

SAN FRANCISCO **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

PRESERVATION TEAM REVIEW FORM

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Balboa Reservoir Site	Fax:	
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Phelan Avenue & Ocean Avenue		Planning
Art. 10/11:	BPA/Case No.:	Information: 415.558.637
N/A	2018-007883ENV	
	Balboa Reservoir Site Cross Streets: Phelan Avenue & Ocean Avenu Art. 10/11:	Balboa Reservoir Site Cross Streets: Phelan Avenue & Ocean Avenue Art. 10/11: BPA/Case No.:

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PURPOSE OF REVIEW:			PROJECT DESCRIPTION:		
CEQA	○ Article 10/11	OPreliminary/PIC	○ Alteration	Demo/New Construction	
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DATE OF PLANS UNDER REVIEW:

Preservation Team Meeting Date:

F	PROJECT ISSUES:						
	\boxtimes	Is the subject Property an eligible historic resource?					
		If so, are the proposed changes a significant impact?					
	Additional Notes:						
	Submitted: Historic Resource Evaluation Part 1 prepared by ESA (dated September 2018)						

PRESERVATION TEAM REVIEW:

Category:			∩ A	ОВ	• C	
Individual		Historic District/Context				
Property is individually eligible for inclusion in a California Register under one or more of the following Criteria:		Property is in an eligible California Register Historic District/Context under one or more of the following Criteria:				
Criterion 1 - Event:	⊖ Yes	● No	Criterion 1 - I	Event:	⊖ Ye	s 💿 No
Criterion 2 -Persons:	∩ Yes	⊙ No	Criterion 2 -F	ersons:	⊖ Ye	s 💿 No
Criterion 3 - Architecture:	⊖ Yes	No	Criterion 3 - /	Architecture:	⊖ Ye	s 💿 No
Criterion 4 - Info. Potential:	⊖ Yes	⊙ No	Criterion 4 - I	nfo. Potentia	l: OYes	s 💿 No
Period of Significance:			Period of Sig	nificance:		
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Complies with the Secretary's Standards/Art 10/Art 11:	⊖ Yes	⊖ No	• N/A
CEQA Material Impairment to the individual historic resource:	⊖ Yes	No	
CEQA Material Impairment to the historic district:	⊖ Yes	No	
Requires Design Revisions:	⊖ Yes	⊖ No	
Defer to Residential Design Team:	⊖ Yes	⊖ No	

PRESERVATION TEAM COMMENTS:

According to the Historic Resource Evaluation Part 1 and information found in the Planning Department files, the subject property is an undeveloped 17-acre site currently used as a parking lot for City College of San Francisco named the Balboa Reservoir site. The site is situated northwest of the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way (formerly Phelan Avenue) in the West of Twin Peaks neighborhood. The site is bordered on three sides by sloping earthen embankments, the earliest of which dates from the 1950s. The earliest use of the land dates to 1881, when it was purchased as part of the Rancho San Miguel land holdings to be utilized for crop production. The land was sold to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in 1930 and in 1933, work began to convert the land into a reservoir under the Civil Works Administration. Initial work included stripping surface soil, dividing wall embankment and earth embankment on two sides and in 1934, work was discontinued, along with all other Civil Works Administration projects. The site was never fully developed as a reservoir, and the land was ultimately leased to various tenants over the remainder of its existence, with the longest tenant being City College (1998 - Present), which currently uses the site as a parking lot. There are no other structures or buildings located on the site that could be potential historic resources.

The site was previously included in the 2005 Balboa Park Station Area Plan Survey, but was not formally evaluated. Staff agrees with the findings of the HRE that the site is not eligible for listing in the California Register under any criteria. The site did it play an important role in the operations of the Hetch Hetchy regional water system such that it would be considered significant under Criterion 1. No owners or occupants of the site have been identified as having made significant contributions to local, state or national history (Criterion 2). The site is was never fully realized as a reservoir and is considered utilitarian in nature with no architectural ornamentation or structural innovation such that it would be considered significant under Criterion 3. Based upon review of information in the Departments records, the site is not significant under Criterion 4, since this criterion typically applies to rare construction types when involving the built environment. The subject site does not contain buildings that would be considered examples of rare construction types. Assessment of archeological sensitivity is undertaken through the Department's Preliminary Archeological Review process and is outside the scope of this review. Additionally, the does not appear to be any regional water system historic districts to which the Balboa Reservoir site would contribute.

Therefore, the subject site is not eligible for listing in the California Register under any criteria individually or as part of a historic district.

Signature of a Senior Preservation Planner / Preservation Coordinator:	Date: