SISQUOC STORE

LANDMARK NUMBER: 46

KNOWN AS: Sisquoc Store

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 4960 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria

LOCATION: Foxen Canyon Road, Sisquoc

TYPE OF SITE: Convenience Store

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2008-393

LANDMARK DATE: November 4, 2008

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Nominated by Greg Pfaus, store owner

PAST OWNERS: possibly Fred Williams who had a gas station here in the 1920s
Mont Beeson
Mac Magee & Minnie Martin
John & Pat Wesley purchased the store in 1974 and removed the gas pumps in 1989
Sooki Barrera
CURRENT OWNER: Greg Pfaus  
4968 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria 93454

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: Windows on south side and the front door have been replaced; interior has been restored

CONDITION: Good

DESCRIPTION: The Sisquoc Store has served the small community of Sisquoc as its general store and gas station for 100 years. It is a familiar sight to the local residents and others who pass through the town. It is identified with the 1910 Palmer oil boom in nearby Cat Canyon, and the gas station (no longer extant) was one of the earliest in Santa Barbara County. The Sisquoc Store is one of the few remaining examples of early 20th century rural western architecture in the county.¹ According to the current owner, the store measures 1600 square feet.

RESOURCES: 
Letter from John Woodward, Chairman Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission to the Board of Supervisors (for October 21, 2008 Board agenda)

¹ Board of Supervisors Agenda Letter (for agenda dated October 21, 2008)
RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT THE
SISQUOC STORE LOCATED AT 4960 FOXEN
CANYON ROAD, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA,
ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NO. 129-202-003, IS
WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER
18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE;
DESIGNATING THE SISQUOC STORE AS
COUNTY LANDMARK #46; AND IMPOSING
CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE
THE LANDMARK.

RESOLUTION No. 2008-393

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors finds that the
SISQUOC STORE is historically significant because:

1. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the County’s cultural, social or
economic history, as it has served as the small community of Sisquoc’s general
store and gas station for almost 100 years; and

2. It is identified with an event significant in local and state history, specifically the
1910 Palmer oil boom in Cat Canyon; and

3. It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of
construction, especially its façade; and

4. It has a location representing an established and familiar visual feature of the
community of Sisquoc and the County; and

5. It reflects a significant geographical pattern associated with the era of settlement
and growth based on the automobile, as it was one of the earliest gas stations in
the County; and
6. It is one of the few remaining examples in the County, region, state or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen, specifically early Twentieth Century rural western architecture;

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2008, the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission designated the SISQUOC STORE a landmark and thereby recommended that the County Board of Supervisors confirm this landmark designation pursuant to the provisions of County Code Chapter 18A;

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has considered the historic significance of the SISQUOC STORE at 4960 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria, California, Assessor’s Parcel No. 129-202-003, in accordance with the requirements, standards and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and finds that it is worthy of protection as a landmark;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the SISQUOC STORE a landmark, and adopts the following conditions to preserve and protect it:

   a. Demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, is prohibited unless express consent in writing is first had and obtained from the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission. Such consent may impose all reasonable conditions deemed appropriate by the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission to accomplish the purposes of County Code, Chapter 18A.

   b. No alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair work) shall be made unless and until all plans therefor have first been reviewed by the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and approved or modified, and reasonable conditions imposed as deemed necessary, and all such work shall be done under the direction and control of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission or other qualified person designated by it.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors at Santa Barbara, California, this 4th day of November, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Carbajal, Wolf, Firestone, Gray, Centeno

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SALUD CARBAJAL
Chairman

ATTEST:

MICHAEL F. BROWN
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Robert Cohen
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel
By: Mary Pat Barry
Deputy County Counsel