

State of California - The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #
 HRI #
 Trinomial
 NRHP Status Code

Other Listings
 Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Eastside Fire Station

P1. Other identifier: None

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Cruz County and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a location map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Santa Cruz Date Revised 1994 T .11 S. ; R .2 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 1103 Soquel Ave. City Santa Cruz Zip 95062

d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; 587920 mE/ 4093011 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

northeast corner of Soquel and Benito Avenues. APN# 010-042-20

*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements, include design, material, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The Eastside Fire Station at 1103 Soquel Ave. was constructed in 1947, and is a distinctive mid-twentieth century, Moderne style building. It was designed by architect Lynn Duckering. It is characterized by a modern simplicity, lacking elaborate architectural elements, but with an emphasis on horizontal forms and features (such as the band over the windows). Its exterior is scored concrete with a concrete slab foundation. A flat roof tops this slightly irregular shaped building. The core of the building, which is rectangular, contains most of the building's mass. Void of any elaborate architectural embellishments, this portion faces southeast towards Soquel Avenue. Centrally located on the main elevation is a recessed entrance that gives way to a slightly off-center front door. Above the opening is a bas relief sign with the name of the fire station.

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*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP14. Government building

*P4. Resources Present: Building Structure Object Site District Element of District Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo:
 (View, date, accession #)
 View facing north, 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
 1947, news article, 62 years old.

*P7. Owner and Address:

*P8. Recorded By: (Name, affiliation, and address)
 L. Dill/C. Duval/K. Oosterhouse
 Archives & Architecture, LLC
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*P9. Date Recorded: 5/6/09

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Santa Cruz Historic Building Survey - Vol. III, Department of Planning and Community Development, City of Santa Cruz, 2012.

*Attachments:

- None Continuation Sheet District Record Rock Art Record Other (List):
- Location Map Building, Structure, and Object Record Linear Feature Record Artifact Record
- Sketch Map Archaeological Record Milling Station Record Photograph Record

DPR 523A (1/95)

* Required Information

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***NRHP/CRHR Status Code** 3CS

Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Eastside Fire Station

B1. Historic Name: Eastside Fire Station No.2

B2. Common Name: 1103 Soquel Ave. - Eastside Fire Station

B3. Original Use: Fire Station

B4. Present Use: Fire Station

***B5. Architectural Style:** Moderne

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Constructed in 1947. Renovated in 2001 (SC BP #9073).

***B7. Moved?** No Yes Unknown **Date:** n/a

Original Location: n/a

***B8. Related Features:**

None.

B9a. Architect: Lynn Duckering

b. Builder: K. Mc Granahan

***B10. Significance: Theme** Institutions

Area: Eastside

Period of Significance: 1947 - 1958

Property Type: Institutional

Applicable Criteria: None

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

The Eastside Fire Station was built in 1947 for an estimated cost of \$32,000. It was designed by architect, Lynn Duckering. Although the building was not constructed until 1947, attempts at building a fire station on the Eastside of Santa Cruz had been ongoing since 1940, when a Works Progress Administration grant was first obtained. Plans were delayed due to financial considerations, and the station was not built until 1947.

Constructed as one of two fire stations by the City of Santa Cruz in the 1930s and 1940s, it was built to serve the Eastside neighborhood that saw a period of rapid expansion during the Interwar years. In 2001, the firehouse was renovated at a cost of \$600,000, made possible due to the 1998 passage of Measure G, a \$7 million bond measure that raised the funds for upgrading all the City of Santa Cruz's fire stations.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) None

***B12. References:**

- Chase, J., *The Sidewalk Companion to Santa Cruz Architecture*, 2005.
- City of Santa Cruz building permits.
- Lehmann, Susan. Historic Context Statement for City of Santa Cruz. 2000.
- Santa Cruz Sentinel*, "New East Side Fire House Was Built In 1947 to Improve Fire Protection in Growing Sector", 2/2/1951.
- Ochoa, Jerry, *A Brief History of the Santa Cruz Fire Department*, 1999. www.santacruzpl.org/history/crime

B13. Remarks: None

***B14. Evaluator:** Leslie Dill

***Date of Evaluation:** May 6, 2009

(This space reserved for official comments.)

(Sketch Map with north arrow required.)





TN * MN
14 1/2°

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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* Recorded By L. Dill/C. Duval/K. Oosterhouse * Date 5/6/2009 Continuation Update

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Just south of the door are two large wood-panel garage doors with four lights on each door. The doors are paired under a large signboard that project from the face of the wall. East of the entrance are five window openings, four of which contain a fifteen-lite window while the second opening has been filled in with wood. The two outer windows are metal crank casements, and the others appear to be stationary windows with metal sash. The remaining windows on the building are similar casement windows with varying lite configurations. On the southwest elevation the row of six windows is sheltered beneath a cantilevered flat concrete awning. The northwest elevation (rear) is fenestrated with two large garage doors that are identical to those on front, a pair of twelve-lite casement windows with metal sash, and four sets of three-lite casement windows that appear to be replacement windows. A tall wood fence conceals fenestration on the northeast elevation. A large parking lot is located behind the building. The firehouse was renovated in 2001.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The property was found eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criteria (1) and (3). The building has been a prominent building in the Eastside neighborhood of Santa Cruz since 1947, built during the post-World War II era and serving as the City's Firehouse #2 for over half-of-a-century. This direct association with important patterns of development in the City of Santa Cruz indicates that the property would be eligible under Criterion (1). The property is not associated with any personages that have been recorded as important in the history of the community, therefore the property would not appear to be eligible under Criterion (2). The building is a distinctive Moderne design, designed by Lynn Duckering, and would appear to qualify for the California Register under Criterion (3).

When considered for listing within the Historic Building Survey of the City of Santa Cruz however, the property meets the following criteria:

1. The building is a significant example of the built environment heritage of the City as a representative of a post-World War II era institutional building; and
5. The building is recognized as possessing special aesthetic merit or value as a building with quality of architecture and that retains sufficient features showing its architectural significance as a Moderne style building; and/or
6. The building is recognized as possessing distinctive stylistic characteristics or workmanship significant for mid twentieth century; and
7. The building retains sufficient integrity to accurately convey its significance.

Integrity

This building maintains most of its apparent historical integrity as per the National Register's seven aspects of integrity. It maintains its original location on Soquel Avenue, an important commercial corridor east of downtown Santa Cruz, and the property remains surrounded by much of its apparent historic setting, including surrounding buildings of a variety of ages, scales and designs and parcels with related historic setbacks, parking, and streetscape. The building retains a mid-twentieth century public scale and feeling and continues, through its form, massing and detailing, to illustrate associations with patterns of development along Soquel Avenue in the 1940s and 1950s. The stucco front façade retains its integrity with International-style design and workmanship, including its horizontal proportions of interlocking geometric solid and open areas.