# Historic Resource Surveys

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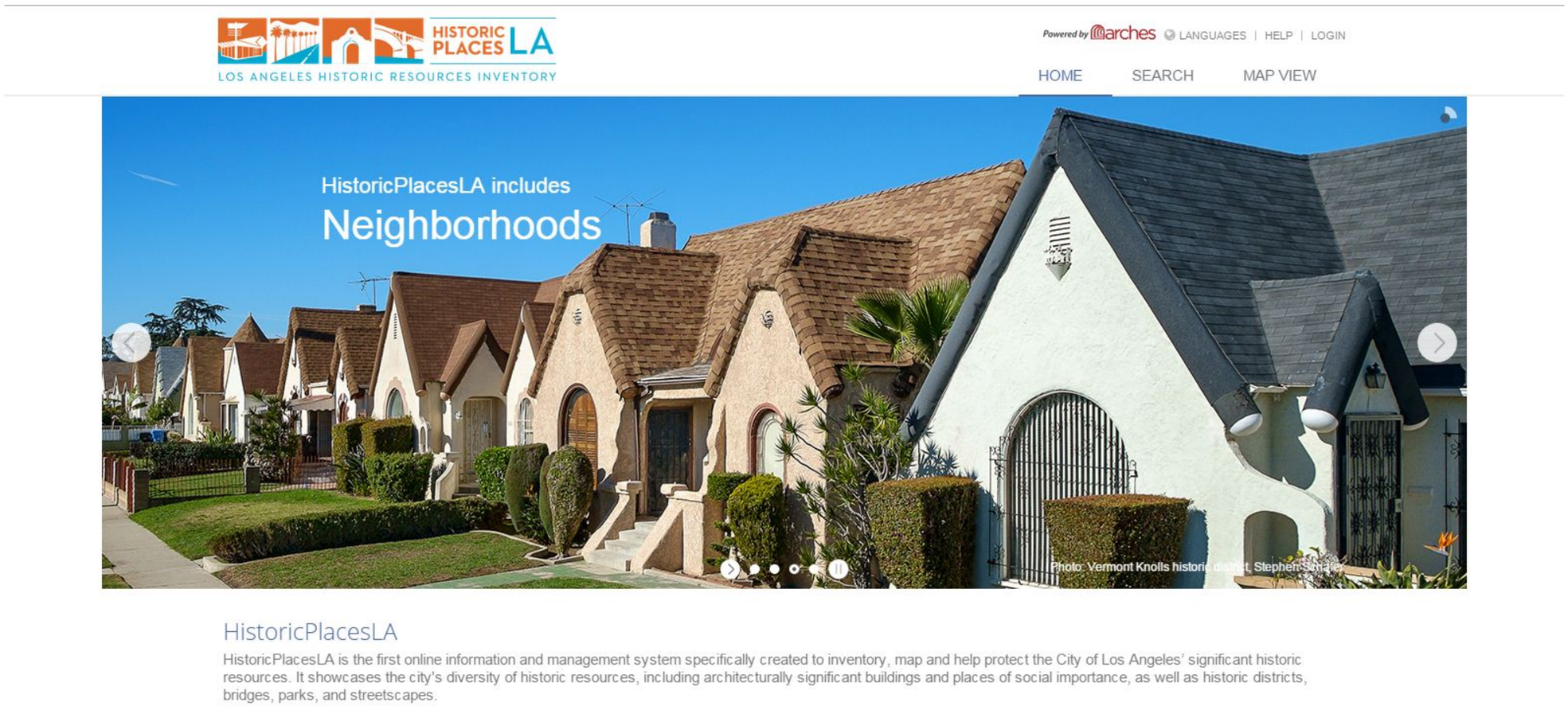
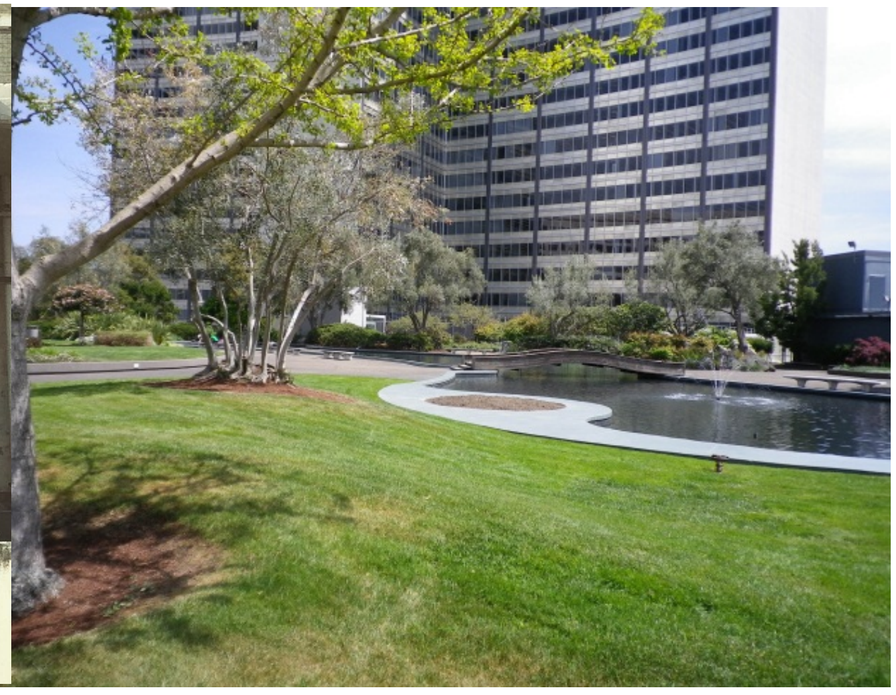
# Core mission of local preservation programs

