard, a pioneer in the design, engineering, and promotion of reinforced concrete construction. From 1912 until 1942, the Mountain Quarries Railroad operated trains over the bridge, carrying loads of sandstone from the nearby quarry to Auburn, California where MQRR met the Southern Pacific Railroad.

**Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds**

**Monterey County**

Located on the Monterey Peninsula in the city of Pacific Grove, Asilomar had its start in 1913 as a young women's summer camp and conference facility - an outgrowth of the inspired vision of the resourceful, socially-concerned and committed women of the YWCA. The historic buildings were designed and built by renowned California architect Julia Morgan between 1913 and 1928. Asilomar has been owned and operated by State Parks since 1956.

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](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov) ten days before the meeting. # # #

