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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: The Pereira Octagon Barn

Other names/site number: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)



2. Location

Street & number: 4400 Octagon Way

City or town: San Luis Obispo State: California County: San Luis Obispo

Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☒

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

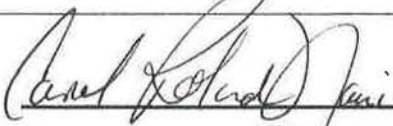
I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A B x C D

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|  | State Historic Preservation Officer | <u>Nov. 26, 2013</u> |
| Signature of certifying official/Title: | | Date |
| <u>California Office of Historic Preservation</u> | | |
| State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government | | |

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| In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria. | |
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| Signature of commenting official: | Date |
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| Title : | State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government |

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:)


Signature of the Keeper

1.15.14
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☒
Public – Local ☐
Public – State ☐
Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☒
District ☐
Site ☐
Structure ☐
Object ☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture/Subsistence: Animal Facility

Category: Domestic (historic):

Subcategory: Secondary Structure

Category: Agriculture/Subsistence (historic):

Subcategories: Animal Facility &

Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Work in progress

Category: Social (anticipated):

Subcategory: Civic

Category: Recreation and Culture (anticipated):

Subcategories: Auditorium & Museum

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Mid-19th Century Octagon Mode

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

Foundation: Concrete

Walls: Vertical Wood Planks

Roof: Redwood Shingles

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Pereira Octagon Barn is a former dairy barn built in 1906 on land which was originally part of a Mexican-era land grant. The barn is a late manifestation of the Octagon Style of barn which was popular in the second half of the 19th century, particularly in the dairy states of the Middle West. This one-story barn encloses roughly 5000 square feet of space. Its exterior walls are painted white; its roof consists of eight triangularly shaped sections and is topped by a 10-foot tall, louvered cupola. The restoration, done by volunteers of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo, took almost 15 years. Thanks to these efforts, completed in 2012, the barn is in excellent condition and manifests a great deal of historical integrity.

Narrative Description

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Pereira Octagon Barn is significant at the local level under Criteria A for its role in San Luis Obispo County's dairy industry and Criterion C as a rare example of Octagon architecture. The period of significance is 1906 until approximately 1950, when the property was no longer used as a dairy barn and became a beef cattle barn.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Criterion C, Architecture: The Pereira Octagon Barn is one of the few West Coast examples of the eight-sided barn architecture, which was intended to be more efficient for the farmer in the days before mechanization made farm labor less arduous.

Criterion A, Agriculture: The Pereira Octagon Barn served as a dairy barn for approximately 50 years, in a county known from the 1860s to the 1950s for its production of milk, butter, and cheese. Constructed in 1906 at a time when local dairy people were realizing the importance of adapting modern methods of farming, the barn was part of a Grade A dairy operation until the mid-1950s, at which time the property was converted to a beef cattle operation.

See Continuation Sheet Section 8, which covers both areas of significance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

See Continuation Sheet, titled "Bibliography" (following Continuation Sheet for Section 8)

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2 acres

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☒ NAD 1983

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet title "Verbal Boundary Description" following "Bibliography"

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These are the boundaries indicated in the legal description.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. Previously submitted with Landmark Application.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map. Previously submitted.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Location and Setting:

The Pereira Octagon barn is located on a two-acre, leased parcel just off South Higuera Street (at 4400 Octagon Way), one mile south of the city limits of San Luis Obispo, in San Luis Obispo County, California. The barn is fully visible from South Higuera Street, as well as from a northbound portion of US 101 which runs parallel to South Higuera.

To the north is a property used for RV storage. To the south and east are rolling hills of agricultural land. To the west, beyond a narrow strip of cultivated land, is a small creek, and beyond the creek is U.S. 101. West of the highway are the Irish hills, which are largely undeveloped.

Type and Style

The Pereira Octagon barn, with its eight-sided construction, is a late manifestation of the Octagonal Style of barn popular in the dairy states of the Midwest in the second half of the 19th century. Very few octagonal barns were built in the states on the Pacific Coast (Washington, Oregon, and California). In San Luis Obispo County, the most common type of barn was the monitor-style barn—a rectangular structure with a raised ceiling along the center of the building.

Size/Materials

This one-story, eight-sided barn measures 78 feet across and encloses approximately 5,000 square feet of interior space. The barn itself is 45 feet tall, including a 10-foot-tall, louvered, octagonal cupola which provides ventilation and natural light. There is a weather vane at the top of the cupola.

Each of the barn's eight vertical faces is approximately 10 feet tall and 32 feet wide. The walls and three of the four doors are rough-sawn, irregular-width redwood boards, painted white. Much of this wood is original; some has been salvaged from sources of a similar age--most notably, from a dismantled, century-old barn in nearby Guadalupe.

The barn has a concrete foundation under the outside walls and a 10-foot wide concrete apron inside the walls. This apron once included a trough for the disposal of animal waste and water. For reasons of public safety, this trough, which slopes toward a drain on the north side of the barn, has been filled with concrete. The remainder of the interior space is surfaced with decomposed/crushed granite, which recalls the original dirt floor of the working barn.

The barn is open in the interior, exposing the underside of the entire roof structure. There are 16 evenly spaced footings set 15 feet inside the exterior walls and spaced around the octagon shape (at vertices and at the middle of line segments). These footings support 4-inch by 4-inch columns, which in turn support a truss structure and horizontal beams for the open span of the roof.

The barn is roofed with redwood shingles obtained from "sinker logs" retrieved in a salvage operation in British Columbia. This use of salvaged, old-growth redwood was an ecologically acceptable solution to

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the challenge of finding suitable roofing material for the restoration. The shingles were custom-sawn and cut to 7" x 30" to replicate the originals.

In a sense, the roof is cantilevered from eight different directions, and held together at the peak and cupola. This unique structure has proven itself for over 100 years, withstanding the strong winds from the nearby Los Osos Valley and an occasional earthquake.

The barn was originally outfitted with stalls and stanchions to support its dairying function. These were removed during the restoration process. Also during the restoration, above each of the barn's 16 footings, an additional beam (to form a rigid triangular truss shape) was added to the original beam structure. This was done to improve structural strength without compromising the very "open" feeling of the interior of the barn.

Condition and Integrity:

The barn is in excellent condition, having been completely restored over a 15-year period by volunteers of the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County. The barn's historic integrity is manifested in the following:

- a) The barn remains in its original location and retains its original "look."
- b) The barn's original octagonal design is intact.
- c) Insofar as possible, the barn's original materials have been retained. Much of the wood in the walls is original. The roof's shingles had to be replaced, but the new shingles were made from salvaged "sinker logs," custom cut at 30 inches in length, and of an age consistent with the barn's original materials.
- d) The feeling and association of the barn still resonate with its essential character as a working dairy barn from its construction in 1906 up through the mid- 1950s, when it ceased to be a dairy barn and was used mainly for storage of equipment and feed (in a beef cattle operation).

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Criterion C: Statement of Significance for Architecture

The Pereira Octagon Barn is a late manifestation of the Octagonal Style of barn popular in the dairy states of the Midwest in the second half of the 19th century. Although the peak years of popularity of octagon-style barns were the 1880s, it took longer for San Luis Obispo County to get its own eight-sided barn. This may be attributable to the relative isolation and slow development which marked the area from its earliest days of European settlement.

The creator and popularizer of the eight-sided design was the charismatic and very persuasive Orson Squires Fowler, a native of New York state. By the mid-19th century, the impassioned Mr. Fowler had popularized the Victorian "science" of phrenology (the effort to determine character traits by measuring the contours of the human head) and had established a national business publishing self-help books, health treatises, and sometimes-controversial marital advice. Then he lit on the concept of an octagonal building as the most efficient, most desirable, most modern of designs. He published his ideas in 1848 and sparked a national fad for octagonal houses. The development of octagonal barns was not far behind.

Although Fowler left the actual design of different octagon barns to the decisions of local builders, by 1900 national farm-supply companies and merchandising giants such as Sears were furnishing patterns and even pre-fab kits of lumber for octagonal barns along with plans for other polygonal barns (hexagonal, 12-sided, 16-sided, etc.) and for "true-round" barns.

Some of the advantages claimed for an octagon barn were:

- 1) a greater volume-to-surface ratio than a rectangular barn, which meant a greater area could be enclosed using less construction material.
- 2) The greater open space in the octagonal interior meant less need for other structures such as calving barns, holding pens, or other out-buildings.
- 3) The centralized nature of the layout would save farmers precious steps as they labored to feed, milk, and clean up after their cows. (In barns, Fowler wrote, "we need some common center in and around which to work. This form will turn the heads of all the horses and cattle, and openings to all the bays and bins, toward this center, so that one can pass from bay to stall, and from every part to every other, with half the steps required [in a rectangular or square barn]...." The octagon barn's labor-saving features were most appealing at a time when mechanization was only beginning. As cattle could be stanchioned in a circular pattern, facing a central feeding area, the farmers' chores of feeding and clean-up could be accomplished with fewer steps as they circled along the feed troughs in the center and the waste troughs located to the rear of the cows on the exterior perimeter. The task of milking, too, was claimed to be easier, as the triangular space available to each cow was wider towards her rear, making her milking anatomy more accessible, whether milking was done by hand or by machine.
- 4) The shape of an octagon barn resisted high winds and heavy storms better than rectangular barns did.

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The Pereira Octagon Barn, with its eight-sided design, its economy of materials, its uninterrupted interior space, its circular pattern for placement and feeding of cattle, its octagonal, louvered cupola providing light and ventilation, and its increased wind-resistance, is a classic example of the Octagonal Style.

Criterion A: Statement of Significance for Agriculture

Early Commercial Dairying in San Luis Obispo County:

Beginning in the mid-1860s, San Luis Obispo County became one of the important centers of the early commercial-dairy business in California. Referred to as "cow heaven" by early dairymen, the area had the advantages of cheap land, a mild climate with sufficient rain for pasturage through the spring and early summer months, and proximity and access via steam ships to the enormous San Francisco market.

Expansion of the County's Dairy Industry:

In the last 30 years of the 19th century, there was a virtual explosion of dairying in the County. Many immigrants found their way to this "cow heaven" and took entry-level jobs as milkers, aspiring to work their way up to leasing a piece of land and a small herd of cows, and eventually to owning their own dairies. The Ticinese from Italian-speaking Switzerland and the Azorean Portuguese were the two ethnic groups most important in this migration. Delivery of dairy products to large markets became faster and easier when the County was finally made part of the Southern Pacific system in the 1890s.

