

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

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 7J

Other Listings
Review Code Reviewer Date

Page 1 of 4 *Resource Name or # (Assigned by recorder): Central Park Orchard

P1. Other identifier: HP-88-01 HP-3

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

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

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Cupertino Date 1980 Photorevised T .8 S. ; R .1 W. ; Mount Diablo B.M.

c. Address: 13650 Saratoga Ave. City Saratoga Zip 95070
d. UTM:(give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S ; mE/ mN

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

southwest corner of Fruitvale and Saratoga Avenues. APN# 397-30-053

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

Located on the southwest corner of Saratoga Avenue and Fruitvale, south of the Saratoga Library, is this working prune and apricot orchard covering nearly fourteen acres.

The property was the subject of a 2000 California Point of Historical Interest nomination and evaluation by Heritage Preservation Commission of the City of Saratoga. Those application and DPR523 forms are attached to this recording, and provide a detailed survey and evaluation of the property.

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP31. Urban open space

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



P5b. Description of Photo:
(View, date, accession #)
View of orchard, July 2009.

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:

Historic Prehistoric Both
Established 1984.

*P7. Owner and Address:

City of Saratoga
13777 Fruitvale Ave.
Saratoga CA 95070

*P8. Recorded By: (Name, affiliation, and address)

F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz
Archives & Architecture, LLC
PO Box 1332
San Jose, CA 95109

*P9. Date Recorded: 10/26/09

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)

Reconnaissance

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

Archives & Architecture: City of Saratoga Statement of Historic Context, 2009.

*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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Resource Name (Assigned by recorder) Central Park Orchard

B1. Historic Name: Marion-Cox-Kitchen-Seagraves Ranch

B2. Common Name: Central Park Orchard - 13659 Fruitvale/Saratoga Avenues

B3. Original Use: Farm

B4. Present Use: Public Park

*B5. Architectural Style: n/a

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

Established as a park in 1984.

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

Original Location: n/a

*B8. Related Features:

Construction of Saratoga community Library in adjacent acreage. Site is traversed on its southern boundary by

B9a. Architect: n/a

b. Builder: n/a

*B10. Significance: Theme Resource & Envir. Mgmt.

Area: Heritage Lane

Period of Significance: 1841 - 1975

Property Type: Park

Applicable Criteria: None

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

Central Park Orchard is listed on the Saratoga Heritage Resources Inventory, included as a part of HP-88-01. It qualified under Criteria a and g:

- a) the property exemplifies and reflects special elements of the cultural, social, economic, aesthetic, and architectural history of Saratoga; and
- g) the property contributed to a unique natural setting constituting a distinct area having special character.

Central Park Orchard also appears eligible for the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion (1), as the site has been designated a landmark site, representing early Saratoga during its period of *Horticultural Development*.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes)

HP30. Trees/vegetation

*B12. References:

- Saratoga Heritage Preservation Commission, *Historic Resources Inventory form, 1988.*
- Saratoga News, August 22, 1984
- Saratoga News, August 13, 1986.

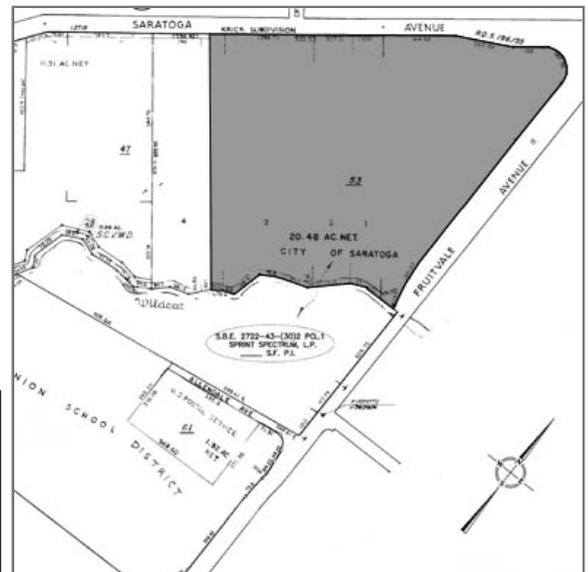
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B13. Remarks: State Point of Historical Interest
 Designated Landmark Site

