DESIGNATION: Places of Merit

KNOWN AS: Riven Rock Water Tower and Reservoir; Riven Rock Pump House and Reservoir

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: None

LOCATION: Water tower located on northern acreage of Riven Rock Park and easily seen from Riven Rock Road; Pump house located southern acreage of Riven Rock Park behind gate

TYPES OF SITES: Water tower, reservoir, pump house
RESOLUTION NUMBER: No Record

DESIGNATION DATE: Unknown

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Nominations for Historical Landmarks or Places of Historic Merit submitted by Gloria Calamar, member Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Commission

PAST OWNERS: McCormick Family

CURRENT OWNER: Riven Rock Homeowners’ Association
801 Riven Rock Road, Santa Barbara, CA

CHANGES/ALTERATIONS: None

CONDITION: Very Good

DESCRIPTION:
The water tower is made of roughcut sandstone quarried on the estate. It has one door and a beamed interior. It leans slightly perhaps as a result of the 1925 earthquake. The pump house is constructed of concrete and clad with roughcut sandstone quarried on the estate. The roof is covered in green Ludovici tile (Italian), and the windows and doors are recessed.
The purpose of the reservoir was to store water for the Riven Rock estate. The tower and the pump house were built around the turn of the twentieth century.

RESOURCES:
Gloria Calamar, Nominations for Historical Landmarks or Places of Historic Merit (June 13, 1994)
Interview with Marc Appleton, member of the Riven Rock Homeowners’ Association