The Need to Modernize:

Towards the turn of the century, local dairy people were dismayed by the competitive prices of butter and cheese products shipped by rail from dairy centers in the Midwest and on the East Coast. There was a growing awareness in the county that modernization would be essential to the continued success of the county's business of producing milk, cheese, and butter. Efforts to address this situation led to local farmers' efforts to improve their herds through importing better breeding stock, as well as to use newly available machinery such as the Laval cream separator and various types of milking machines. The cultivation of alfalfa as a supplement to pasturage became an accepted practice, and milking operations, once seasonal, became a year-round practice. A dairymen's union was formed with the purpose of providing its members with up-to-date information on the best and latest methods. This spirit of modernization also led to the establishment of the California Polytechnic School (now California Polytechnic State University) in the city of San Luis Obispo; the earliest curriculum included courses in dairy science.

The Pereira Octagon Barn as part of the Modernization of the County's Dairy Business:

(Note: The perceived advantages and "modern" aspects of an eight-sided barn are covered in the "Statement of Significance to Architecture.")

Built in 1906, the Pereira Octagon Barn was part of this local effort at modernization of the dairy business. It served as a dairy barn for some 50 years. The Pereiras' business, known as the Home Dairy, was a Grade A dairy with a processing facility just three miles away in downtown San Luis Obispo.

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There, the milk was pasteurized and bottled. Then, in the early-morning hours, it was delivered to residents all over the city.

The End of the County's Dairy Days:

In the mid-1950s, as mechanization of the dairy industry led to a concentration of larger and larger dairy herds in California's Central Valley, local farmers could no longer compete with these economies of scale. Most of the county's creameries closed down, and hauling charges to distant creameries were prohibitive. The Pereiras, along with most other SLO county dairy farmers, converted from dairy cattle to beef cattle, thus ending the county's 90-year history of dairying.

The Barn Restored:

The barn remained the property of the Pereira family until 1994, but it had become a sort of "white elephant" which couldn't accommodate newer, larger farming machinery and wasn't needed for range-grazing beef cattle. The property was sold to John and Howard Hayashi in 1994, by which time the barn's condition had badly deteriorated. Its new owners assumed it would eventually collapse. In 1997, the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, led by Executive Director Ray Belknap, arranged to lease and restore the barn.

The 15-year restoration effort, carried out entirely by volunteers, is now largely complete, and the Pereira Octagon Barn stands as an icon representing the area's agricultural past. It is testimony to the 90-year period when dairies flourished in San Obispo County, creating the agricultural infrastructure which is still one of the area's defining characteristics. It is a direct link to the days when the county's green hills and fertile valleys were known far and wide as "cow heaven."

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Bell, Maxine. Granddaughter of Henri LaFranchi, one of the three men who built the Pereira Octagon Barn. In-person interview, with notes, March 6, 2012, and July 31, 2012.

Carson, Ed. One of the leaders in restoration of the Octagon Barn. In-person interview, May 4, 2012, taped and transcribed.

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That portion of Lot 38 of Ranchita de Santa Fe in Township 31 South, Range 12 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, also being a portion of the parcel of land described in Certificate of Compliance recorded as Document Number 93-079406 in the County Recorder's office of said County and State, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly right of way of Higuera Street as shown on the parcel Map recorded in Book 47 of Parcel Maps (hereinafter known as 47 PM 41) on file in said County Recorder's Office, said point being the most Northerly point on the line designated as "L26" on said map; thence easterly, leaving said right of way line and along the easterly line of Parcel 1 as shown on 47 PM 41, South 63° 42' 09" East a distance of 82.20 feet to an angle point in said easterly line, thence southerly along said parcel line South 15° 30' 04" West 446.72 feet; thence leaving said parcel line North 67° 52' 43" West 231.97 feet to a point on the center line of Higuera Street as shown on 47 PM 41, said point being on a 2000 foot radius curve concave westerly, a radial line to said point bears South 57° 34' 48" East; thence Northerly along the arc of said curve through a central angle of 3° 21' 50" and arc distance of 117.41 feet; thence continuing along said centerline and tangent to said curve North 29° 03' 22" East 823.22 feet to the intersection with the easterly line of said Parcel 1; thence southerly along the Easterly Parcel line South 19° 21' 09" West 273.31 feet to the Easterly right of way line of Higuera Street; thence Southerly along said right of way line South 29° 03' 22" West 284.34 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Photo Log

All photos taken by B.K. Richard, June 2013.

Photo 1: Interior of Octagon Barn looking toward a temporary stage (facing west.)

