

# California and National Register Comparison Charts

<b>California Register of Historical Resources</b>
<p>The State Historical Resources Commission has designed this program for use by state and local agencies, private groups and citizens to identify, evaluate, register and protect California's historical resources. The Register is the authoritative guide to the state's significant historical and archeological resources.</p> <p>The California Register program encourages public recognition and protection of resources of architectural, historical, archeological and cultural significance, identifies historical resources for state and local planning purposes, determines eligibility for state historic preservation grant funding and affords certain protections under the California Environmental Quality Act.</p>
<p><b>Criteria for CR Designation</b> To be eligible for listing in the CR, a resource must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Effects of CR Designation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited protection: Environmental review may be required under California Environmental Quality Act CEQA if property is threatened by a project. Contact the local planning agency for more information.</li> <li>• Consideration in projects on state-owned property (Section 5430).</li> <li>• Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historical Building Code.</li> <li>• Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act).</li> <li>• Owner may place his or her own plaque or marker at the site of the resource.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Owner Consent</b> Consent of Property owner(s) is not required, but resource cannot be listed if owner(s) objects (if objection, the property may be determined officially "eligible" for listing, which may allow environmental review.</p>

<b>National Register of Historic Places</b>
<p>The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts worthy of preservation because of their significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register recognizes resources of local, state and national significance which have been documented and evaluated according to uniform standards and criteria.</p> <p>Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect historic and archeological resources. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U. S. Department of the Interior.</p>
<p><b>Criteria for NR Designation</b> To be eligible for listing in the NR, a resource must meet at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.</li> <li>• Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Effects of NR Designation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited Protection: Environmental review may be required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) if property is threatened by a project. Contact the local planning agency for more information.</li> <li>• Consideration in federally funded or licensed undertakings (Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act).</li> <li>• Local building inspector must grant code alternatives provided under State Historical Building Code.</li> <li>• Local assessor may enter into contract with property owner for property tax reduction (Mills Act).</li> <li>• Owner may place his or her own plaque or marker at the resource site.</li> <li>• Tax incentives, in some cases, for rehabilitation of depreciable structures.</li> <li>• Tax deduction available for donation of preservation easement.</li> <li>• Automatic listing in California Register of Historical Resources.</li> </ul>
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