

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT **ROCKY NOOK PARK** LOCATED AT 610 MISSION CANYON ROAD, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS. 023-240-001 AND 023-280-007, MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE; AND DESIGNATION OF ROCKY NOOK PARK AS COUNTY LANDMARK #54 PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT

RESOLUTION No. 2023- 241

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2023 the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors considered the historical significance of ROCKY NOOK PARK located at 610 Mission Canyon Drive, Santa Barbara, California, on Assessor's Parcel Nos. 023-240-001 and 023-280-007 and as shown on the map and legal descriptions attached hereto as Exhibit A, in accordance with the requirements, standards and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and determined that it is worthy of designation and protection as a County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Recorder's Office did not record the January 24, 2023 Resolution No. 2023-19 because they determined that the Assessor's Parcel Maps that were attached to the resolution contained illegible text; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to adopt this amended resolution without the Assessor's Parcel Maps so that this amended resolution may be recorded;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that ROCKY NOOK PARK is historically significant because:

1. It exemplifies and reflects special elements of the County's cultural, social, aesthetic, and natural history, and its location along Santa Barbara's primary riparian corridor, with year-round water, epitomizes the natural resources upon which Indigenous Chumash, Spanish missionaries, and early European settlers depended. The site's settlement by the Olivers in 1881 reflects a wave of well-educated affluent easterners who came to Santa Barbara County in the late 1800s, and like the Olivers were attracted by the healthful climate and scenic area and contributed to the community's horticultural reputation; and
2. It is identified with persons and events significant in local, state or national history, including former owners George S. J. Oliver and Frances Dabney Oliver, and Supervisor Sam Stanwood and Carolyn Stanwood, artist Fernand Lungren, and other notable Santa Barbarans who helped purchase the property to gift it to Santa Barbara County; and

3. It contributes to the significance of a historic area, being a geographically definable area possessing a concentration of historic, prehistoric, archaeological, and scenic properties which contribute to each other and are unified aesthetically by physical development, including the Santa Barbara Mission, the Mission waterworks, the Museum of Natural History, Rockwood, Glendessary, Mission Creek Bridge, and the Oliver water trough, all embedded in an area characterized by sandstone masonry, natural boulders, oak woodland, riparian habitat, and a rural road system; and
4. It is a location with unique physical characteristics and is a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community, and the County of Santa Barbara, and the Park's dramatic historic debris flows of sandstone boulders studded with native California trees has long served to demark the entry into Mission Canyon and a transition from the urban to the rural; and
5. It reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, and changing transportation modes, and is a distinctive example of park and community planning. It exemplifies the lifestyle and legacy of well-educated affluent easterners who settled in Santa Barbara County in the late 1800s, those who established Mission Canyon as a secluded area of rural residences and artist's studios, the nationwide parks movement, and California's and Santa Barbara's appreciation of native plants and naturalistic landscapes.

WHEREAS, designation of ROCKY NOOK PARK shall not require the expenditure of an unreasonable amount of money to carry out the purpose of County Code, Chapter 18A;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED as follows:

1. ROCKY NOOK PARK, located at 610 Mission Canyon Road, Santa Barbara, California, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 023-240-001 and 023-280-007 meets the eligibility requirements for a County Historic Landmark as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-3, and is worthy of protection.
2. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the portion of ROCKY NOOK PARK in the unincorporated area of the County (the "Landmark") as a Historic Landmark subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and express consent in writing has first been obtained from the Commission. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Commission to accomplish the purposes of County Code, Chapter 18A.
  - b. Except as set forth in subsection d. below, no alterations, repairs (other than normal maintenance and repair), additions or changes including the addition of new structures in the park shall be made unless and until an application has been submitted to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and all plans for such work have been reviewed by the

Commission and approved or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and that all such work shall be done under the direction and control of the Commission or other qualified person designated by it.

- i. The historic stone curbing, sandstone foundations, sandstone walls, boulders with plaques, stone barbecue pits, and Mission Period aqueduct are character defining features of the Landmark and, except for the aqueduct, are identified on the attached site plan in Exhibit A, and any alterations to the park shall preserve such features to the extent feasible and reflect the historic character of ROCKY NOOK PARK.
  - ii. The six specimen Eucalyptus trees found on the original park parcel and located on the accompanying site plan in Exhibit A are character defining features of the Landmark and alterations to the landscaping should preserve such trees to the extent feasible and consistent with public safety.
  - iii. The curvilinear roadway, random naturally occurring boulders, riparian habitat, and native Oak Woodland are character defining features of the Landmark and any alterations to the park and landscape should preserve these features to the extent feasible and reflect the historic character of ROCKY NOOK PARK.
- c. The foregoing conditions shall not be imposed in such a way as to infringe upon the right of the owners of ROCKY NOOK PARK to make any and all reasonable use of the property and maintain the park for recreational use that is not in conflict with County Code Chapter 18A.
- d. The following features of ROCKY NOOK PARK identified on the accompanying site plan in Exhibit A are not subject to the foregoing conditions of paragraph 2.a. and 2.b.:
- 1) The Fire Station and Pumping Station accessed from Foothill Road and their surrounding grounds.
  - 2) The Play Area, Group Picnic Area, Restrooms and ADA compliant pathway that links them, unless expanded.
  - 3) The storage sheds and trash enclosure, unless moved or expanded.
  - 4) The manmade pile of natural boulders abutting the north edge of the main entrance, unless altered or moved.
  - 5) Assessor's Parcel Number 023-240-002, owned by the City of Santa Barbara.
- e. The following features of ROCKY NOOK PARK are exempt from all the foregoing conditions of this resolution:

- 1) Elements adjacent to or along Mission Canyon Road Corridor that are impacted by maintenance, capital improvement, or safety projects.
- 2) Existing elements of the park used by the public for passive recreation, which are those non-motorized leisure activities or non-team sports that are dependent on the natural landscape in which the activity occurs, that are impacted by maintenance, capital improvement, or safety projects for passive recreation.
- 3) The Administration Building and Parking Areas for the Administration Building.
- 4) The internal roadway and parking areas for public access.

3. This Resolution amends Board Resolution No. 2023-19.

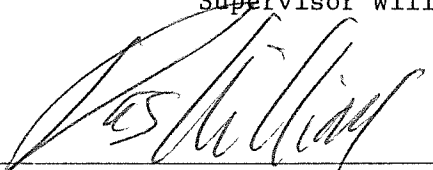
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, Santa Barbara, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None

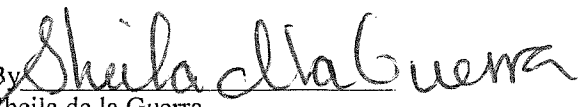
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Williams

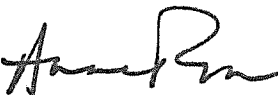
  
DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

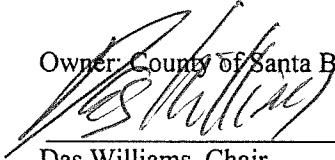
By   
Sheila de la Guerra  
Deputy Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
RACHEL VAN MULLEM  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By   
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Anne Rierson  
Deputy County Counsel

The County of Santa Barbara hereby APPROVES AND CONSENTS to designation of  
ROCKY NOOK PARK as a County of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark pursuant to County  
Code, Chapter 18A.

