

State of California — The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #
 Trinomial
 NRHP Status Code NR5

Other Listings
 Review Code

Reviewer

Date

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*Resource Name or #: 049

P1. Other Identifier: Live Oak Grange

***P2. Location:** Not for Publication Unrestricted

***a. County:** Santa Cruz County and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad:** Date: T ; R ; _ of _ of Sec ; M.D. B.M.

c. Address: 1900 17th Ave

City: Santa Cruz

Zip: 95062

d. UTM: Zone: mE/ mN (G.P.S.)

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
 APN 029-071-22

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)
 The Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange Hall #503 is rectilinear in plan, plus additions, with a front gable roof with open eaves. It is sided in V-groove siding and narrow trim boards. The gable end has a wood slat vents, jalousie windows with wood trim, narrow sill with narrow skirt. Front entry has entry porch with gable roof with square posts, gable brace and new door. Construction began in 1953 to meet the needs of various youth and agricultural-related organizations.

Significance: The property retains the elements, forms and setting of a community hall and meets the County of Santa Cruz criteria for a historic resource NR5.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP13; NR5

***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photo or Drawing



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #) corner view

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** Historic Prehistoric
 Both

1957

***P7. Owner and Address:**

Live Oak Grange #503 Inc. Santa Cruz
 1900 17th Ave
 Santa Cruz, CA 95062

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, and address)

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 Circa: Historic Property Development
 One Sutter St. # 910
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 with Phil Reader and Ross Gibson

***P9. Date Recorded:** 07/29/04

***P10. Survey Type:** (Describe)
 Reconnaissance Survey

***P11. Report Citation:**

***Attachments:** NONE Location Map Sketch Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

*Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder) 049

- B1. Historic Name: Live Oak Grange #503
B2. Common Name: Live Oak Grange
B3. Original Use: Meeting Hall
B4. Present Use: Same

*B5. Architectural Style:

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
1956

*B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown Date: Original Location:

*B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Poultry and bulb growing

Area: Santa Cruz

Period of Significance: 1956-present

Property Type: Grange hall

Applicable Criteria: SC C2

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

In October 1932, the Live Oak grange merged with other east Santa Cruz Granger units to create the Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange. This group held their meetings at the Live Oak Clubhouse taking up sponsorship of a 4-H Club, a boys and Girls Scouting Troop, Poultry Club and Home Economics Group. During the 1930s their activities reached a peak when they held a series of "Live Oak Fairs" at the school grounds. The Live Oak grange began the search for a home of their own - holding various types of fundraisers. Due to The Great Depression and World War II it was not until a meeting on November 4, 1953, the Grange voted to pick up the option on two and one-half acres of land on 17th Avenue. They held a ground breaking ceremony on November 20, 1956 and construction began on the hall. The following year, the official dedication took place at the 1900 17th Avenue location. It later became known as Live Oak Grange #503. The Grange movement is an important aspect of Live Oak's agricultural history going back to the 1860s including the Santa Cruz Farmer's Club (est. 1869, later known as the Sixth Senatorial District Agricultural Assoc) and the Santa Cruz branch of the Patrons of Husbandry, including a woman's auxiliary (Santa Cruz Grange #68, est. 1873) With the National Grange, organized December 4, 1867, in an effort to establish harmony between north and south, state and local granges multiplied. Following the turn of the century, as agricultural began to play a lesser role in the economic life of the urban regions of Santa Cruz, the smaller granges merged and unified. The grange hall is an important remnant of the agricultural past and retains the original features including material, elements, forms and setting of a grange hall, and meets the County of Santa Cruz criteria for a historic resource NR5

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP13

*B12. References:

RL Polk Street Directories Santa Cruz Co, 1957-1985; Santa Cruz Evening News 10/13/1932, 11/20/1935, 12/18/1935; Santa Cruz Sentinel 11/5/1953, 11/20/1956; 5/20/1957; A Field Guide to American House, McAlester and McAlester, 1997

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator:

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