Photo 2: Octagon Barn from the north

Photo 3: Octagon Barn from the south

Photo 4: Octagon Barn from the east

Photo 5: Octagon Barn from the west

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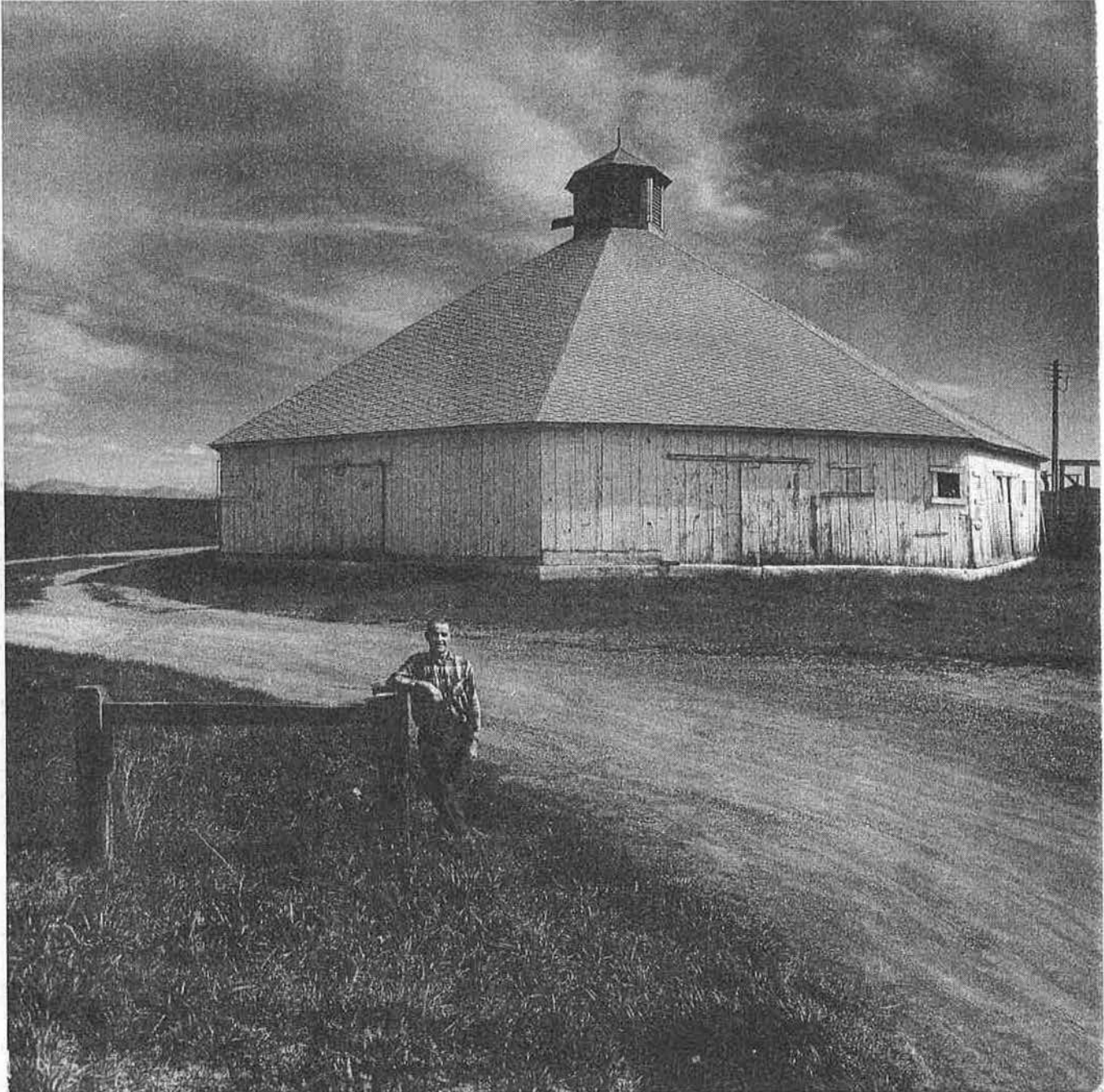


