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California State Historical Resources Commission to Consider Seven Properties for Action

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The California State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) will consider seven nominations for federal historic designation on Friday, August 3. The Commission meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in the Auditorium at the State Resources Building, located at 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento.

Some of the nominations being considered by the Commission include properties in Southern California such as the Canterbury Apartment Hotel that is representative of the construction of midrise apartment houses in Hollywood, and the Beverly Fairfax Historic District located in central Los Angeles, which is composed predominantly of multi-family buildings designed in Period Revival styles. In Northern California, McKinley Park in Sacramento is being considered for its landscape architecture including its rose garden, and the Martinez Grammar School Annex in Contra Costa County with the building embodying the distinctive characteristics of Prairie School style architecture.

All properties being considered at the meeting include:

National Register of Historic Places Nominations

McKinley Park

Sacramento, Sacramento County

Originally a private “streetcar park” named East Park, located outside the city limits, the 33-acre park was purchased as a city park, annexed within the city limits and renamed for President William McKinley. It is eligible as a district as an example of landscape architecture, including its rose garden.

St. Helena Public Cemetery

St. Helena, Napa County

A private burial ground belonging to the Hudson family became the main public cemetery for the Napa County community of St. Helena. The property is eligible as a pioneer cemetery and an example of "rural" cemetery architecture.

Thacher School Historic District

Ojai, Ventura County

A portion of the Thacher School campus, the property is significant in the area of education as one of the earliest private boarding school in California, with 38 contributing resources within the district boundary.

Martinez Grammar School Annex

(Historic Resources of Martinez, CA Multiple Property Submission)

Martinez, Contra Costa County

Built in 1917 as an annex to the 1909 grammar school across Ignacio Martinez Plaza, in response to a significant population increase in Martinez associated with the Royal Dutch Shell and 1920s-Era Building Boom: 1916 to 1929. The building embodies the distinctive characteristics of Prairie School style architecture with Sullivanesque features and has served as Martinez City Hall since 1956.

Beverly Fairfax Historic District

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

Located in central Los Angeles, the district is composed predominantly of multi-family buildings designed in Period Revival styles, including Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival, Mediterranean Revival, Monterey Revival, French Renaissance Revival, and Chateausque. Streamlined Moderne, Art Deco, and Minimal Traditional buildings are also present, and are architecturally compatible with the Period Revival buildings. The district is also significant for its association with Los Angeles' Jewish community starting in the 1920s.

Canterbury Apartment Hotel

Hollywood, Los Angeles County

The four-story U-shaped building was completed in 1927 in the Mediterranean Revival style. Associated with Hollywood's transformation from an outlying suburban community into an urban, commercial center, The Canterbury Apartment Hotel is highly representative of the construction of midrise apartment houses, which replaced earlier single-family dwellings in large numbers between about 1920 and 1930.

Ramona Main Street Colonnade

Ramona, San Diego County

The 1.8 mile corridor includes over 300 eucalyptus trees, originally planted between 1909 and 1931. The property is significant for the trees' iconic role in characterizing the city of Ramona's main street, transitioning from rural to urban/commercial and back again along the route of the tree rows.

All nominations and photographs of properties under consideration are available [online](#).

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