

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Sea Breeze Tavern
2. Historic name: Raphael Castro Hotel
3. Street or rural address: 101 Esplanade
City Rio del Mar, Aptos Zip County Santa Cruz
4. Parcel number: 04215123
5. Present Owner: DERBER, GEORGIA Address: 101 ESPLANADE
City APTOS CA Zip 95003 Ownership is: Public Private X
6. Present Use: Tavern Original use: Hotel

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Spanish Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical appearance* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This rectangular two story structure is sheathed in stucco and has a flat roof. The first floor has some of the original arch openings on the Moosehead Drive side. It appears the window detailing in the upper third of the arch, small panes set in timbers, may be original, if so the lower two thirds have been large plate glass. The remainder of the ground level has been filled in with stucco or modified for retail storefronts. The upper story retains the balconies and double doors. The balconies are spaced above the arches cantilevered on square timbers with square posts. Each is covered with a shed roof that may have had tile but now has composition roofing. Railings are of metal. The cornice line has a shed extension typical of the Spanish revival style, this was probably covered in tile.



8. Construction date: Estimated Factual 1928
9. Architect Unknown
10. Builder Unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 50 Depth 100
or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
May 1986

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair X Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: arched openings filled, store front infilled
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up X
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial X Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This is the only structure that remains from the Raphael Castro Hotel constructed in 1928 to be the elite private beach club developed by the Aptos Land Company. The structure has been altered and is deteriorated, however the classic style and proportions of the arcade building are present to the degree that rehabilitation may be considered.

The significance of 101 Esplanade is as the last remaining building of the Raphael Castro Hotel and the only remaining commercial building from the Aptos Land Company development that began the resort development in Rio del Mar. Physically deteriorated, the building retains sufficient original architectural elements to provide for listing according to the County historic preservation ordinance.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 1 Arts & Leisure 2
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Sanborn Maps 1888, 1906
Parade of the Past, Margaret Koch
American Architecture Since 1760, Whiffen

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