- Protect historic resources and/or
- Assist in the preservation and rehabilitation of historic resources



# Overview

- What is a historic resource survey?
- What do you do with one?
- Why should I survey historic resources?



# Historic Resource Surveys: What are they?

- Means by which we identify and document historic resources and evaluate their significance
- Survey is both a *process* and a *product*

# What is a historic resource?

Districts, Buildings, Sites, Structures or Objects which:

- Exemplify a period of history
- Association with significant historical events
- Association with the lives of persons significant in our past
- Embodying a particular style, type or method of construction; possess high artistic values
- Yield or potential to yield information important to history or prehistory.

- These will be identified in your survey!

# Survey: the process

- Research and Planning
  - Define the purpose and scope
  - Investigate the historical background of the survey area
  - Gather information on specific properties using both primary and secondary sources
- Develop a historic context
  - Broad pattern of historical development in a community or region that may be represented by historic resources
  - Most influential factor in defining the structure of a survey effort.

# Survey: the process

- Identify buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts that are of sufficient age to be historic resources
  - Field survey
  - Photos and descriptive info
- Evaluate potential resources identified in field survey
  - Use the historic context as a framework
  - Use the established criteria such as National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, and local landmark criteria.

# A few notes about the process

- Funding Surveys
  - CLGs can apply for a CLG grant to fund a project
  - Building surveys into general plan, specific plan and environmental review documents
  - “Chip away” vs. “all in one shot”
- Using volunteers
- Numerical Rating Systems
- Archaeology

# Survey: the product

Neighborhood Commercial Buildings (Phase I)

## Historic Resource Survey Report

Overview

Methodology

Corner Building Individual Evaluations

Commercial Corridor "Windshield" Narrative Summaries

San Francisco Planning Department

Draft Submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation on September 30, 2014*

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## Shattuck Avenue

Commercial Corridor Historic Context and Survey

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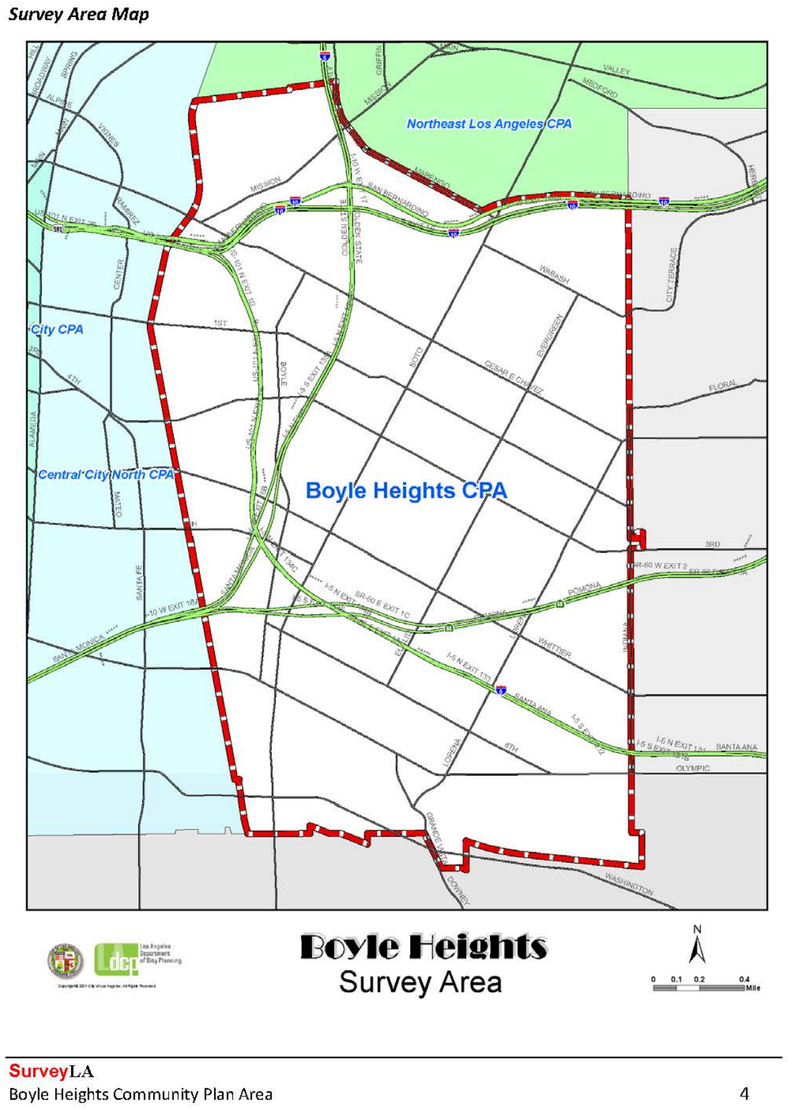
# Parts of the survey report

- Introduction
- **Survey Methodology**
- **Historic Context**
- Summary of **Survey Results/Resources Identified**
- Bibliography
- End matter: Inventory & DPR523 forms

# Parts of the survey report: Survey Methodology

SM establishes parameters:

- Geographic area
- Period of time in history
- Reconnaissance or intensive level
- Identify data gaps or survey constraints
  - Examples:
    - Classes of resources which would be exempt from survey
    - Portions of districts fall outside of the project area

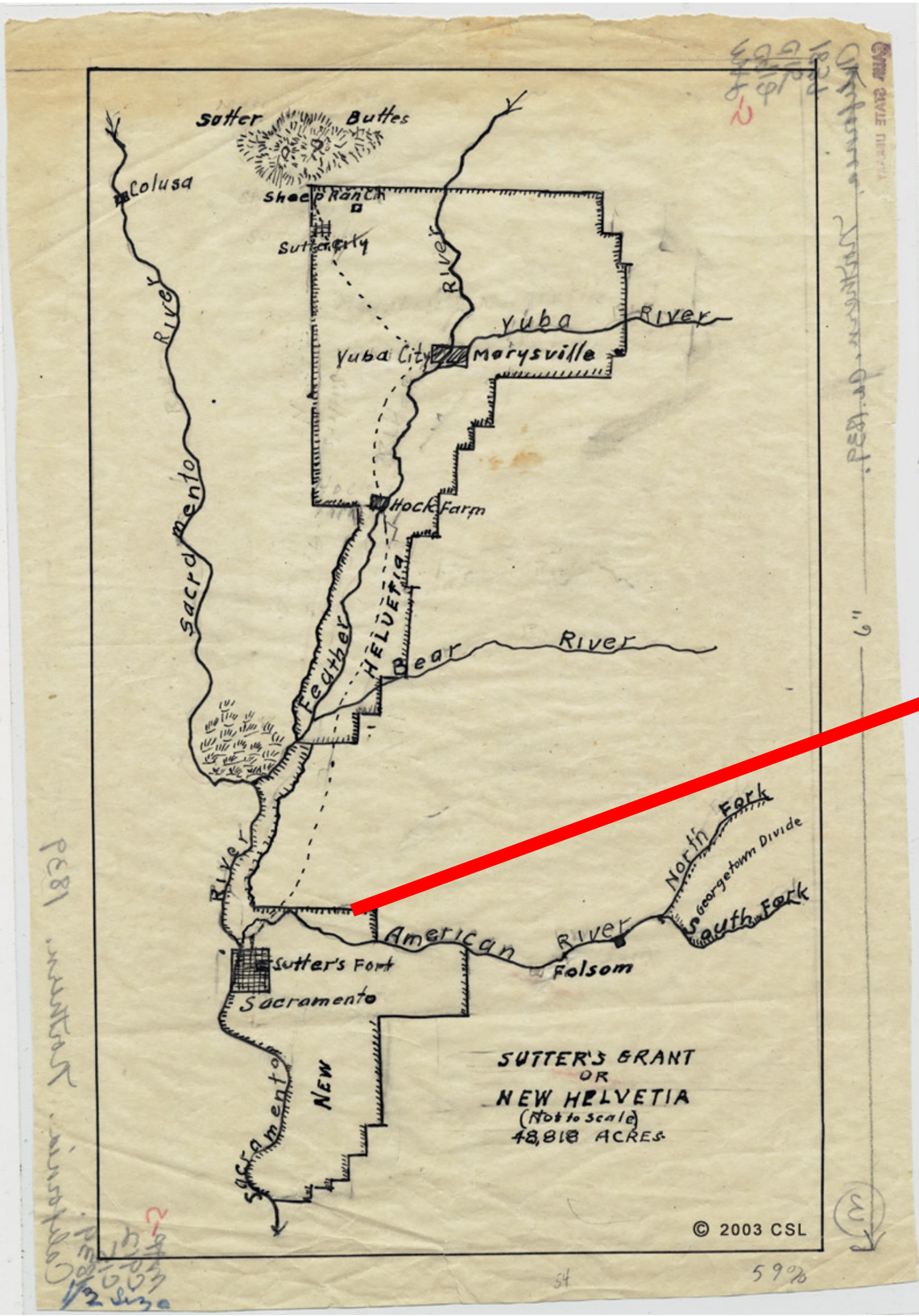


# Historic Context

- A historic context is a broad pattern of historical development in a community or region, that may be represented by historic resources.
- Tells the stories that explain
    - How
    - When, and
    - Why

The built environment developed or looks the way it does.

# How, When, and Why?




Sacramento 1848

Present-day Sacramento

# Historic Context

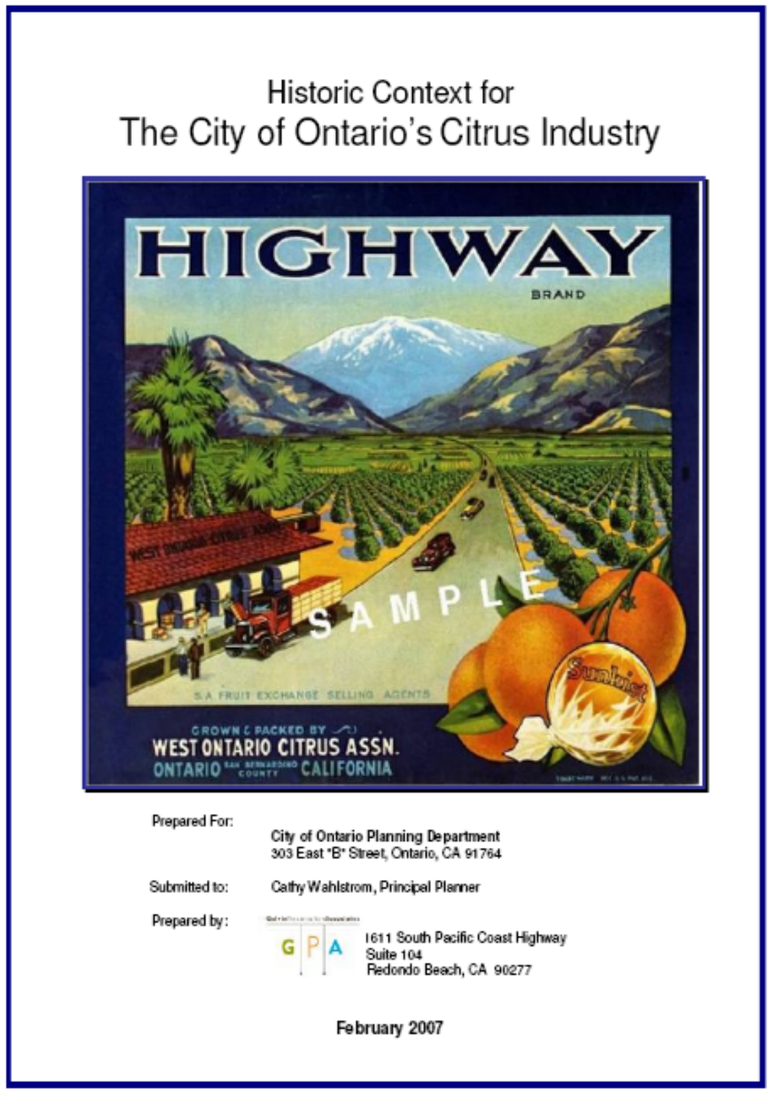
- Not just a historical overview
- Adds information about common themes, places, and time to historic development
  - For example:

Context: Residential Development and Suburbanization, 1850-1980
Theme: Early Residential Development, 1880-1930
Sub-Theme: Early Single-Family Residential Development, 1880-1930

- Focus on property types rather than on individual buildings
  - Connects history with built environment
- A historic context is a specialized form of historical writing with specific goals and requirements.

# Historic Context

- It provides an organizing structure for grouping information about historic properties that share a common theme, place and time.
- Contexts can be organized by:
- Theme:
  - Economic, Political, Social History
  - Person or groups influencing the area
  - Architectural styles, building types,
- Geography:
  - Nation, State, Region, City, Community, or Neighborhood
- Chronology:
  - Prehistoric or Historic period


Historic Context for
The City of Ontario's Citrus Industry



Prepared For: City of Ontario Planning Department, 303 East "B" Street, Ontario, CA 91764

Submitted to: Cathy Wahlstrom, Principal Planner

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# Summary of Survey Results

- Presents results of field survey
  - Narrative Summary
  - Tabular results
  - Tell you what resources are extant from the different contexts, themes, property types
- Reconnaissance Level:
  - Visual survey which will provide guidance for future surveys
  - Will not provide an evaluation of identified resources
- Intensive Level: Provides evaluations and OHP status code

# The Forms

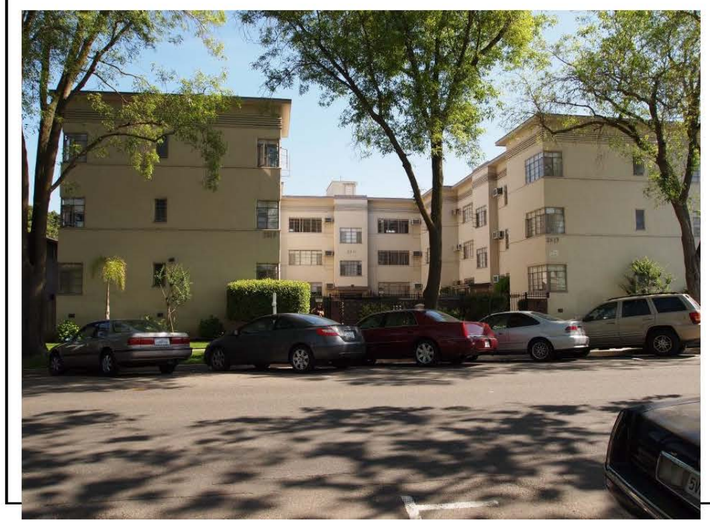
State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

**Page** 1 **of** 5 ***Resource Name or #** (Assigned by recorder)
**P1. Other Identifier:**_____
***P2. Location:** ☐ **Not for Publication** ☒ **Unrestricted** ***a. County** Sacramento
**and** (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)
***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** East Sacramento **Date** 1992 **T**___; **R** ___; __ ¼ **of Sec** ___; _____ **B.M.**
**c. Address** 2513-2519 S Street **City** Sacramento **Zip** 95818
**d. UTM:** (give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone _____; _____mE/ _____mN
**e. Other Locational Data:** (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)
APN:010-0044-006
***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)
Constructed in 1949, the building at 2513-2519 S Street is a Streamline Moderne style apartment building. The three-story building is roughly U- shaped, occupies two city parcels, and faces south with an interior courtyard originally opening to the street. The interior courtyard has been secured with metal gate and a concrete block wall. A small pool, added after original construction, is located in the courtyard. Three main entries are located on the interior courtyard, one at the rear and two on the west and east sides. Each entry has a metal-framed glass door flanked by side -lights and a fixed pane above. A small curved flat roof overhang covers each entrance. The streamline ornament is echoed on the fascia of the entryway roof.