Date: 11-7-23

Owner: County of Santa Barbara  
  
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Das Williams, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara

**Exhibit A**  
**Map and Legal Descriptions**

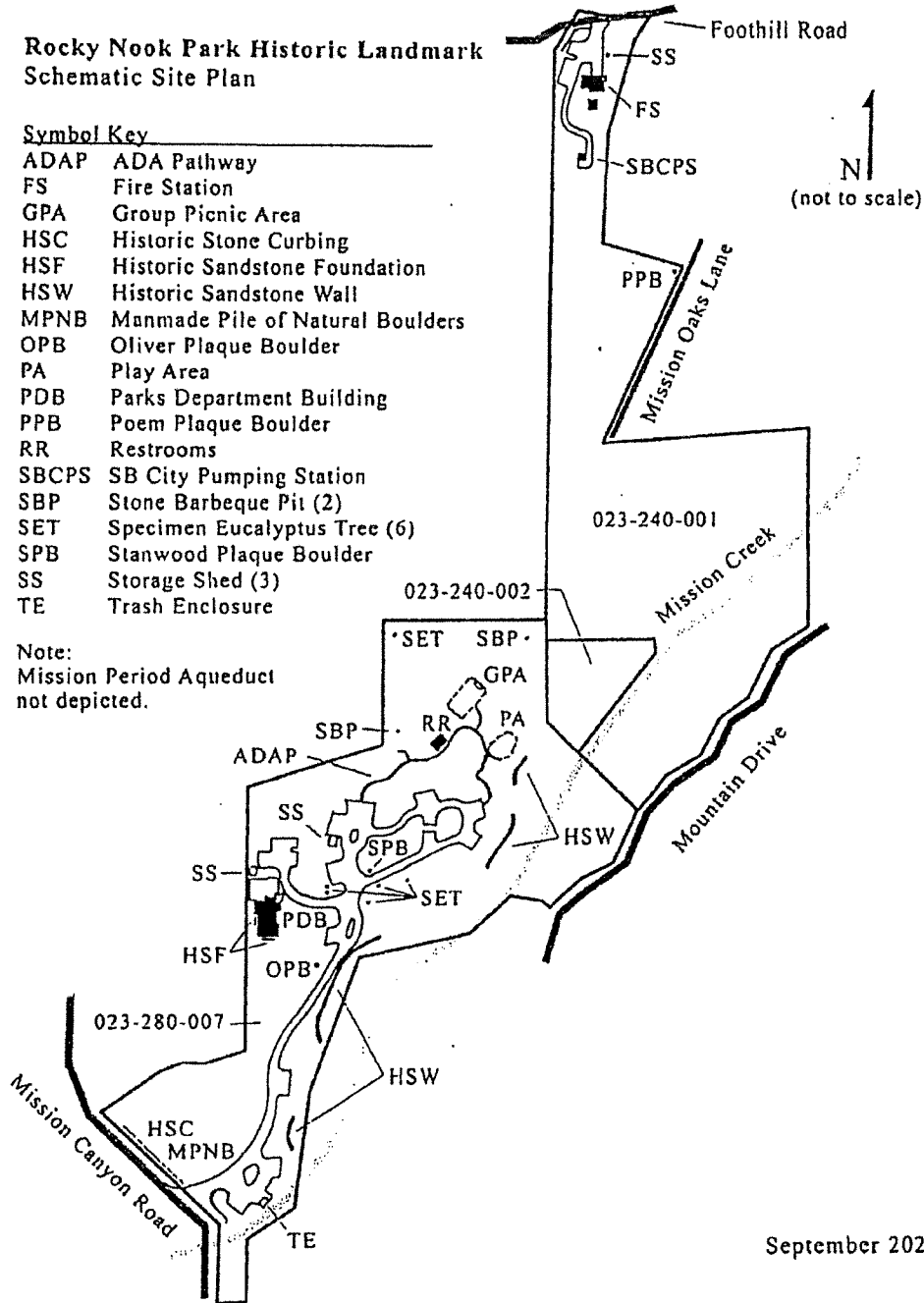
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**Rocky Nook Park Historic Landmark  
Schematic Site Plan**

**Symbol Key**

ADAP	ADA Pathway
FS	Fire Station
GPA	Group Picnic Area
HSC	Historic Stone Curbing
HSF	Historic Sandstone Foundation
HSW	Historic Sandstone Wall
MPNB	Manmade Pile of Natural Boulders
OPB	Oliver Plaque Boulder
PA	Play Area
PDB	Parks Department Building
PPB	Poem Plaque Boulder
RR	Restrooms
SBCPS	SB City Pumping Station
SBP	Stone Barbeque Pit (2)
SET	Specimen Eucalyptus Tree (6)
SPB	Stanwood Plaque Boulder
SS	Storage Shed (3)
TE	Trash Enclosure

Note:  
Mission Period Aqueduct  
not depicted.



