

## Suggested changes to the Historic Resources Commission Inventory for

### Section 1 – Aptos

1. Mangles Ranch House, 570 Aptos Creek Road. NR Status 3  
DPR form dated 1986 completed by the firm of Bonnie Bamburg of San Jose. Suggest update and revision. Historical narration has no detail about Claus Mangels and his family's contributions to the development of Aptos.
2. Sea Breeze Tavern, 101 Esplanade, Rio del Mar. NR Status 5  
DPR form supplied by the firm of Bonnie Bamburg in 1986. Revision and update suggested since the text is incomplete. The form lists the historic name as "Raphael Castro Hotel." The name "Rafael Castro" was a short-term designation given only briefly to the building up the hill that became known as the Aptos Beach Inn. The Sea Breeze, however, may have been the earliest structure built in the Rio "flats" after the beach lands were filled-in during the early 1920s. Due to deterioration in recent years, a re-evaluation might be appropriate.
3. Hihn Apple Barn, 417 Trout Gulch Road. NR Status 5  
Revised DPR by Kara Oosterhous of Dill Design Group will require an update to reflect the building's move and renovation.
4. Hihn Subdivision House, 8057 (?) Valencia Street. NR status 5.  
Demolished. Home under reconstruction.

5. Aptos Fire House, 8037 Soquel Drive. NR Status 5. Building has been demolished. DPR by Dill and Associates contains incorrect information needs revision.
6. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Soquel Drive. NR Status 5. Update suggested so construction of expanded Resurrection Catholic Church and current condition of the cemetery can be included.
7. "Cement Ship" Concrete ship, Palo Alto. Seacliff State Park, NR Status 5. Suggest update to reflect current condition.
8. Porter Sesnon House, corner of Soquel Drive and Cabrillo College Drive, Cabrillo College. NR Status 4. DPR by Edna Kimbro, 1988. Concern: could this structure be given a higher NR status? It may be eligible for listing on the National Register.
9. Redwood Village, 9099 Soquel Drive, NR Status 5. DPR by Susan Lehmann needs revision to include structure renovations. It should also be noted that the covered bridge (former) entrance was originally uncovered. John Hibble of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce says the covered bridge was dedicated January 15, 1975. (The Chamber once had its offices at Redwood Village.) The DPR could also reflect the association between the tourist stop and the associated development of Rio del Mar. (see photograph below.)



ENTRANCE BRIDGE.



LODGES #4 & 5.

REDWOOD  
VILLAGE



INTERIOR, LODGE #4.

ON THE  
HIGHWAY

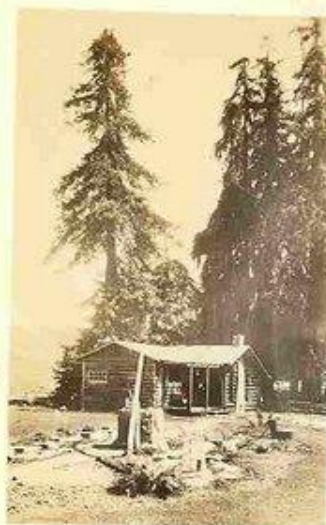
FRESH  
WATER  
POOL

AND

BEACH  
ESPLANADE,  
RIO DEL MAR



8 MILES  
SOUTH  
OF  
SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.



10. Vicente Castro House, 7839 Soquel Drive. NR Status?

The 2001 DPR survey update provided by Franklin Maggi of Dill and Associates lists the building as potentially eligible for a ranking of NR 3. Since construction of a new housing development now surrounds the historic home and obscures it from view, the DPR evaluation needs to be updated and an NR status noted.

11. Patrick Walsh home, 8090 Soquel Drive, Aptos. NR Status 6.

This is the last remaining structure associated with pioneer Aptos family Patrick Walsh, builder and owner of the first hotel and tavern in Aptos Village. The hotel known as the Live Oak House was demolished in the 1970s. In 2001, DPR evaluator Franklin Maggi noted that the home “appears to be eligible for the National Register under criterion B based on its association with this family, although further review is necessary to determine the level of integrity that remains to the original building. It would therefore qualify locally as an NR-6.” Additional review would therefore be appropriate to determine the true status of the building. Is it eligible for the National Register?

## Section 2 Aptos Hills

1. Castro Adobe, 184 Old Adobe Road. NR Status 1.

DPR by the firm of Bonnie Bamburg contains incomplete information, particularly since the structure is now California State Park. A 1994 addendum states that “owner is currently trying to obtain funding for restoration.” The 1994 owner, Edna Kimbro, died in 2005. Repairs and restoration have been on-going since Edna’s successful effort to have the adobe deeded to the

State, and the adobe is a primary focus of Friends of California State Parks. A replacement description should be in the county inventory.

2. Seven-Mile House, 5175 Freedom Blvd. Status NR 6.

This structure was believed to be the roadhouse associated with stage coach driver Charley Parkhurst. The DPR by the firm of Bonnie Bamburg also suggests the roadhouse connection. Maps and land ownership records suggest this as the site of the original Seven Mile House; however, the late June McFadden, who grew up in the area, stated that the original was demolished and the current building was constructed in the 1920s. This is not the Seven-Mile House and could be removed from the inventory.