

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Lad's Motel
2. Historic name: Aqua Vista Auto Court
3. Street or rural address: 70 Broadway
City Chula Vista Zip 92010 County San Diego
4. Parcel number: 565-060-04
5. Present Owner: Mesh Company c/o J.T. Mehta Address: 3801 Bonita View Dr.
City Bonita, CA Zip 92002 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: vacant Original use: motel

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Mission Revival, Modified
- 7b. Briefly describe the present physical description of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Legal: Marlborough Hts, Blk 4, Lot 8
This "U" shaped Mission Revival motel contains approximately eighteen side-by-side attached units placed along the side and back property lines. The building has a flat roof with stepped parapets over most of the units. Red tile covers the parapet edge in some areas. Several of the units at the back of the lot share what appears to be a front-facing, red tile, low gable roof. Stucco covers the exterior of this motel with stone masonry extending up to the window sills in some sections. Each unit includes a door with a small red tile hood and one or two double hung windows. Several units feature arched openings for automobiles. A newer building at the left front houses a commercial shop.

Attach Photo(s) Here

DEMO C/SITED

8. Construction date:
Estimated 1929 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder unknown
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 108 Depth 183
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
1985

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated x No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: unknown
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up x
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial x Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development x Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? x Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: palm tree, small commercial building in front

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

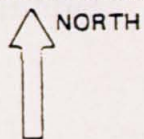
Wilfred E. Bradley purchased this property on Sept. 4, 1928 from McEwen Ransom, and by 1929 had constructed the first building. In 1931, Bradley, a grocer, operated a tourist camp here and served as a City Councilman. He and his wife, Luella M., lived at this address until at least 1935. The place was known for many years as the Aqua Vista Auto Court. This motel is significant as one of the surviving early tourist camps in Chula Vista that was built along Broadway, the main automobile-oriented street in the city. Although there have been some alterations and vandalism, the building appears to retain some integrity of design.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture 2 Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial 1 Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
City directories
Tax Assessment Rolls

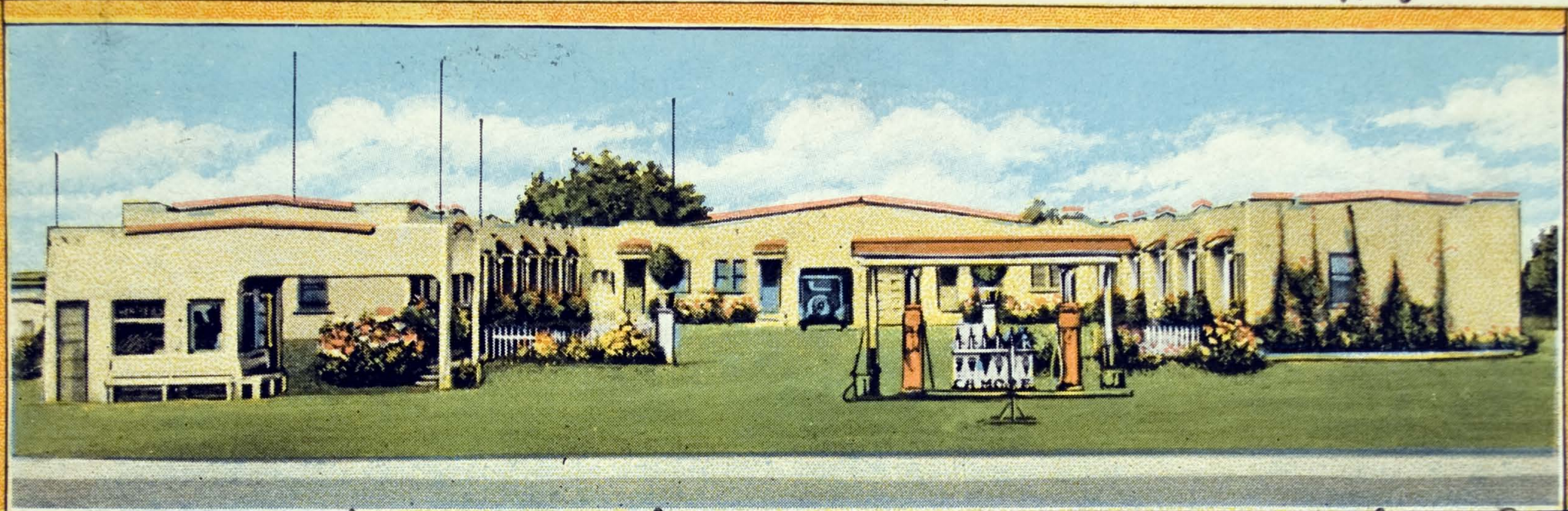
22. Date form prepared 9-5-1985
By (name) K Webster
Organization City of Chula Vista
Address: P.O.Box 1087
City Chula Vista Zip 92012
Phone: 691-5101

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



Just didn't happen to have a better looking card

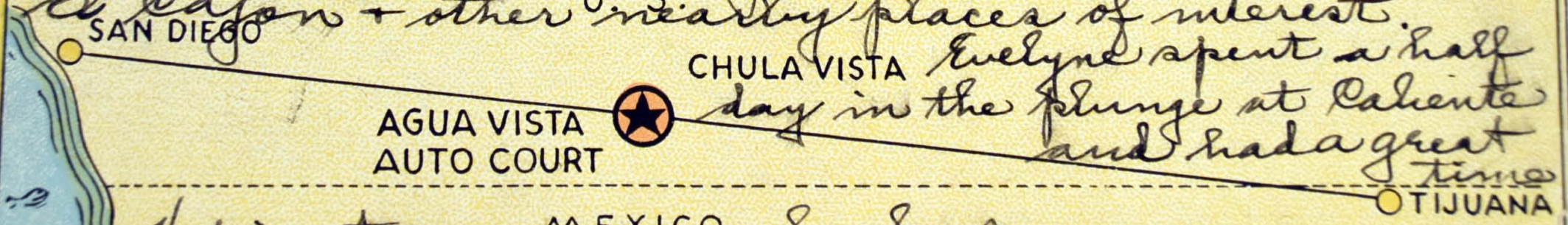
am sending this one.



We stopped here 3 days while on our vacation last

AGUA VISTA AUTO COURT—Located conveniently in Southern California's best playground. Adjacent to Old Mexico and the best bathing beaches, fresh water and surf fishing. Strictly modern. Gas heat and continuous hot water. Rates \$1.50 and up.

month. Visited at Tia Juana, Caliente, Coronada, El Cajon + other ^{U S} nearby places of interest.



Evelyn spent a half day in the plunge at Caliente and had a great time

Hopin to see MEXICO back soon.

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POST CARD



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Mr + Mrs
Payne.
Big Basin Park
Cal.

Dear Friends + Neighbors.

I send you card and note that you are still feeding the

bees and living the outdoor

life which I know you are enjoying. Wish me too were away from this

noise and mess on Brynhurst.

The next lot to me is a pink yard

now, lumber, tool house, red out-

house, junk of all description piled

thereon and a limit right which

out in the street, lots of noise and

engine chugging from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m. I want to mention in all directions that telling you it is no joke. Please you'll be soon in my arms. Regards from us all. The Giegens.

LAD'S MOTEL



Lad's Motel - 70 National Ave. U.S. 101 Chula Vista, Cal.