The building is covered with a flat roof with open overhanging eaves. Streamlines, one of the few architectural ornaments on the building are located at the roof line. The exterior walls are clad with smooth stucco and have a stringcourse at the first and second story. Fenestration consists of regular placement of three light casement windows and three light casement windows flanked by side lights and top lights. The front side has the banks of steel casement and fixed lights located prominent in the corners. Windows have a narrow concrete sill and are devoid of all other trim. Window air conditioning units are located adjacent to many of the banks of casement windows and are one of the few changes to the exterior of the building.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP4, HP2
***P4. Resources Present:** ■ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)



**P5b. Description of Photo:** (View, date, accession #) Front façade, camera facing northwest, June 2012

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:**
☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both
1949, City Permit

***P7. Owner and Address:**

***P8. Recorded by:** (Name, affiliation, address)
Amanda Blosser
2690 San Fernando Way
Sacramento, CA 95818

***P9. Date Recorded:** September 2012

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

***P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.") None
***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) _____
**DPR 523A (1/95)** ***Required Information**

- Standard for recording information about historic properties
- Currently revising the series
- Technology has changed the way we record historic resources, surveys are moving away from using the DPR523 forms.

# The Forms

- OHP now will consider using spreadsheets, databases as substitutes to DPR523 forms
- Must provide a certain number of minimum fields required to incorporate into the OHP inventory.
- Call to discuss

| No. | Dir | Street | | Acres | Date | APN+ | Period | Theme | Photo | Resource Type/ Notes | SC | DPR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6054 | | ARNOLD | RD | 1.76 | | 2320031110 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 186 | | BEARDSLEY | RD | 0.53 | | 1520120045 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| | | BROOME RANCH | RD | 216.77 | | 6940010070 | unknown | A, C | | Broome Ranch | 7 | |
| 6500 | | CASPER | RD | 207.42 | | 2390010010 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 2037 | E | CAWELTI | RD | 45.50 | | 2300062190 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 5904 | S | CAWELTI | RD | 46.34 | | 2300055055 | unknown | A, C | 04-09 | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 684 | | CAWELTI | RD | 113.59 | | 2300055070 | 1898-1945 | A, C | 04-08 | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 1021 | | CENTER | RD | 51.20 | | 1090031175 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 417 | E | CENTER | RD | 217.46 | | 1100092190 | 1898-1945 | A, C | 01-14 | residence, outbuildings (5390 Walnut Rd) | 7 | |
| 565 | E | CENTER | RD | 39.72 | | 1100092210 | 1898-1945 | A, C | 01-18 | residence, outbuildings (Milligan) | 7 | X |
| 155 | E | CENTER | RD | 52.27 | | 1100092250 | 1898-1945 | A, C | 01-16, 01-19, 01-20, 01-21 | residence, outbuildings (Wadleigh) | 7 | X |
| 4450 | E | CLUB HOUSE | DR | 151.02 | | 1090020290 | 1945-65 | G | | Saticoy Country Club | 7 | |
| 3945 | N | CLUBHOUSE | DR | 8.20 | 1971 | 1090390135 | post-1965 | G | | Cabrillo Racket Club | 7 | |
| 3434 | | DODGE | RD | 14.63 | 1966 | 2180052070 | unknown | C | | fruit stand | 7 | |
| 3440 | | DODGE | RD | 1.00 | 1950 | 2180052050 | 1945-65 | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 3990 | | DODGE | RD | 10.00 | | 2180063045 | unknown | C | | outbuildings | 7 | |
| 4052 | | DODGE | RD | 10.00 | | 2180063035 | unknown | C | | outbuildings | 7 | |
| 3655 | | DUFAU | RD | 1.54 | | 2180082025 | unknown | C | | outbuildings | 7 | |
| 3705 | W | DUFAU | RD | 1.52 | 1947 | 2180082030 | unknown | A | | residence | 7 | |
| 3735 | | DUFAU | RD | 1.56 | | 2180082040 | unknown | A | 03-13 | mobile home park | 7 | |
| 3751 | W | DUFAU | RD | 0.18 | 1948 | 2180082130 | unknown | A | | residence | 7 | |
| 3757 | W | DUFAU | RD | 0.59 | | 2180082120 | unknown | A | | residence | 7 | |
| 3761 | | DUFAU | RD | 0.65 | 1940 | 2180082080 | unknown | A | | residence | 7 | |
| 3793 | | DUFAU | RD | 12.63 | | 2180070180 | unknown | B, C | 03-11 | West Coast Nursery | 7 | |
| 3793 | | DUFAU | RD | 3.08 | | 2180082100 | unknown | B, C | 03-12 | West Coast Nursery | 7 | |
| 3803 | | DUFAU | RD | 5.87 | 1965 | 2180091120 | unknown | | | | 7 | |
| 2929 | | ETTING | RD | 10.37 | | 2180063015 | unknown | C | | outbuildings | 7 | |
| 3002 | | ETTING | RD | 10.21 | | 2320062010 | 1864-98 | A, C | | residence, outbuildings (E. Kohler) | 7 | |
| 3381 | | ETTING | RD | 40.94 | | 2180041055 | 1864-98 | A, C | | residence, outbuildings | 7 | |
| 3460 | | ETTING | RD | 25.06 | | 2320062140 | unknown | A, C | | residence, outbuildings (Naumann) | 7 | |
| 3534 | | ETTING | RD | 0.36 | | 2320062170 | 1898-1945 | A, C | 03-10 | residence, outbuildings (Naumann) | 7 | X |

