



San Fernando Valley Area Plan Draft Historic Context Statement

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Interpretación de Idiomas

Esta reunión está siendo traducida al Español.
Para acceder a la interpretación de idiomas:

1. Seleccione “Interpretación” (icono de globo terráqueo).
2. En el menú desplegable, elija el idioma que desea escuchar.

AGENDA

1. Historic Context Statement Definition
2. HCS Purpose
3. Overview of the Draft
4. Next Steps
5. Questions and Answers

Historic Context Statements (HCS)

- Identify the **important themes** relevant to the history and development of the built environment of a geographic area.
- Establish **periods of historical significance** for each of the important themes, while identifying **significant property types**.
- Serve as the background information for a historic resource survey.

HCS Purpose

- The HCS will inform the Area Plan by:
 - Revealing the land development history of the planning area.
 - Providing recommended goals, policies and programs that support preservation of historic resources while accommodating necessary growth and development.
 - Informing sections of the Environmental Impact Report.
 - The HCS will provide the foundation for subsequent historic resources surveys.

HCS Overview - Identified Themes

Theme: **Residential Development**

Subthemes: **Homesteads, Early Single-Family Residential (SFR) Development, Post WWII SFR Development, Subdivisions and Planned Communities**

- Henry Kagel adobe homestead
- El Merrie Del, Deer Lake Highlands, Twin Lakes Park, and Chatsworth Lake Manor.
- Westhills Subdivision



Advertising Brochure for Twin Lakes Park (1927)
SOURCE: CSUN University Library, Digital Collections

HCS Overview - Identified Themes

Theme: **Commercial Development**

- The Hideaway Bar and Grill
- Log Cabin Mercantile
- Chatsworth Lake Market
- Valley Circle Plaza



Top: Hideaway Bar and Grill
SOURCE: LA County

HCS Overview - Identified Themes

Theme: **Civic and Institutional Development**

Subthemes: **Religion and Spirituality, Government Services, Health and Medicine, and Parks and Recreation**

- Chatsworth Lake Church
- Sholom Memorial Park and Mortuary
- Fire Stations 74 and 75
- Hope Gardens
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Dexter Park



Chatsworth Lake Church
SOURCE: Rangwala Associates

HCS Overview - Identified Themes

Theme: **Industrial Development**

Subthemes: **Filming and Entertainment,**
Military Operations and Civil Defense

- Cecil DeMille
- (Upper) Iverson Ranch
- Nike Missile Site



Opening of Nike Site LA-88 (1956)
SOURCE: Los Angeles Public Library

HCS Overview - Identified Themes

Theme: **Agricultural Development**

- Small farmsteads with citrus, olive, and avocado groves alongside natural creeks and washes.



San Fernando Valley Orange Grove (1937)
SOURCE: Los Angeles Library, Herman J. Schultheis Collection

HCS Overview - Architectural Styles

SUB-THEME	ASSOCIATED STYLES
Late 19th and Early 20th Century Movements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vernacular Victorian • Craftsman
Period Revival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spanish Colonial Revival • Tudor Revival • American Colonial Revival
Minimal Traditional	
Post-World War II Architectural Styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Century Modern • Ranch



Craftsma



Spanish Colonial



Tudor Revival



Mid-Century Modern

HCS Overview - Recommendations

- Historic Resources Survey
- Inventory of eligible historic resources
- Intensive-level survey of eligible historic resources
- Thematic studies (e.g., ethnic/cultural history, cultural landscapes, commercial identity/ legacy businesses, filming/ entertainment industry sites)



Right: Twin Lakes Park Mayan-Themed Entrance (1927)

SOURCE: UC Santa Barbara Art Museum, Architecture and Design Collection

HCS Overview - Recommendations

- Periodically update the historic context statement
- Prioritize surveys in areas with the greatest amount of construction activities.
- Increase awareness and appreciation for the local history of the area
- Encourage local landmark nominations
- Designate sites that were previously determined eligible, such as Dexter Park
- Prioritize landmark nominations identified through community outreach
- Promote the Mills Act and other County preservation programs



HCS Overview - Recommendations

- Hideaway Bar and Grill
- Kagel Canyon Community Board
- Fire Station Nos. 74 and 75
- Glen Haven and Shalom Memorial Parks
- Forester Haven/Hope Gardens
- Extant cabins from Kagel Canyon and Twin Lakes Park
- Nike Missile Site
- Dams and other water infrastructure
- Lone Ranger Cabin and other remnant features of Iverson Movie Ranch
- Rock formations at and near Stoney Point and Garden of the Gods
- House of Captain and Tenille
- Chatsworth Lake Church
- Log Cabin Mercantile
- Grandmother oak tree (9210 Ventura Way)
- Chatsworth Oak Park



Next Steps

- **Historical Landmark and Records Commission** Hearing April 25, 2025, at 9:30 am (virtual and in-person options)
- San Fernando Valley Area Plan:
 - Background Report
 - Goals and Policies
 - Area Plan Draft
 - Environmental Impact Report



View of Works Progress Administration work crew at Dexter Park (1937)
SOURCE: LA County Library Digital Collections

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Community Meeting Survey Link:
<https://forms.office.com/g/kxuxCsafQg>