

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-07

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

CRYSTAL COVE ALLIANCE & CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

WHEREAS, in 1979 Crystal Cove Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places for its exceptional significance as the best preserved and last self-contained Southern California beachfront recreational community, and California State Parks began acquiring land from the Irvine Company to form Crystal Cove State Park; the 1982 General Plan called for future use of the cottages for overnight public rentals; in 2001 cottage lessees moved out and the nonprofit Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove – founded by third generation Crystal Cove resident Laura Davick in 1999 – led a coalition of community, environmental, and preservation groups to work with State Parks to guide the appropriate restoration and re-use of the historic district; and in 2003 the Alliance shifted its mission from rescue to restoration and education, changing its name to Crystal Cove Alliance; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, using state bond and Coastal Commission low-cost accommodation funds, State Parks completed Phase I restoration of the infrastructure and twenty-two of the forty-six cottages; and Crystal Cove Alliance became the first State Parks cooperating association to be awarded a concession contract for management of overnight rental and food services, a unique model that keeps revenues in the park for maintenance and future restoration; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011 at the conclusion of Phase II seven additional cottages were restored using Alliance-raised funds with State Parks technical oversight; in 2013 plans and permits are in process for restoration of the remaining seventeen cottages as soon as funds are secured for implementation of Phase III; currently twenty-nine Crystal Cove cottages are open to the public, many available for overnight rental; others used for operations, concessions, interpretation, and education, each cottage restored in accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* to preserve the design and feel of the original buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given jointly to Crystal Cove Alliance and California State Parks for their unusual and effective partnership preserving the integrity of the Crystal Cove Historic District AND providing public access to California's newest State Historical Landmark; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the Crystal Cove Alliance, to the California State Parks Orange Coast Central Sector, and to the California State Parks Southern Service Center.

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STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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