September 2022

Legal Description  
APN: 023-240-001

That certain property situated in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the tract of land described in that certain deed to Ida M. Garland, dated September 15, 1916 and recorded September 29, 1916, in Book 154, Page 365 of Deeds in the Santa Barbara Recorder's Office, being a point in the westerly line of the Mission Lands of the Mission of Santa Barbara and being marked by a brass capped monument set in a boulder; said point being more particularly shown on map of survey filed in Book 28, Page 15, Record of Surveys in said County Recorder's Office; thence North, along the westerly line of said Mission Lands, 745.20 feet to a point in the center line of Foothill Road; thence easterly along the center line of said Foothill Road, the following courses and distances:

N30°44'E 68.37 feet, S82°00'E 116.16 feet, N81°31'30" E 26.43 feet to the North-west corner of the tract of land deeded to John H. Ellison, et ux., by that certain deed recorded in Book 1209 at Page 242, Official Records, in said County Recorder's Office; thence southerly, along the westerly line of said Ellison tract of land, the following courses and distances: S6°42'30"E 20.88 feet, S34°38'35"W 52.14 feet, S11°44'25"W 60.05 feet, S16°10'10"W 109.95 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract of land deeded to Lloyd S. Briggs et ux., by that certain deed recorded in Book 1209 at Page 228, Official Records in said County Recorder's Office; thence S2°52'25"W, along the westerly line of said Briggs tract of land, 199.58 feet to the Southwest corner thereof; thence S73°58'15"E, along the southerly line of said Briggs tract of land, 172.98 feet to a point in the center line of Mission Oaks Lane; thence southerly along the center line of Mission Oaks Lane the following courses and distances: S20°08'30"W 8.04 feet, S24°46'W 330.38 feet to a point in the northerly line of the Ida M. Garland tract of land, as said tract is described in that certain deed recorded in Book 122, Page 415 of deeds in said County Recorder's Office; thence N86°02'E 354.60 feet to a point; thence South 396.50 feet to a point in the center line of Mountain Drive; thence along the center line of Mountain Drive the following courses and distances: S55°18'W 48.90 feet, S27°41'W 97.40 feet, S55°55'20"W 64.22 feet, S26°54'20"W 76.87 feet, S60°47'W 80.42 feet, and S40°21'22"W 71.00 feet; thence leaving the center line of Mountain Drive N46°03'W 172.30 feet to the Southerly corner of the tract of land deeded to the City of Santa Barbara by that certain deed recorded in Book 103, Page 280 of Deeds in said County Recorder's Office; thence N41°31'E along the easterly line of said tract, 226.50 feet to a point; thence North 30.00 feet to a point; thence west 200.00 feet to a point in the westerly line of said Mission Lands; thence North, along said Mission Lands, 347.50 feet to the point of beginning.



Legal Description  
APN: 023-280-007

All that certain real property situated in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, described as follows:

