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November 25, 2008

Mike Buhler
Los Angeles Conservancy Modern Committee
523 West 6th Street, Suite 826
Los Angeles, California 90014

**RE: California Register of Historical Resources
Driftwood Drive- Thru Dairy**

Dear Mr. Buhler: *mike*

As required by the California Code of Regulations, California Register of Historical Resources (Title 14, Chapter 11.5), Section 4855(c)(4), I am writing to inform you that at its regular meeting on November 7, 2008, the State Historical Resources Commission (Commission) formally determined the Driftwood Drive Thru Dairy in El Monte, Los Angeles County as eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register). Enclosed is a copy of the Commission's Findings.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Jay Correia of the Registration Unit at (916) 653-9054.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Milford Wayne Donaldson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

California Register of Historical Resources
Driftwood Drive-thru-Dairy
10724 E. Lower Azusa Road, El Monte, Los Angeles County, California
State Historical Resources Commission Findings

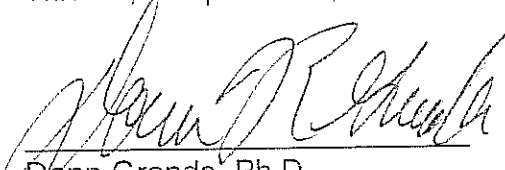
On November 7, 2008, at its regular quarterly meeting of the State Historical Resources Commission in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, the State Historical Resources Commission determined the Driftwood Drive-thru-Dairy eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 11.5, Section 4855.c.3, the State Historical Resources Commission shall adopt written findings describing the resource and identifying its historical or cultural significance and identifying those criteria on which any determination is based.

Emblematic of Southern California car culture from the early 1960s, the Driftwood Drive-thru Dairy is the only example of a drive-thru dairy in El Monte and one of the very few examples in Los Angeles County. With its dynamic use of a variety of building materials, structural forms, and spectacular signage, the Driftyland "Dairy-Port" embodies the distinguishing features of the Space Age Googie style as applied to roadside architecture. Such innovative architecture was utilized in cities throughout the nation, but the style gained a particular dominance in Los Angeles and Southern California where it was inspired by the optimism engendered by the aerospace industry in Los Angeles the Space Age itself.

The Driftwood drive-thru Dairy meets Criterion 3 within the context of architecture. The integrity of all three elements: the two stores, the canopy, and the pole sign are retained with no significant alterations apparent. Completed in 1961, the property is just shy of achieving 50 years of age, the requisite age normally required for landmark listing. In this case, however, sufficient time has passed to understand the property's historical importance because of the growing body of scholarly information on the evolution, impact and influence of the Googie and Space Age style.

With this signature, it is hereby certified that the State Historical Resources Commission adopted these findings pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 11.5, Section 4855 on the 7th day of November, 2008.


Donn Grenda, Ph.D.
SHRC Chairperson

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Date