

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) Constable Office and Jail

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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 1621 El Dorado Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 590501.00 mE/ 4142505.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-03-021

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

The building at 1621 El Dorado Street is a one- and two-story, wood frame, residential building with an irregular plan. The west (primary) façade faces El Dorado Street and has a side-gable roof with a full-width, shed-roof porch across the façade. A one-story section of the building has a front-facing gable roof. The building is clad with plywood trimmed with flat sawn battens over the plywood sheet seams. Visible windows are single-hung, vinyl replacements with simulated mullions. The building is sited near the front (west) lot line. A cactus garden and several mature trees are located on the west and south of the building. Two sections of wood fencing further divide the remaining open space on the lot.

See Continuation Sheet.

*P3b. **Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP2

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



*P4. **Resources Present:**

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

P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #) View from El Dorado Street, looking east, November 2022

*P6. **Date Constructed/Age and Source** Historic Prehistoric
 Both

c.1865, NR Nomination

*P7. **Owner and Address:**
Betty J. Brown et.al Trustee
600 Giralda Drive
Los Altos, CA 94024-3825

*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 "none.")
Neighborhood of Alviso Historic Context and Survey

*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

Property Name: Constable Office and Jail

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P3a: Description (Continued)

History

The one-story, front-facing gable roof section of this building was reportedly constructed c.1865 to serve as a Constable's Office and Jail.^{1,2} Not much more is known about this building. The date of the front porch is unknown, but the building appears in essentially the same form and configuration as it appeared ca. 1950.³

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 Historical Interest*.^{4,5}

¹ 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>.

² City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.

³ An undated photograph that appears to be from the 1950s shows the building with no porch. Robert Burrill and Lynn Rogers, *Images of America: Alviso, San Jose*, (San Francisco: Arcadia Publishing, 2006), p. 79.

⁴ Butler, *National Register Nomination: Port of Alviso*.

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