

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

Ser. No
Nat. Register Status 5 (s1)

Local designation

1. Historic name None
- *2. Common or current name None
- *3. Number & street 226 Highland Dr. Cross-corridor
City Aptos (Rio Del Mar) Vicinity only _____ Zip 95003 County Santa Cruz
4. UTM zone A B C D
5. Quad map No. Parcel No 042-222-04 Other

DESCRIPTION

6. Property category building If district, number of documented resources

*7. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the property, including condition, boundaries, related features, surroundings, and (if appropriate) architectural style.

This is a small guest cottage built in the Spanish eclectic style popular in the 1920s and 1930s. It features an L shaped plan with cross gabled roof with red tiles. Walls are stucco and windows are steel casement. There are decorative shutters, which may or may not have been an original design feature, on the asymmetrically placed windows of the facade. The windows have wide lintels and narrow sills. The front door is recessed under an arch and there is a second story over the integral garage. The front facing gable is cantilevered over the garage door supported by wooden brackets. The cottage is actually larger than it appears from the street, extending in the rear down a hillside with an extensive glassed in porch that takes advantage of the ocean view.



8. Planning agency County Planning
9. Owner & address
Beckley, Michael M.
P.O. Box 5405
Redwood City, CA 94061
10. Type of ownership private
11. Present use residence
12. Zoning R-1-4
13. Threats none apparent

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- *14. Construction date(s) 1930 E Original location same Date moved
- 15. Alterations & date None apparent, possible addition of shutters.
- 16. Architect unknown Builder Unknown
- 17. Historic attributes (with number from list) HP 2

SIGNIFICANCE AND EVALUATION

- 18. Context for evaluation: Theme Tourism (Resort)/Architecture Area Santa Cruz County
Period 1850-1940 Property type residence Context formally developed? Yes
- *19. Briefly discuss the property's importance within the context. Use historical and architectural analysis as appropriate. Compare with similar properties.

This residence is significant because it is one of the original structures in the community of Rio Del Mar built during the early years of the subdivision and it appears to be unaltered. Originally the area was a Native American rancheria and later part of the Aptos Rancho which was purchased by Claus Spreckels from Rafael Castro in 1872. Spreckels, an entrepreneur who pioneered the sugar beet industry in the county, developed the Aptos hotel, a luxurious resort. The area known as Rio Del Mar, located in the eastern part of the Rancho, was not developed until 1922 when the heirs of Spreckels sold the property. According to the owner of this property, this is one of the guest cottages built behind the vacation house of one of the Spreckels heirs.

20. Sources

- County of Santa Cruz Survey
of Historic Resources
S.C. County Historical Resources Commission
and Planning Dept., 1989.
- County of Santa Cruz Survey
of Historic Resources
Update and Context Statement. S. C. County
Historical Resources Commission, 1994.

- 21 Applicable National Register criteria NA
- 22 Other recognition NA
State Landmark No. (if applicable)
- 23. Evaluator Susan Lehmann
Date of Evaluation 8-1-95

24. Survey type Comprehensive

25. Survey name County of Santa Cruz Survey
of Historic Resources Update

- *26. Year form prepared 1995
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