

United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area Historic District
----- Name of Property
Santa Cruz, California
----- County and State
14000662
----- NR Reference Number

Request to Delist the Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area Historic District (NPS #14000662)

Historic Context

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The Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area Historic District was listed on the National Register in 2014 at the state level of significance under Criterion A for its association with development in Big Basin Redwoods State Park and in California State Parks. Lower Sky Meadow was the first residential complex built in a California state park between 1941 and 1955, an era when the construction of employee housing in California state parks became a priority and standardized plans were utilized in the parks for the first time. At the time of listing, Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area was the largest and most intact example of a California State Parks housing development built during this period. The historic district was also listed at the state level of significance under Criterion C, for its representation of minimal traditional architecture in California State Parks. The Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area Historic District met the criteria for listing as defined in the *Historic Resources of Big Basin Redwoods State Park* Multiple Property Documentation Form, with a period of significance 1942 to 1949 when the resources were built.

Current Physical Description

Due to the 2020 CZU Lightening Complex wildfire, the district was nearly destroyed. The tree-lined Lower Sky Meadow Lane and Residence 10 are all that remains of the historic district. These limited resources do not convey the historic neighborhood that was, or its association with the development of Big Basin State Park or the California State Parks system for which it was listed under Criterion A. The district no longer possesses the standardized minimal traditional character defining features that made it eligible for listing under Criterion C.

Request

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 60.15 (a) (1), the property owner, California State Parks, requests the removal of the Lower Sky Meadow Residential Area Historic District from the National Register of Historic Places on the grounds that, “The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed.”

Evidence of demolition is included in the accompanying correspondence from the property owner. Residence 10 will be retained and may be eligible as an individual resource under cover of a Multiple Property Submission in development for post-World War II state park architecture. The residential area, re-categorized as a site, will be locally designated as a California Point of Historical Interest.

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meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic
Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date of Action

Federal Agency Certification

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National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ additional documentation accepted
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action