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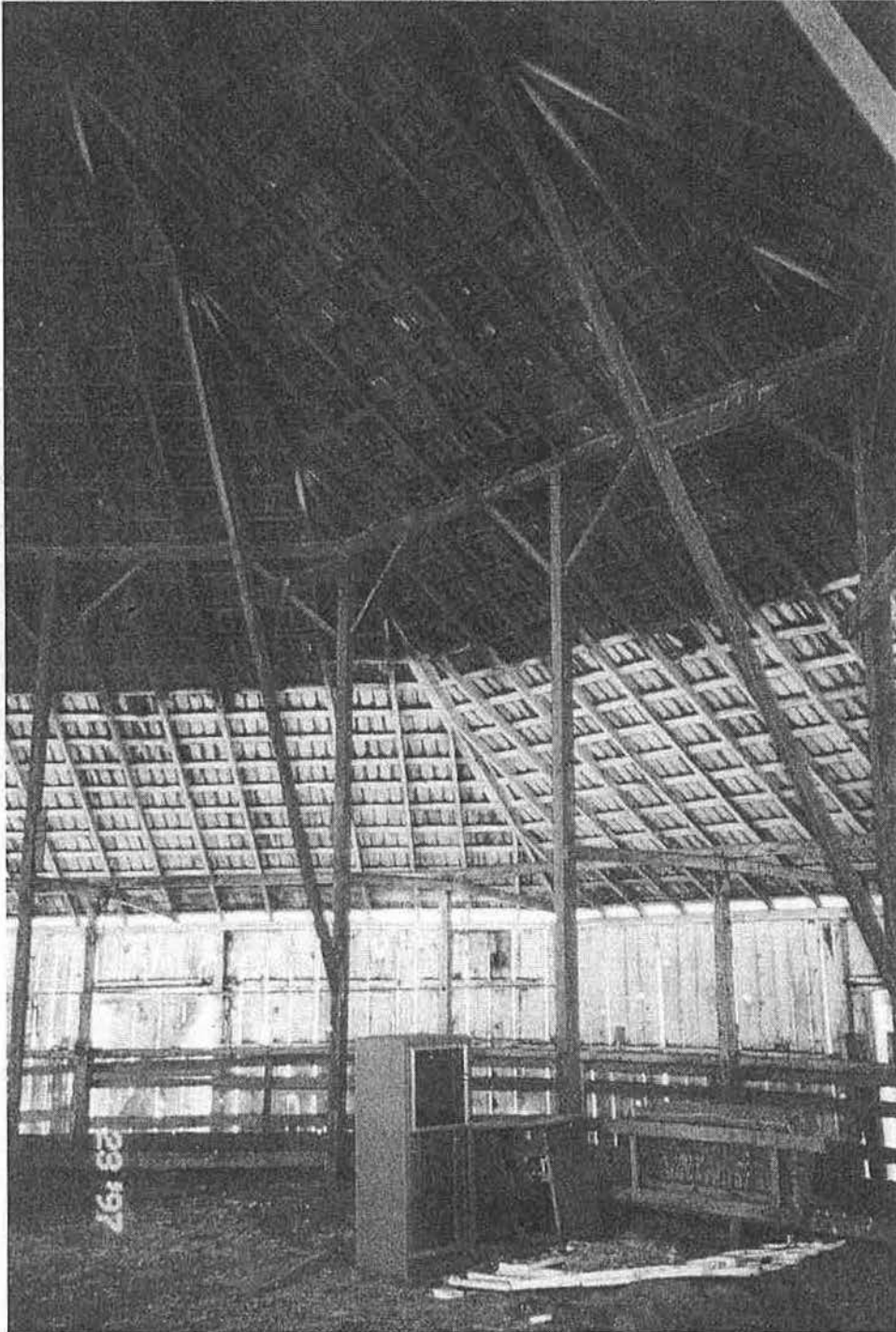


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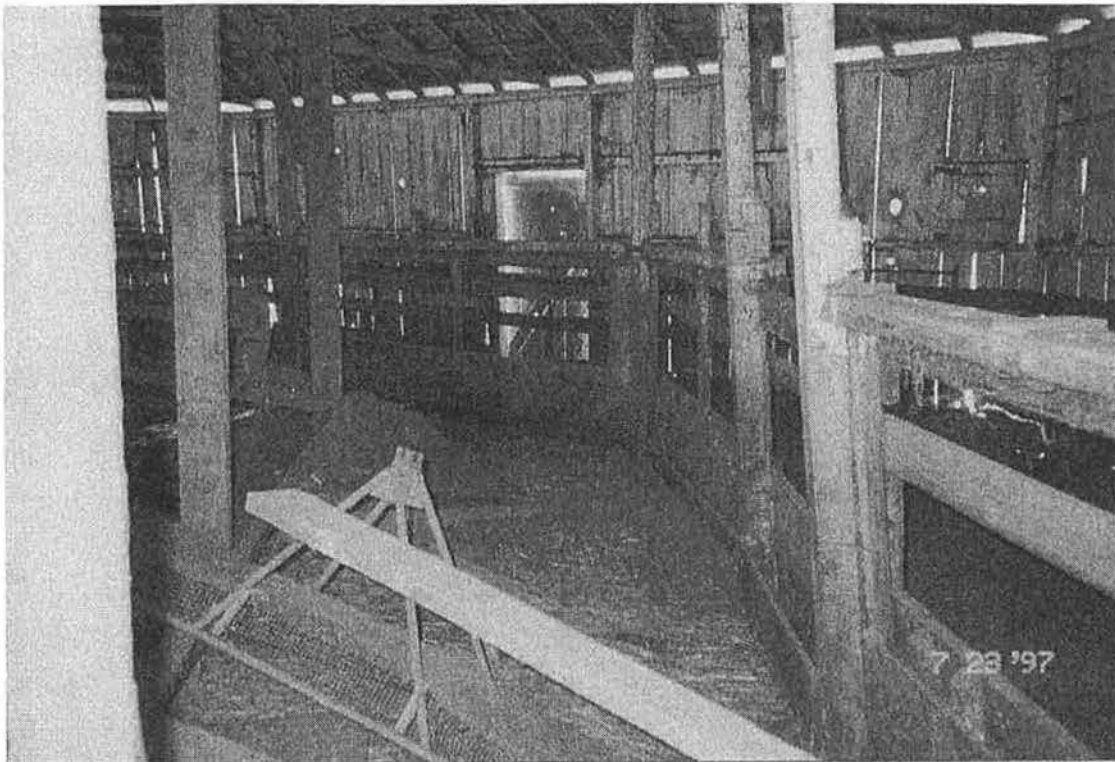


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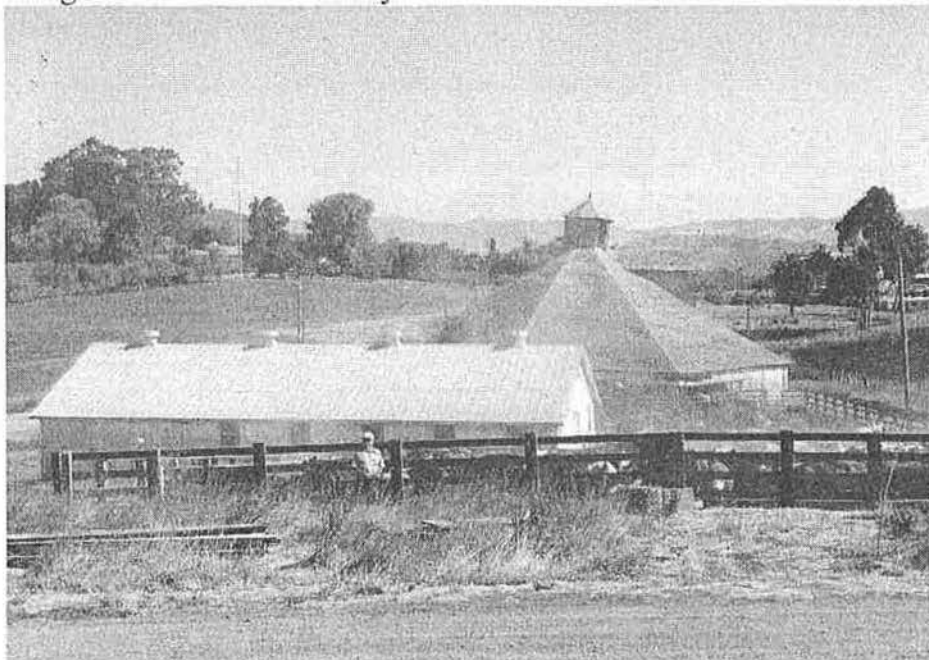


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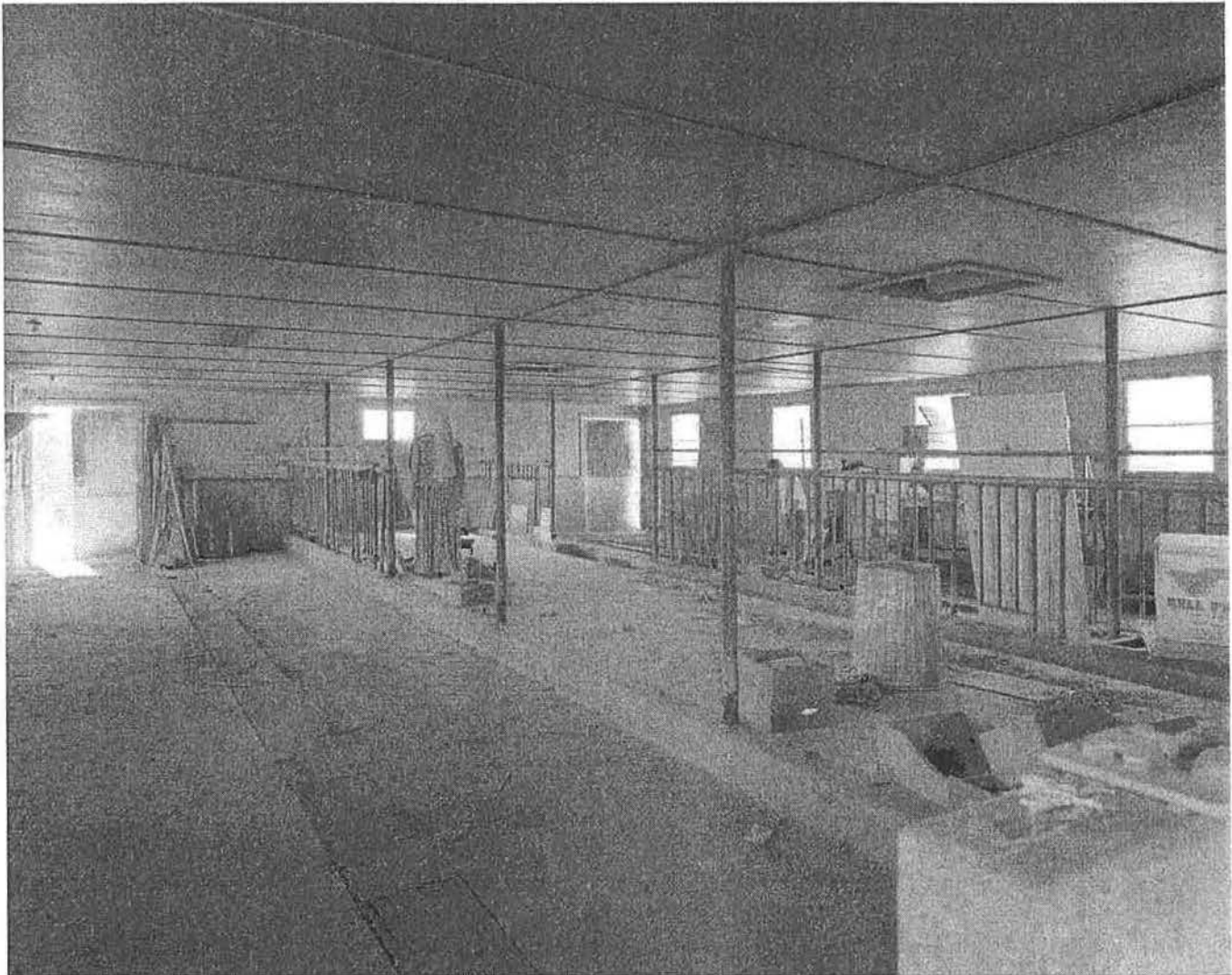


