

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

Primary #
HRI #
Trinomial
NRHP Status Code 1CL, 3D

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

Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) China Camp

P1. Other Identifier: Bayside Cannery Cookhouse, Oberon Marina Supply

*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 Location: Not for Publication Unrestricted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 906 Elizabeth Street City San Jose Zip 95002

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S, 560344.00 mE/ 4142898.00 mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, decimal degrees, etc., as appropriate)
APN 015-01-038

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

This two-story, wood frame, rectangular plan building is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Elizabeth and Hope streets. The building sits at the extreme southwest corner of a large, irregularly shaped, 0.97-acre lot. The building has a front-facing gable roof and a shed-roof covered porch that spans across the full width of the south (primary) façade. Two windows moder, tripartite sliding windows with simulated mullions are equally spaced above the shed roof at the second floor. Additional modern, tripartite sliding windows are located on the first and second floor levels on the west, north, and east facades. The south and west (secondary) facades are clad in wood lap siding. The east façade is clad in weathered plywood. The north façade was not clearly visible. The fascia is composed of wide, flat sawn wood boards. No door or window trim was visible. Several mature palm trees are scattered across the lot which backs up to marshes at the edge of San Francisco Bay.

See Continuation Sheet

*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP3, HP8, HP36 -CH Chinese

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 #) Looking northeast at primary and secondary facades, November 2022

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source: Historic Prehistoric
 Both
c. 1929 (HABS)

*P7. Owner and Address:
Robert John and Shelly Carol Gross, Trustee
922 Elizabeth Street
Alviso, CA 95002

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

*P9. Date Recorded: March 29, 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

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P3a: Description (Continued)

History

The building was originally constructed as a workers' dormitory and kitchen for the Bayside Cannery.¹ Dozens of small workers' cottages were located on the land immediately surrounding the building.² The cottages remained through at least 1957 but were demolished by 1963. It was heavily remodeled in the 1970s to its current appearance. It is currently used as an office and residence.

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Status

The Bayside Cannery Cookhouse is not included in the 1972 Port of Alviso Historic District.⁶ However, it was also listed as part of an ensemble of buildings/sites identified in the State of California ethnic site survey.⁷ The seven buildings in the survey were considered eligible for National Register listing as a thematic district and are included in *Five Views: An Ethnic History Site Survey for California*.⁸ These buildings included the Bayside Cannery building, Bayside Cold Storage (or Union Warehouse), Bayside Cannery Office, Bayside Cannery "China Camp" site, the Bayside Apple Dryer site, the Thomas Foon Chew House site, and the Bayside Cannery Cabins site. The Bayside Cannery was designated a San Jose Historic Landmark in 1992. The Port of Alviso was also listed as a California Point of Historical Interest in 1995: the Bayside Cannery and the associated buildings were listed as contributing features.⁹

It is also a contributor to the Bayside Canning Company Historic District. See the Bayside Canning Company Historic District form (DPR 523D) for further information.

¹ City of San Jose, *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995, p. 49.

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

³ *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, p. 49.

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⁵ Boat hulls are clearly visible in aerial photographs from 1963 through 1980.

⁶ 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>.

⁷ "Bay Side Canning Company," *Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California*, 1988, https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/5views/5views3h6.htm.

⁸ Basin Research Associates, Inc., "Cultural Resources Assessment, Alviso Master Plan Area, City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA," prepared for the City of San Jose, 1995.

⁹ *Application for California Point of Historical Interest: Port of Alviso*, 1995.