

## 2011 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

### **Sikes Adobe Farmstead Restoration and Reconstruction**



*The Sikes Adobe Farmhouse, fully restored to its 1881 period of significance.*

The Sikes Adobe Farmhouse is a significant resource representing the historic and scenic character of a western American rural landscape and offers communal uses for the restored and reconstructed landmark. As an important element within the nonprofit San Dieguito River Park system, the Sikes Adobe Farmhouse interprets the rich agricultural history of San Diego's San Pasqual Valley.

The Park authority oversaw the development of an award-winning Historic Structures Report and subsequent implementation of an award-winning historic restoration completed in 2004 only to then see the resource nearly completely destroyed in a major wildfire in 2007, which burnt all but the adobe walls. The building, brought back from this near total destruction, was restored and reconstructed to its appearance during the farm's period of significance—1881. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Restoration were applied to the restoration of the adobe portion of the building that survived the fire, and the Standards for Reconstruction were applied to the wooden portions of the building that did not survive the fire.

The Sikes Adobe Farmstead, built about 1870, is significant as one of the oldest structures in San Diego County. The Farmstead is a State Point of Historic Interest and a City of San Diego historic site. The new fire suppression system has been redesigned to prevent not only an interior fire but also to protect the resource from an exterior wildfire incident.

Learn more about the history of the Sikes Adobe Farmstead:

<http://www.sdrp.org/wordpress/sikes-adobe/history/>