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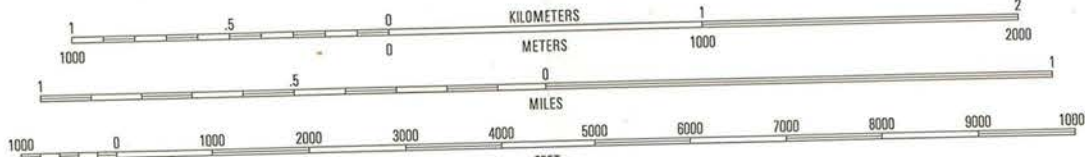
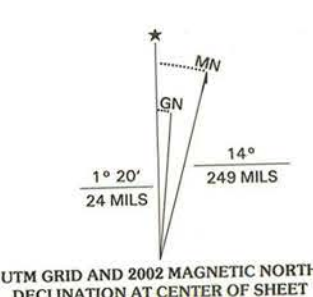
PEREIRA OCTAGON BARN
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

711240 M E
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ZONE 10

PISMO BEACH QUADRANGLE
CALIFORNIA-SAN LUIS OBISPO CO.
7.5-MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



Produced by the United States Geological Survey
Topography compiled 1963. Planimetry derived from imagery taken 1988 and other sources. Photomapped using imagery taken 1998; no major culture or drainage changes observed. Public Land Survey System and survey control current as of 1990. Boundaries other than corporate, verified 2002.
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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ADJOINING 7.5 QUADRANGLES

1 Morro Bay South
2 San Luis Obispo
3 Lopez Mountain
4 Port San Luis
5 Arroyo Grande NE
6
7 Oceano
8 Oceano

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway
Secondary highway
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

PISMO BEACH, CA
1998
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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Pereira Octagon Barn

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: CALIFORNIA, San Luis Obispo

DATE RECEIVED: 11/29/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/15/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13001068

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1-15-14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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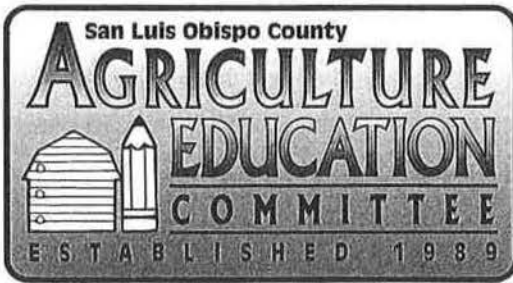
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REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



October 17, 2013

California State Parks
Attn: Office of Historic Preservation
Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D., State Historic Preservation Officer
1725 23rd St., Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95816

**Re: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for
Pereira Octagon Barn - November 8, 2013**

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

We write to express our strong support of placing the Pereira Octagon Barn on the National Register of Historic Places at your November 8, 2013 meeting.

The Pereira Octagon Barn is significant as an agricultural education site, giving visitors a peak into the past of the San Luis Obispo area. Dairying was ubiquitous throughout the area during the first half of the 20th Century, managed mostly by Swiss and Portugese immigrants.

The Barn's prominent location along Highway 101 to the south entrance of San Luis Obispo City makes for a beacon of historic value, welcoming visitors to the rural community. Plans for community events along with agricultural educational displays is an excellent means to draw visitors, eventually educating them on the impact agriculture has both past and present. Additionally, the Octagon Barn is such a rare facility, being one of only 3 octagon barns left in California.

We highly recommend the Octagon Barn be placed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its important role played in our county's rich agricultural history. Thank you for your consideration of this community treasure.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Clark
Coordinator
Agriculture Education Committee



city of san luis obispo

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

990 Palm Street ■ San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3249 ■ 805/781-7119

October 7, 2013

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

SUBJECT: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for Pereira Octagon Barn

Dear Mrs. Roland-Nawi,

I would like to express the City's endorsement of the Pereira Octagon barn for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although not officially within the City Limits, the barn is located at the southern gateway to the City, and is a reminder of the City's agrarian history. The recent volunteer efforts to restore this rare and iconic landmark have highlighted the community's dedication to this property and reinforced the need to recognize it as a public resource. Future plans include the use of the barn for community events, and use of the surrounding property as a trailhead for multi-use trails that will link the City to Avila Beach.

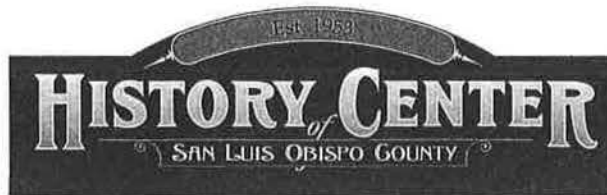
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Implementation of the City's historic preservation program is guided by a seven-member Cultural Heritage Committee and a staff liaison from the City's Community Development Department. The City's Cultural Heritage Committee and liaison support the nomination of the Octagon Barn to the National Register.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor Jan Howell Marx

CC: City Council
Katie Lichtig, City Manager



October 3, 2013

California State Parks / Office of Historic Preservation
Attn: Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D./State Historic Preservation Officer
1725 23rd Street/Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: Pereira Octagon Barn/National Register Nomination

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi,

As President of the Board of Directors of the History Center of San Luis Obispo County, I am writing you in support of the nomination of the Pereira Octagon Barn in San Luis Obispo County to the National Register.

