

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

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 1D

Other Listings P-43-001468
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) Southern Pacific Coast Railroad Depot

P1. Other Identifier: _____

*P2. Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Clara and (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Milpitas Date 2021 T 06S; R 01W; of of Sec ; Mt. Diablo B.M.

c. Address 1303 El Dorado Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 590490.16 mE/ 4142857.30 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-02-002

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

The former Southern Pacific Coast railroad depot is a two-story, rectangular plan, wood frame, gable roof building on a concrete slab foundation. The building is sited parallel to Elizabeth Street at the north end of a north-south oriented, 0.18-acre rectangular lot. It is clad in drop channel wood siding. The front-facing gable roof has deep eaves with flat wood board soffits, decorative gable latticework, and decorative brackets under the north and south eave overhangs. The south (primary) façade faces the interior of the property. A full-height rectangular bay projects from the center of the façade. This bay originally served as the ticket counter and station master's office. West of the projecting bay, a shed roof supported by wood posts partially covers the entrance stairs and porch. Original window locations are marked with wide, flat wood window trim; non-original window openings have narrow wood trim or no trim. Flat sawn wood trim, painted brown, is applied at all corners and edges of the building – corner boards, fascia, window sills, door and window trim, and stairs. See Continuation Sheet

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP17

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



"none.")

Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

*P4. Resources Present:

Building Structure Object Site
 District Element of District
 Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) View across Elizabeth Street, looking southwest, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both
c.1885 (City of San Jose, 1995)

*P7. Owner and Address:
Rebecca Billeci et. al Trustee
16422 Bridgewalk Drive
Lithia, FL 33547

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address) _____
Becky Urbano, ESA
787 The Alameda, Ste. 250
San Jose, CA 95126

*P9. Date Recorded: _____
March 30, 2023

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter

*Attachments: NONE Location Map Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Archaeological Record District Record Linear Feature Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List): _____

CONTINUATION SHEET

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P3a: Description (Continued)

The building is currently painted an approximation of the standard Southern Pacific Railroad gold and brown color scheme. It is currently used as a private residence and is surrounded on two sides by cyclone fencing. It is similar in design to the Agnew depot on Lafayette Street in Santa Clara.

History

The South Pacific Coast Railroad began service through Alviso in 1878. However, due to a dispute between the railroad and Alviso's citizens, a depot was not constructed until after 1881.¹ This depot was originally located parallel to and on the west side of the railroad tracks on the same lot as the Alviso Hotel.² In November 1938, the depot was purchased by Willis Laine and relocated to its current site, rotated 90-degrees. It served as an artist's studio and eventually as a private residence.³

Status

The building is a contributing feature to the 1972 Port of Alviso National Register District and is included in the 1995 *Port of Alviso, California Point of Interest*.^{4,5}

¹ City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995, p. 47.

² Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, *Alviso, Santa Clara County, California*, 1930, Sheet 1.

³ Robert Burrill and Lynn Rogers, *Images of America: Alviso, San Jose*, (San Francisco: Arcadia Publishing, 2006), p.73.

⁴ Phyllis Butler and the Santa Clara County Historical Landmarks Advisory, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso (San Jose)*, April 7, 1972, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123861641>.

⁵ *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*.