Designation of Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark

610 Mission Canyon Road

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Vicinity Map



Historical Significance

HLAC finds that Rocky Nook Park is historically significant because:

- It exemplifies the lifestyle and legacy of well-educated affluent easterners who settled in Santa Barbara County in the late 1800s
- It is identified with persons and events significant in local, state or national history
- It was settled by the Olivers in 1881
- It reflects significant geographical patterns
- It is a location with unique physical characteristics

County Departments

CSD-Parks:

- Does not support the designation
- Believes the designation would constrain their ability to provide maintenance to public hiking trails, restrooms, popular group picnic areas, and several small BBQ areas

• Public Works:

- Does not support the designation
- Would support the designation if elements adjacent to or along Mission Canyon Road corridor that are impacted by maintenance, capital improvement, or safety projects are exempt from the conditions of the Resolution

Potential Actions

- 1. Approve the designation and adopt a resolution with conditions, designating Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark, and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308
- 2. Modify the designation by modifying and adopting the resolution with conditions to be imposed designating Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark, and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15308
- 3. Disapprove the designation of Rocky Nook Park as a County Historic Landmark and determine that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15270