Commencing at a point in Mission Creek directly beneath the keystone or arch of Mission Bridge on easterly face of same, as called for in deed from G. Moro Ramon, Catholic Bishop of Monterey and E. J. Marsh to George S. J. Oliver, dated October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1892, and filed November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1892, in Book 34 of Deeds, page 373, Santa Barbara County Recorder's office; thence 1<sup>st</sup>, S3°E along the westerly line of said George S. J. Oliver land and the easterly line of Mission Ridge Road, 109.00 feet; thence 2<sup>nd</sup>, N85°30'E along the southern line of said George S. J. Oliver land 50 feet; thence 3<sup>rd</sup>, N3°W into said land 110.19 feet to a point in the bed of Mission Creek from which the place of beginning bears S84°09'W 50.13 feet; thence 4<sup>th</sup>, N84°09'E 14.46 feet to an x on rock in said creek; thence 5<sup>th</sup>, N59°56'E 112.08 feet to an x on rock in said creek bed; thence 6<sup>th</sup>, N7°12'E 209.65 feet to an x on rock in said creek bed; thence 7<sup>th</sup>, N20°14'E 256.39 feet to an x on rock in said creek bed; thence 8<sup>th</sup>, N78°26'E 203.62 feet to an x on rock in said creek bed; thence 9<sup>th</sup>, N49°59'E 97.98 feet to an x on rock in said creek bed; thence 10<sup>th</sup>, leaving said creek bed S81°51'E 62.12 feet to a spike driven vertically in bend of live oak known as Mission Corner No. 6 from which a brass cap monument U.S. Forrest Survey No. 288 bears North 4.6 feet; thence 11<sup>th</sup>, S58°43'E 21.02 feet to a ½" iron pipe at station on the easterly line of said Oliver land; thence 12<sup>th</sup> along the easterly line of said Oliver land N47°38'E 58.00 feet to a spike in top of corner fence post; thence 13<sup>th</sup>, along said fence N58°38'E 76.6 feet to a ¾" pipe survey monument; thence 14<sup>th</sup>, along said fence N27°57'E 102.18 feet to a ¾ inch pipe survey monument from which an old ¾ inch pipe survey monument in center of Mountain Drive bears S46°33'E 15.33 feet; thence 15<sup>th</sup> N46°33'W along general line of fence 239.47 feet to a ¾ inch pipe set on the easterly line of Mission lands from which a spike leaning live oak bears South 2.73 feet; thence 16<sup>th</sup>, North along said easterly line 186.9 feet to a 2" pipe survey monument with brass cap set at the northeast corner of said Oliver land; thence 17<sup>th</sup>, S89°56'W along the northerly line of said land 300.46 feet to an x on rock at the northeast corner of 3.74 acres of land sold by Mrs. Oliver to Edward S. Spaulding by deed dated December 1, 1925, and recorded in Book 82, at Page 235 of Official Records of said County; thence 18<sup>th</sup>, south along the east line of same 226.73 feet to a small letter "F" cut on flat top of boulder at southeast corner of said 3.74 acre tract; thence 19<sup>th</sup>, S73°10'W along the southern line of said 3.74 acre tract 254.35 feet to an x on small rock from which an "F" cut on boulder bears N0°01½'W 10.3 feet, a letter "F" cut on large flat rock bears N73°10'E 19.68 feet; thence 20<sup>th</sup>, S0°01½'E at 206.5 feet a ¾" pipe survey monument set at the northeasterly corner of the tract of land described in the deed to Santa Barbara Woman's Club, dated September 29, 1927, and recorded in Book 10, at page 351 of Official Records of said County, at 469.29 feet to a ¾" pipe survey monument set at the southeast corner of same; thence along the southern line of said Woman's Club's land the following courses and distances: 21<sup>st</sup>, S78°41'W 41.66 feet to center of live oak tree; 22<sup>nd</sup> S67°14'W 22.97 feet to center of a live oak tree; 23<sup>rd</sup>, S82°27'W 43.68 feet to an x on top of large boulder; 24<sup>th</sup>, S69°42'W 48.1 feet to a spike in crotch of a live oak and center of same; 25<sup>th</sup>, S53°02'W 64.41 feet to the center of a live oak tree; 26<sup>th</sup>, S60°27'W 56.5 feet to a ¾" pipe survey monument set on the northeasterly line of Mission Canyon Road, said point being also the most southerly corner of the said Santa Barbara Woman's Club land; thence 27<sup>th</sup>, S44°38'E along the northeasterly line of Mission Canyon Road and the southwesterly line of said Oliver's tract of land 259.5 feet to a ¾" pipe survey monument set at an angle point in said road; thence 28<sup>th</sup>, S0°04'W 56.0 feet to the place of beginning.