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To Karen Meynell

At your request we have provided our professional opinion, based on one site inspection, for the historical integrity of those building structures at 281 Table Bluff Rd., Loleta CA. There are five building on site, named for the purpose of this survey as: (1) Single Family Residence, (2) Stable, (3) Garage, (4) Animal Pen and (5)Barn. (See attached annotated image, Figure 1.2)

Based on our observations and analysis, we have concluded that many, if not all, defining historical characteristics have deteriorated, or been removed due to additions and neglect to the property. For the purposes of CEQA, the overall conditions of the building(s) are beyond repair and would require major reconstruction to restore the building to a level of basic life safety. The reconstruction would significantly alter the buildings, making them ineligible for consideration to be listed in the California Registry of Historic Places.

If there are any further questions please feel free to contact JAG Architects at (707) 442-6125 ext. 205.

Sincerely,

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to document the presence of historical resources, if any, located at 281 Table Bluff Road, Loleta CA, and to determine their significance, provide findings and recommendations.

Methodology

The data collected and reported is based on one site visit, made by JAG Architects' Jennifer Farley on Wednesday April 11th, 2012. No other research into the history of the site was made. The data, photographs, and site plan document the visual observations made by this professional. The primary objective of these recorded observations was to identify the presence and condition of the buildings on site; to identify how the buildings were altered and if repair were possible.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQUA)

An essential purpose to CEQA is to inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed activities. Historical resources under CEQA are defined in the following manner:

- 1. Resources listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.
- 2. Resources included in a local register of historical resources, or identified as significant in an historical resources survey.
- 3. A building, structure, object, place, record, or manuscript which a lead agency determines to be historically significant.
- 4. Generally, resources that meet the criteria for listing on the California Register of historical Resources. These Criteria follow those for the national register of historic places, but are focused specifically on California's history and cultural heritage. They are:
 - a. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage.
 - b. Is associated with the lives of people, or persons important to our past.
 - c. Embodies the distinctive characteristic of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.
 - d. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.



Description of Property

The property occupies approximately one acre of land and is accessed by a private drive off the North east side of Table Bluff Road. It is considered part of the unincorporated Humboldt County. There are five buildings on the property: (1) Single Family Residence, (2) Stable, (3) Garage, (4) Animal Pen, and (5) Barn..



Figure 1.1 Site Plan A



Figure 1.2 Site Plan B



- (1) Single Family Residence The residence is a single story structure with attic, built primarily on a wood foundation. Observation of the exterior shows that either a chimney or stove was removed from the West elevation of the house. There are twenty exterior windows: six single sash windows appear to be original. As noted, a window of similar construction is observed in the barn structure. Two aluminum windows were added with the mud room. Four triple pane contemporary windows are located in the Sun room. The eight remaining wood windows, do not appear to be significant. The mud room looks to be an addition which is indicated by the change in exterior siding, and the use of a concrete foundation, see Figure 1.6. Large sections of the exterior siding, including the porch and North elevation have been re-shingled. Remaining material is estimated to be fifty percent original. All original door hardware has been removed. Plumbing and electricity were added, surface mounted on the exterior of the house. No character defining molding or tile is found on the interior of the house. A new asphalt shingle roof was added. The deck is plywood and badly deteriorated beyond repair. The interior flooring and wall coverings are insignificant. No original hardware remains.
- (2) Stable The stable was originally a smaller structure, with an addition. It was originally built with wood shingles over wood framing. The roof, like the rest of the structures on site has been repaired and or replaced by asphalt shingles. A majority of the stable is a later addition, built with a concrete foundation and vertical siding. The windows have been boarded up with corrugated metal. The interior has been gutted and the stall partitions replaced with metal gating.
- (3) Garage The garage seems to be a later addition. The size of the shingles used, is not comparative to the original fabric of the single family residence and barn, indicating that they are not historic. The gabled roof was constructed with vent-less eaves, not in context with the method of construction used on the stable. The asphalt shingle roof, matches the rest of the structures.
- **(4) Animal Pen** The Animal pen is a newer addition. It has a concrete foundation and vertical siding. The windows have been boarded up with corrugated metal.
- (5) Barn The barn has a unique shape. It has a vented roof, possibly original but has recently been covered with asphalt shingles. It is suspected that this new roofing material has covered any access to the original hay loft, as there is no visible entrance into the top half of the structure. The exterior retains a majority of its original shingles, but the structure is dilapidated to the point of unsafe access. Parts of the interior have been renovated with wall paper and a roughly constructed shelving system. There is one original wood window, matching the structure to the single family residence. All exterior doors are missing, and in several cases, so are the frames.



Findings

Based on the observations listed above, many if not all defining historical characteristics have been demolished, or removed due to additions and neglect of the property. For the Purposes of CEQA, the overall conditions of the building are beyond repair and would require major reconstruction to restore the building to a level of basic life safety. The reconstruction would significantly alter the buildings, making them ineligible for consideration to be listed in the California Registry of Historic Places. If there are any further questions please feel free to contact JAG Architects at (707)442-6125 ext. 205.

Photographic Documentation



Figure 1.3 Single Family House, South Elevation



Figure 1.4 Single Family House, East Elevation



Single Family Residence



Figure 1.4 Single Family House, West Elevation



Figure 1.5 Single Family House, North Elevation

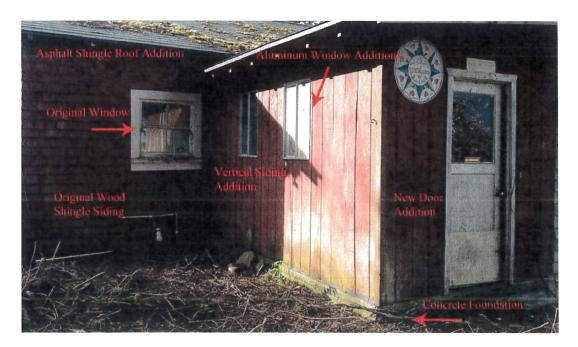


Figure 1.6 Mud Room Addition



Stable



Figure 2.1 Stable, East Elevation



Figure 2.2 Stable, North Elevation



Figure 2.3 Stable, West Elevation



Figure 2.4 Stable, South Elevation



Garage



Figure 3.1 Garage, South Elevation



Figure 3.2 Garage, North Elevation



Animal Pen



Figure 4.2 Corrugated Metal



Figure 4.1 Concrete Foundation



Barn



Figure 5.1 Barn, North Elevation



Figure 5.2 Barn, South Elevation