Our county, which is now known for its wines and its beef cattle, was for over 50 years a center of the state's dairy industry. Most of the old barns in the county were originally built as dairy barns, and many of them still stand but have been converted to other purposes. The Pereira Octagon Barn, built in 1906, first served the Santa Fe Dairy, and then the Home Dairy, until the mid-1950s. During that time, its ownership and management were represented by large numbers of Swiss and Portuguese immigrants, who were the backbone of our local dairy business.

In addition to its role in our dairy history, the Barn is notable for its octagonal design, which was popular in the Midwest, but had limited acceptance in the West. It is one of only two octagonal barns in the state, and it is the only one accessible to the public and easily viewed from a major road or highway.

Over the last 15 years, the Pereira Octagon Barn has been restored by volunteers of the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy. Its history has been fully documented, and plans for its future include agricultural displays and education, as well as a venue for public and private events. In addition, it will serve as the official beginning of the 11-mile Bob Jones City-to-Sea Bicycle Trail connecting the City of San Luis Obispo and Avila Beach.

The mission of our History Center is to promote the understanding and appreciation of San Luis Obispo County's historical and cultural heritage. We see the Pereira Octagon Barn as an integral part of that heritage, and we hope that the Office of Historic Preservation will concur in that judgment as it considers the barn's nomination to the National Register at its meeting on November 8.

Thank you,

Charles Crotser
President/Board of Directors
History Center of San Luis Obispo County
696 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Howell Marx".

Mayor Jan Howell Marx

CC: City Council
Katie Lichtig, City Manager

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Re: National Register of Historic Places Nomination for
Pereira Octagon Barn - November 8, 2013

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

We write to express our strong support of placing the Pereira Octagon Barn on the National Register of Historic Places at your November 8, 2013 meeting.

The Pereira Octagon Barn (the "Barn") in San Luis Obispo County, one of only two octagonal barns in California, is considered by many people in our County to be the most significant and highly visible symbol of our deep historical roots in agriculture.

Dairy farming was a major industry in San Luis Obispo following the Civil War, and in 1906 the Barn was constructed and served as a dairy barn for over 50 years. Its chain of title shows that the property appurtenant to the Barn has been owned and/or operated by members of the major immigrant groups that had a significant hand in shaping the post-Civil War economy and culture of San Luis Obispo, such as Azorean Portuguese and Swiss Italians.

In addition to its unique architectural and historical significance, the Pereira Octagon Barn is extremely accessible and visible to the public as it is prominently located on one of our County's major viewshed corridors. Its ideal location and extensively documented history, that of which is unmatched by any other historical barn in San Luis Obispo, has enabled the general public to learn about and share in its rich historical and agricultural significance through tours, talks, exhibits, and special events.

To this end, we ask that you add the Pereira Octagon Barn to the National Register of Historic Places and help preserve the heritage of San Luis Obispo County and the State of California. Thank you for considering this property as a National Historic Landmark.

Sincerely,

BRUCE GIBSON
Acting Chairperson

Pereira Octagon Barn
San Luis Obispo (vicinity), San Luis Obispo County
Staff Report

Pereira Octagon Barn is a former dairy barn built in 1906, a late manifestation of the Octagon Style of barn popular in the second half of the 19th century. The barn's exterior is constructed of painted wood siding and wood shingles, and covers an area of approximately 5000 square feet, and is topped by a 10 foot tall louvered cupola.

The barn was built by John Damaso for use as a dairy barn. Each of the eight vertical faces are approximately 10 feet tall and 32 feet wide. The wood of the siding is rough-hewn redwood painted white. The property was recently restored, using salvaged wood from a barn of similar age and material in Guadalupe, California. The restoration also utilized shingles made from salvaged redwood "sinker logs" recovered off the coast of British Columbia and custom-sawn to replicate the original shingles. The foundation around the building perimeter is concrete, with a 10-foot wide concrete apron within the walls. The original trough for disposal of animal waste was filled in with concrete, and the original dirt floor surface of the barn interior is currently covered with decomposed granite. Restoration using like materials has resulted in an overall high degree of integrity despite material replacement of some of the barn siding and roof.

The property is eligible under Criterion A for its role in San Luis Obispo's dairy industry from 1906 to the early 1950s, and under Criterion C as an exceptionally rare West Coast example of Octagon style architecture.

The property is nominated by the Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo on behalf of the building owner. The nomination has received 5 letters of support.

Staff recommends the Commission determine the Pereira Octagon Barn eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance, with a period of significance of 1906-1950. Staff further recommends the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination for forwarding to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register.

William Burg
State Historian I
November 7, 2013

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November 26, 2013

Ms. Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service 2280
1201 I (Eye) Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: **Pereira Octagon Barn**
San Luis Obispo County, California
National Register of Historic Places

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find the **Pereira Octagon Barn** nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This property is located in San Luis Obispo County, California. On November 7, 2013, the State Historical Resources Commission unanimously found the property eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance.

The property is nominated by the property owner. Five letters of support are included.

If you have any questions regarding this nomination, please contact William Burg of my staff at 916-445-7004.

Sincerely,

Carol Roland-Nawi, Ph.D.
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures