

**VENTURA COUNTY CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF THE
PIRU QUONSET HUT COMMUNITY CENTER,
FORMERLY LOCATED AT 802 ORCHARD STREET, PIRU, CA 93040,
AS VENTURA COUNTY POINT OF INTEREST NO. 19**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance No. 4604 on July 26, 2022 (Ordinance). The Ordinance authorizes the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) to designate Ventura County Cultural Heritage Sites, including Points of Interest, if they meet applicable criteria;

WHEREAS, the Piru Quonset Hut Community Center, formerly located at 802 Orchard Street, Piru, CA 93040 and identified as Assessor's Parcel Number 056-0-070-030 ("Property") is under consideration for designation as a Ventura County Point of Interest;

WHEREAS, the owner of the Property, County of Ventura Parks Department ("Owner"), consents to the Property's designation;

WHEREAS, the *Los Angeles Times* article dated, October 11, 2000, reported the Property's history as a vibrant social gathering place during the mid- to late twentieth century, hosting weddings, baptisms, quinceañeras, community dances, and other events central to the cultural life of Piru residents;

WHEREAS, the Staff Report to the CHB, dated July 13, 2026, ("Staff Report") describes how the Property represented the Quonset Hut building type, a distinctive prefabricated wartime structure later adapted for community use. Quonset Huts were an important architectural product of World War II, designed for rapid assembly and functional flexibility, and their widespread civilian reuse in Ventura County after the war reflects a broader regional trend in which surplus military buildings were integrated into local communities;

WHEREAS, based on the evidence provided in the Staff Report, the Property qualifies for Point of Interest designation under the criteria listed in Section 1367(c) of the Ordinance, specifically, Point of Interest Criterion 1; and

WHEREAS, CHB staff duly noticed the Owner and held a public hearing on July 13, 2026, to consider the designation of the Piru Quonset Hut Community Center as Ventura County Point of Interest No. 19.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CHB hereby grants designation of the Piru Quonset Hut Community Center, formerly located at 802 Orchard

Street, Piru, CA 93040, as Ventura County Point of Interest No. 19, based on the facts presented in the Staff Report to the CHB dated July 13, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CHB finds the site meets the following Point of Interest Criterion 1 listed in Ordinance Section 1367(c) and the additional designation standards listed in Ordinance Section 1367-1:

Point of Interest Criteria

- 1) The site of a building, structure or object that no longer exists, but was associated with historic events, important persons, or embodied a distinctive character or architectural style.

Additional Designation Standards

- a) It shall have historic, aesthetic or special character or interest for the general public, and not be limited in interest to a special group of persons.
- b) Its designation shall not require the expenditure by the County of Ventura of any amount of money not commensurate with the value of the object to be preserved; and
- c) Its designation shall not infringe upon the rights of a private owner thereof to make any and all reasonable uses thereof which are not in conflict with the purposes of this Article.

Staff to the Cultural Heritage Board shall cause this resolution, upon adoption, to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Ventura County.

Date: _____

By: _____
Anthony Angelini, Chair
Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board