*B14. Evaluator: Franklin Maggi

*Date of Evaluation: October 26, 2009

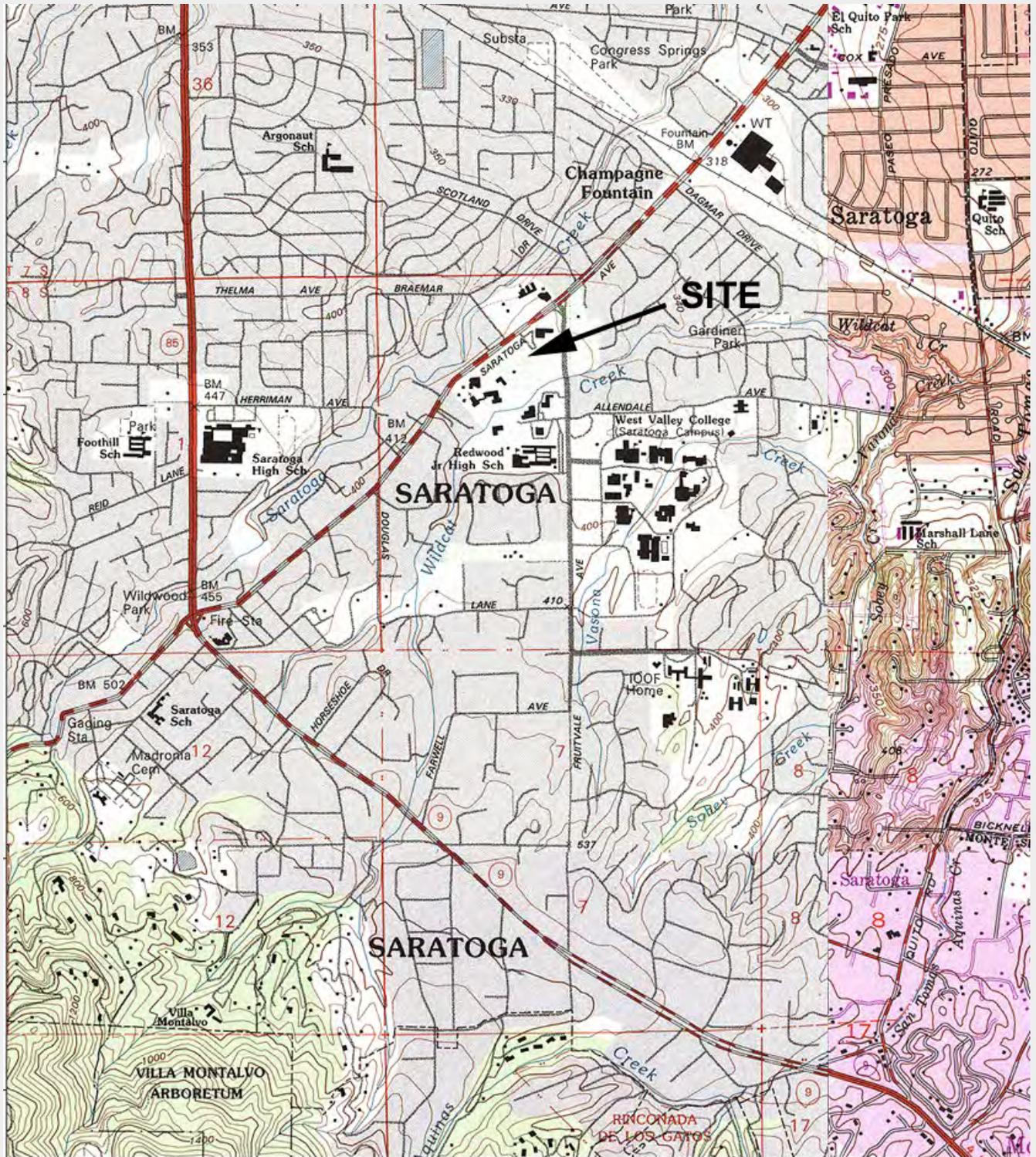
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* Map Name: Multiple

* Scale: n.t.s.

* Date of Map: Varies



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CONTINUATION SHEET

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* Recorded By F. Maggi, L. Dill, & J. Kusz * Date 10/26/2009 Continuation Update

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Historical Background

The Central Park Orchard, consisting of 13.9 acres of apricots and prunes, bounded by Wildcat Creek, Fruitvale and Saratoga Avenue was created in 1984 to preserve the important agricultural heritage of Saratoga. As development encroached on the last remaining orchards in Saratoga, this site was chosen to represent the important early history of Saratoga and the role orchards played as the economic backbone of the town during the period of Horticultural Development (1869-1906). It was preserved as an orchard as it was one of the last remaining orchards in the city of Saratoga in the 1980s. The site was originally part of Quito Rancho and was later owned in the 1880s by the Marion family. In the 1920s, the property was owned by F.C. Cox who farmed apricots and prunes for 30 years on the property. In 1950s, the land was owned by W. Seagrave until 1984 when it was designated by the City of Saratoga as a Heritage Landmark

Integrity

The property continues to change slowly over time, as it is a working orchard; however, the setting and materials have remained consistent with the original design, and the property represents the historical associations and feelings of the outdoor resource.