CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 4, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Vincent P. Bertoni, Director of Community Development
Donna Jerex, Senior Planner

Subject: HISTORIC DESIGNATIONS ON STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTERS

Attachments:
1. State and National Designation Comparison Chart State Office of Historic Preservation

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INTRODUCTION

This item was placed on the Agenda at the request of Mayor Delshad. This report provides information outlining the differences between historic designations for the California and National Registers.

DISCUSSION

Historic designations for structures, points of interests, and objects (such as trees, lightposts, etc.) can be done at various levels including local, state, and national.

For designations done at the California State and National levels, applications require signature by the property owner for privately-owned structures and are reviewed by a board of experts usually on a quarterly basis each year. There is no cost for these applications, however, there are fees associated with hiring historic consultants and photographers to prepare the application materials.

Attached for the Council's edification is a copy of the California State Office of Preservation's comparison chart explaining the criteria and effects of California and National Register designations.

The City's policies regarding a local designation program are currently under development through the City's General Plan Update. Recommendations on programming will be brought forward to the Council during the upcoming public hearing process.

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	California Historical Landmarks	California Points of Historical Interest	California Register of Historical Resources	National Register of Historic Places
Criteria	• The first, last, only or most significant of its type in the state or within a large geographic region (Northern, Central or Southern California). • Associated with an individual or group having a profound influence on the history of California. • A prototype of, or an outstanding example of, a period, style, architectural movement or construction or is one of the more notable works or the best surviving work in a region of a pioneer architect, designer or master builder.	Same as those for Landmarks, but directed to local (city or county) regions.	• Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States. • Associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history. • Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values. • Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.	• Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. • Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past. • Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. • Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
Relation to other registration programs	Resources listed as California Historical Landmarks are automatically listed in California Register.	Resources listed as Points of Historical Interest are concurrently listed in California Register.	Resources listed in National Register or as California Historical Landmarks or Points of Historical Interest are also listed in California Register.	Resources listed in National Register are automatically listed in California Register.
Owner Consent	Written consent of property owner(s) is required.	Written consent of property owner(s) is required.	Consent of property owner(s) not required, but cannot be listed if owner(s) objects.	Consent of property owner(s) not required, but cannot be listed if owner(s) objects.
Local Government Notification	Local government must be given 60 days to comment on application before public hearing is held.	Local government must be given 60 days to comment on application before public hearing is held.	Clerk of local government must be given 90 days to comment on application before it is sent to OHP.	Local government must be given 60 days to comment on application before public hearing is held.
Effects of Designation	• Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historic Building Code. • Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act). • Limited protection (environmental review may be required under CEQA if property is threatened by a project). Contact local planning agency for further information. • Bronze plaque (with text) at site and highway directional marker (no text).	• Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historic Building Code. • Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act). • Limited protection (environmental review may be required under CEQA if property is threatened by a project). Contact local planning agency for further information. • Highway directional marker (no text). Owner may place own plaque or marker.	• Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historic Building Code. • Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act). • Limited protection (environmental review may be required under CEQA if property is threatened by a project). Contact local planning agency for further information. • Owner may place own plaque or marker.	• Tax incentives, in some cases, for rehabilitation of depreciable structures. • Tax deduction available for donation of preservation easement. • Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historic Building Code. • Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act). • Preservation consideration in federally funded or licensed undertakings (Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act). • Limited protection (environmental review may be required under CEQA if property is threatened by a project). Contact local planning agency for further information. • Owner may place own plaque or marker.

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