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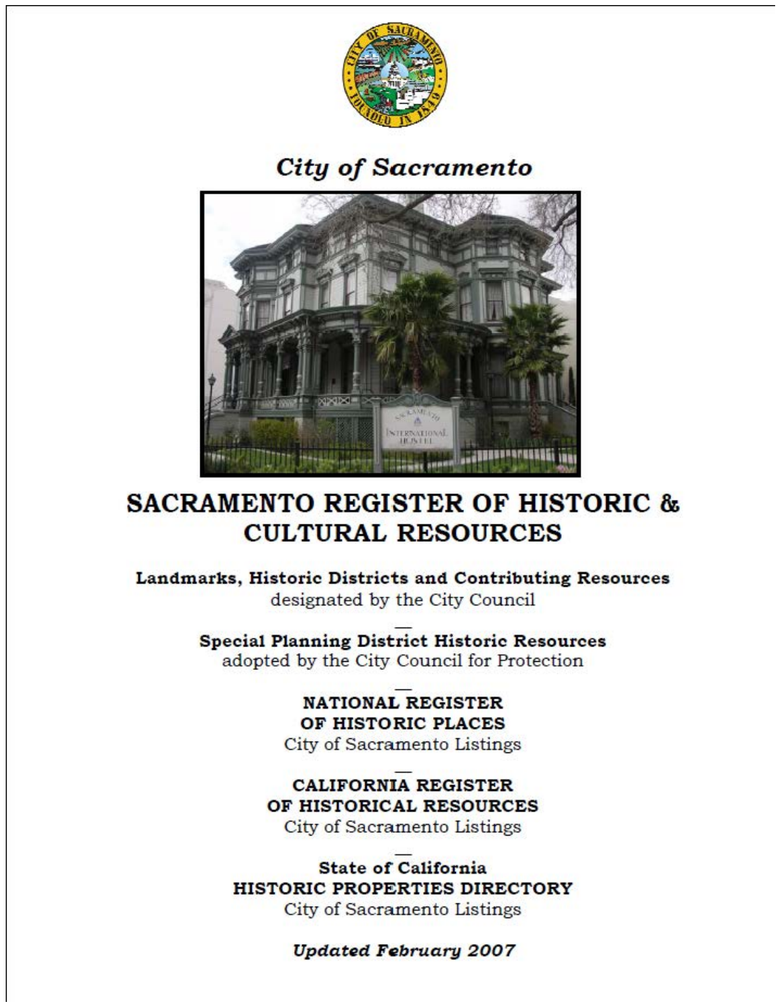
# Maintaining survey and inventory data

- Continue to add to and maintain your inventory of surveyed properties and designated resources
- Recommend that survey information be updated every 5 years as needed.



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**SACRAMENTO REGISTER OF HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Landmarks, Historic Districts and Contributing Resources**
designated by the City Council

**Special Planning District Historic Resources**
adopted by the City Council for Protection

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
City of Sacramento Listings

**CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES**
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**State of California HISTORIC PROPERTIES DIRECTORY**
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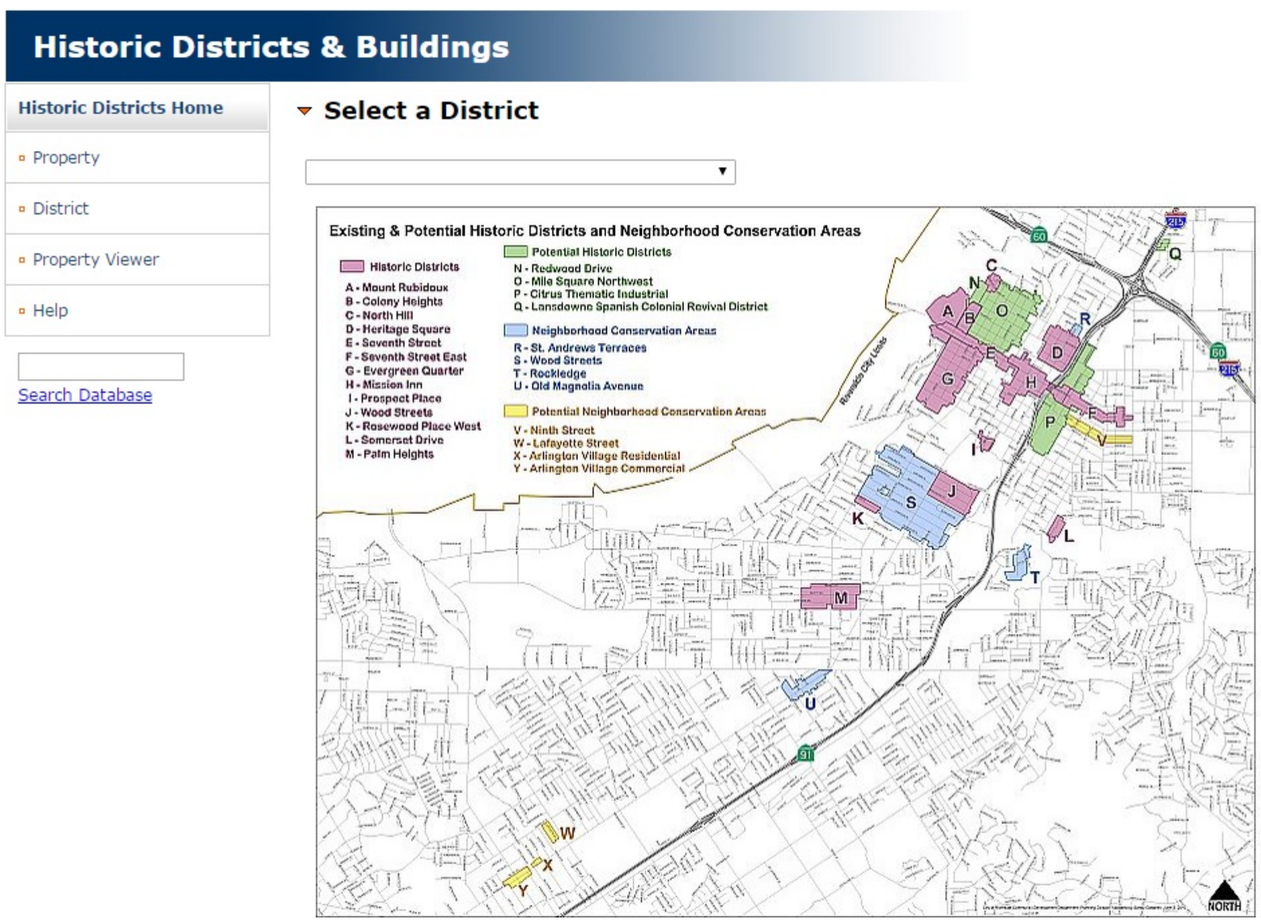
# Public access to Survey Records

- Allow public to view data by incorporating survey information into their GIS system
- Public can search and query by property type, address/location, architectural style, architect, and date of construction



# Questions about Survey Process and Products?

# What can you do with a survey?

- Acknowledges that these resources have value to ourselves and future generations
- Identification of historic resources helps determine which of those resources should be preserved
- Facilitates environmental reviews (CEQA and other land-use decisions)
  - Complete historic context and reconnaissance surveys in areas that may be prone to development
  - Surveys sort out potentially historic versus non-historic properties within the extensive survey area; and

# What can you do with a survey? (cont'd)

- Develop preservation goals and strategies
  - Design guidelines
- Identify additional information needs

# Questions?

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