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California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Historic Preservation
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California Garden and Landscape Historical Society Board believes BAREC deserves listing on the State and National Historical Registry by virtue of its significance.

As a UC Agricultural Research Station since the 1920s, BAREC has contributed to California's agriculture and gardens. Educational programs and research papers for gardeners, farmers, orchardists, and professional landscapers emerged from the station as did an internationally recognized drought sod study. San Jose's Green Waste Program and Japanese strawberry growers' cultural study have also come from here.

California Garden and Landscape History Society's mission is to aid and promote interest in, study of, and education about our state's garden and landscape history. We celebrate California's beauty, wealth, and diversity through our quarterly journal EDEN, our website www.cglhs.org, and our annual conference to explore aspects of California's garden and landscape history. Meetings take place throughout the state at sites including Santa Barbara, Berkeley, San Diego, Monterey, Sonoma, Palo Alto, Sacramento, Long Beach, San Juan Capistrano, St. Helena.

We advocate BAREC's continuing existence for our understanding of how California gardens and landscapes came to look and produce in the fashion they do. BAREC as it existed in the past contributes to California's future.

Sincerely,

Theodora Gurns, President