



Name of Property: Neutra Studio and Residences (VDL Research House)
City, State: Los Angeles, CA
Period of Significance: 1932-1970
NHL Criteria: Criterion 2
NHL Theme: III expressing Cultural Values, Architecture
Previous Recognition: National Register of Historic Places at the National Level
National Historic Context: (PL 101-628, Section 1209, NHL Bulletin, pp. 15-20)

NHL Significance:

- The VDL Research House is Significant under National Historic Landmark Criterion 2, in association with Richard Neutra, a nationally significant architect.
- The property is directly and importantly associated with Neutra's life and career.
- The VDL Studio and Residences is among the key properties to understand the national significance of Richard Neutra's work.
- The VDL Research House is the only property where one can see the progression of Neutra's style over a period of several years.
- Richard Neutra is a nationally and internationally seminal figure of the twentieth century Modern movement in architecture.
- As Neutra's work evolved, during the 1940s, Neutra also became well recognized founder of mid-century "California Modern" architecture.

Integrity:

- The exterior of the garden house retains a high degree of integrity. The elevations appear today as they did at the time of the building's construction, with a large majority of the materials still intact.
- Though some minor changes have been made to the interior, these changes have not significantly altered the original design and do not diminish the building's integrity.

Overall the property retains a high degree of integrity in:

- Setting
- Location,
- Design,
- Materials,
- Workmanship,
- Feeling, and
- Association

Owner of Property: California State Polytechnic University

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

Origins of Nomination: First draft of the nomination was prepared by Raymond Neutra, youngest son of Richard Neutra based on the National Register nomination prepared by Professor Lauren Weiss Bricker, Professor of Architecture, California State Polytechnic University.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: Yes; believe that there would be positive response from the architectural design community in general and scholars interested in early modernism in the United States and/or Richard Neutra.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: No known potential for negative response.

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Wiley moved, Dr. Mills seconded; the motion passes 8 with yeas and 1 recusal.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 5/26/16):

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Advisory Board Recommendation: