



Morro Elementary School

1130 Napa Avenue, Morro Bay, California

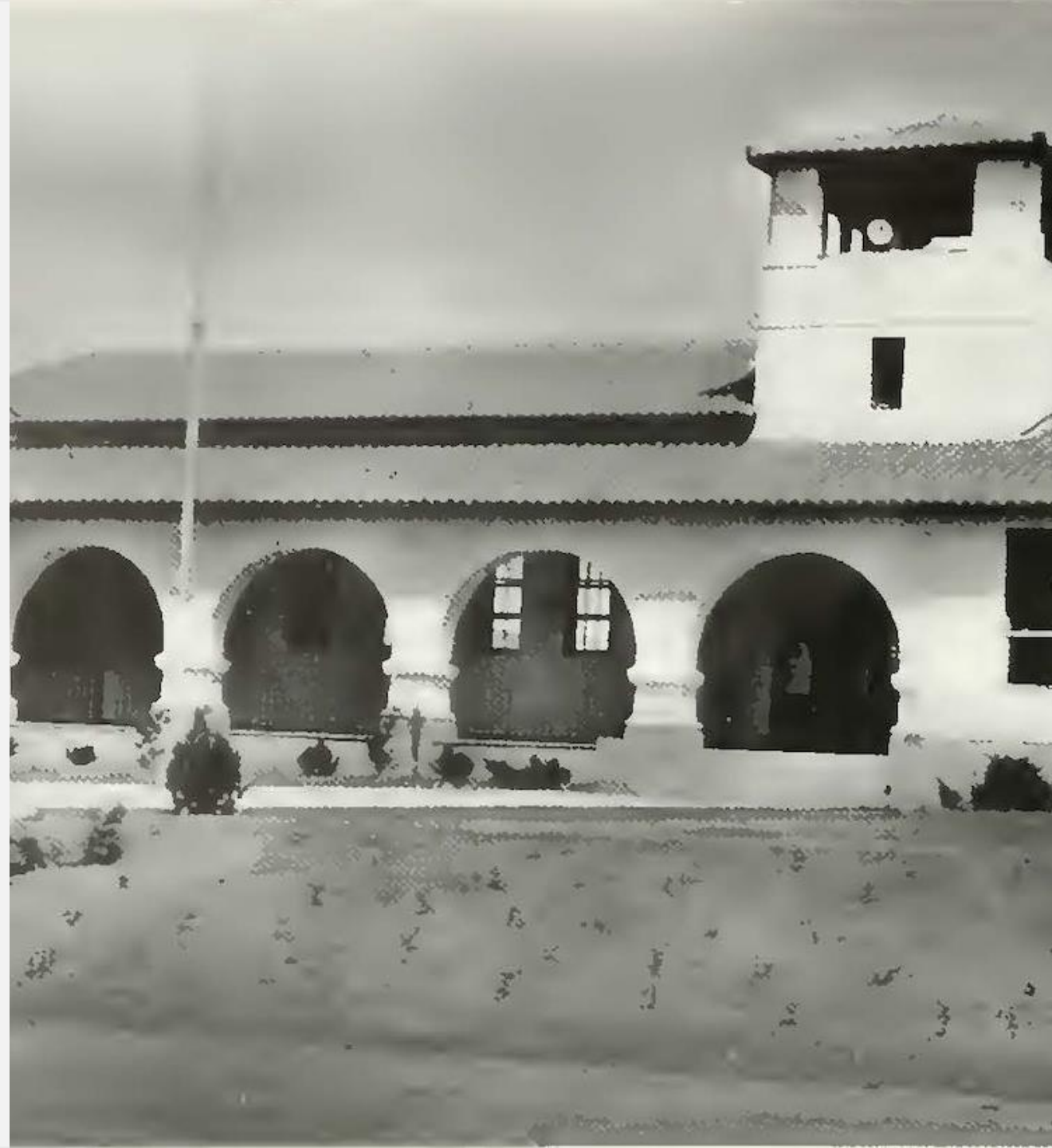


Who is
submitting the
nomination?

- The nomination was initiated by the Friends of Morro Elementary
- The nomination was prepared by Chattel, Inc., Historic Preservation Consultants of Los Angeles

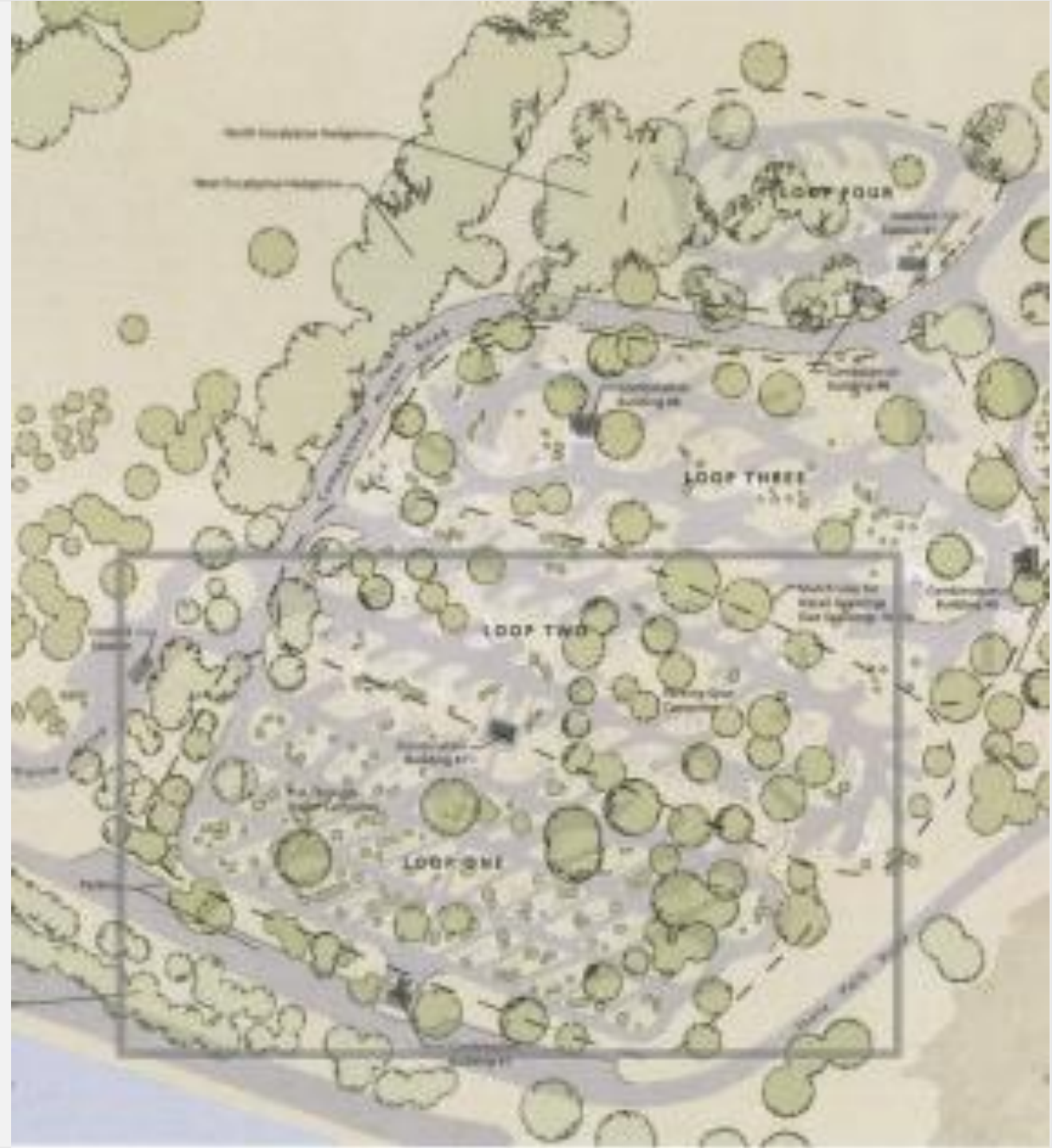
What is the National Register of Historic Places?

- The National Register of Historic Places(National Register) is the official list of historic properties in the United States worthy of recognition and preservation
- Enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
- Administered by the National Park Service, maintained by the Keeper of the National Register
- Historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts may be listed
- Historic districts contain a collection of buildings, structures, sites and objects that retain a sense of time and place from an early period



Are there any National Register-listed properties in Morro Bay?

- Morro Bay State Park, Trailer and Tent Campground, listed to the National Register in 2014



Are there any locally designated properties in Morro Bay?

- The City of Morro Bay does not have a formal historic preservation ordinance
- The City's General Plan and the accompanying Certified Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) include policies and implementation actions for historic and cultural resources
- Guide the identification, evaluation, and treatment of historic and cultural resources within the City
- These provisions provide the framework for considering historic resources in planning and development decisions
- Are consistent with national and state standards for historic resource evaluation





How are properties evaluated under the National Register?

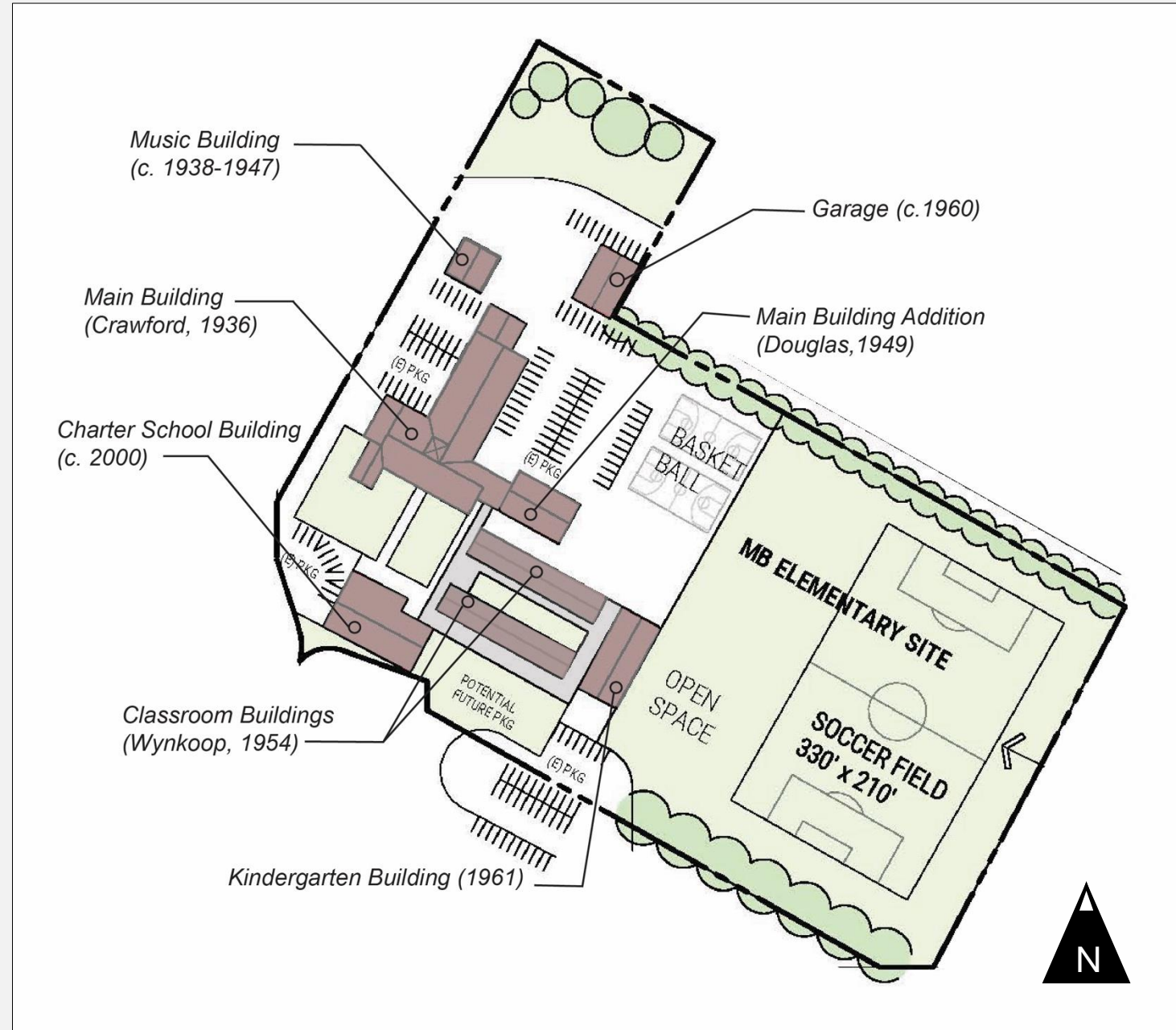
The National Register utilizes four criteria:

- Criterion A – Event
- Criterion B – Person
- Criterion C – Design and Construction
- Criterion D – Potential Archaeological Information

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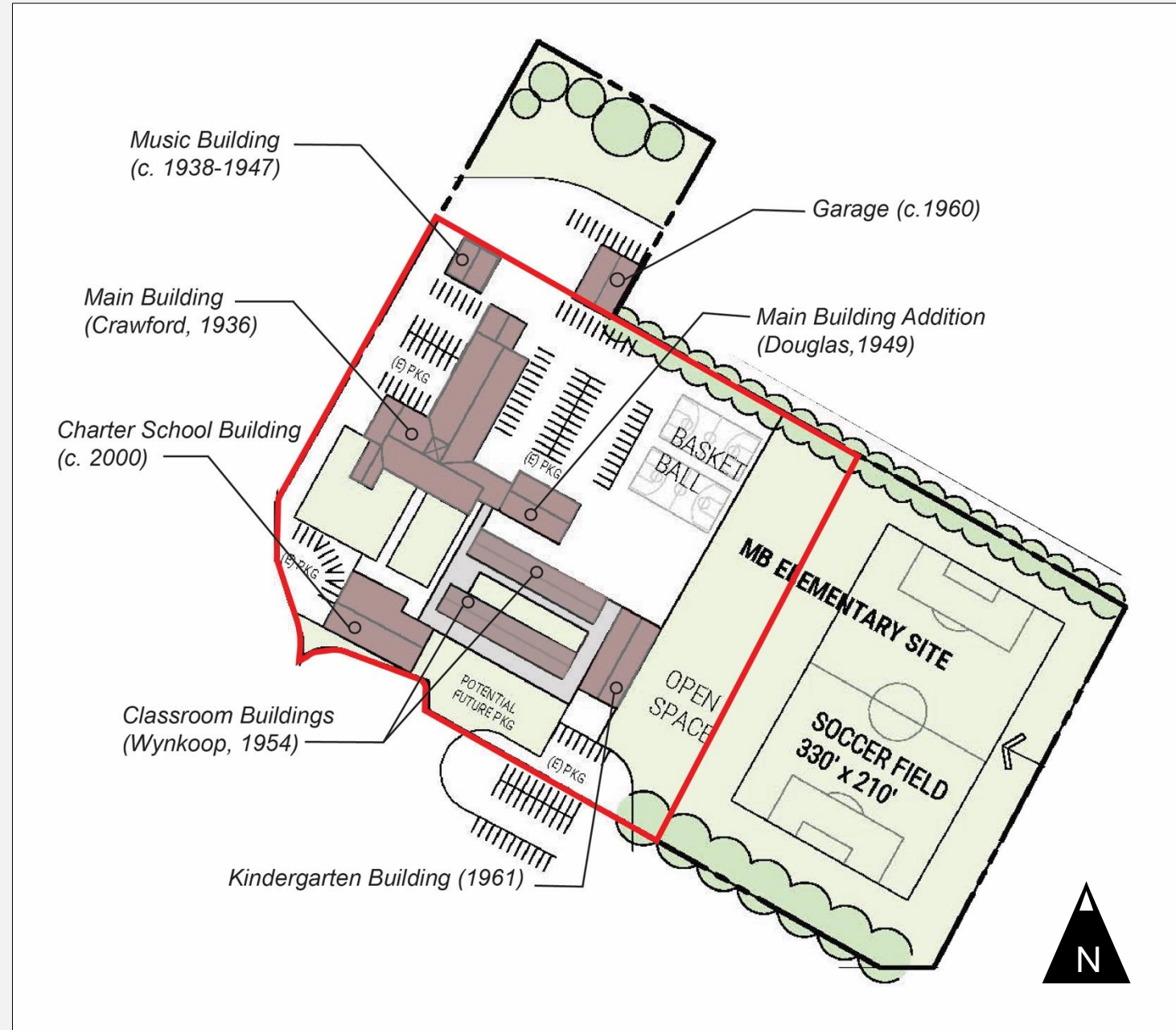
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 - Music Building
 - Classroom Buildings
- Non-contributing Resources
 - Garage
 - Kindergarten Building
 - Charter School Building
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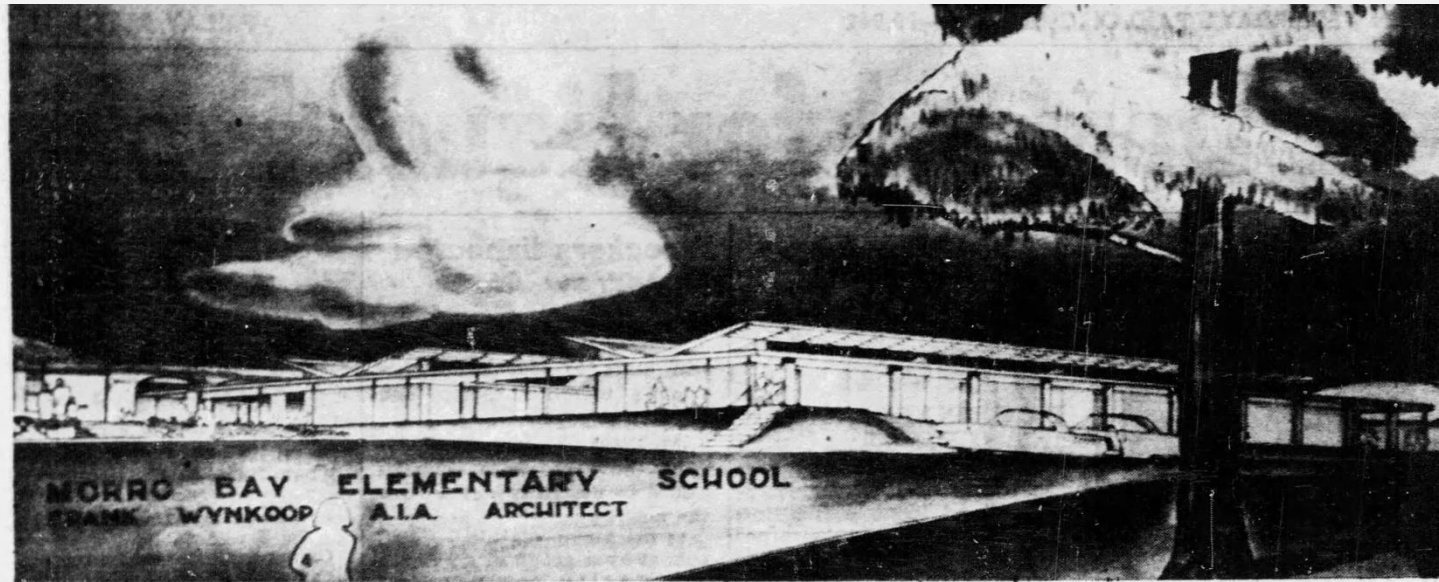
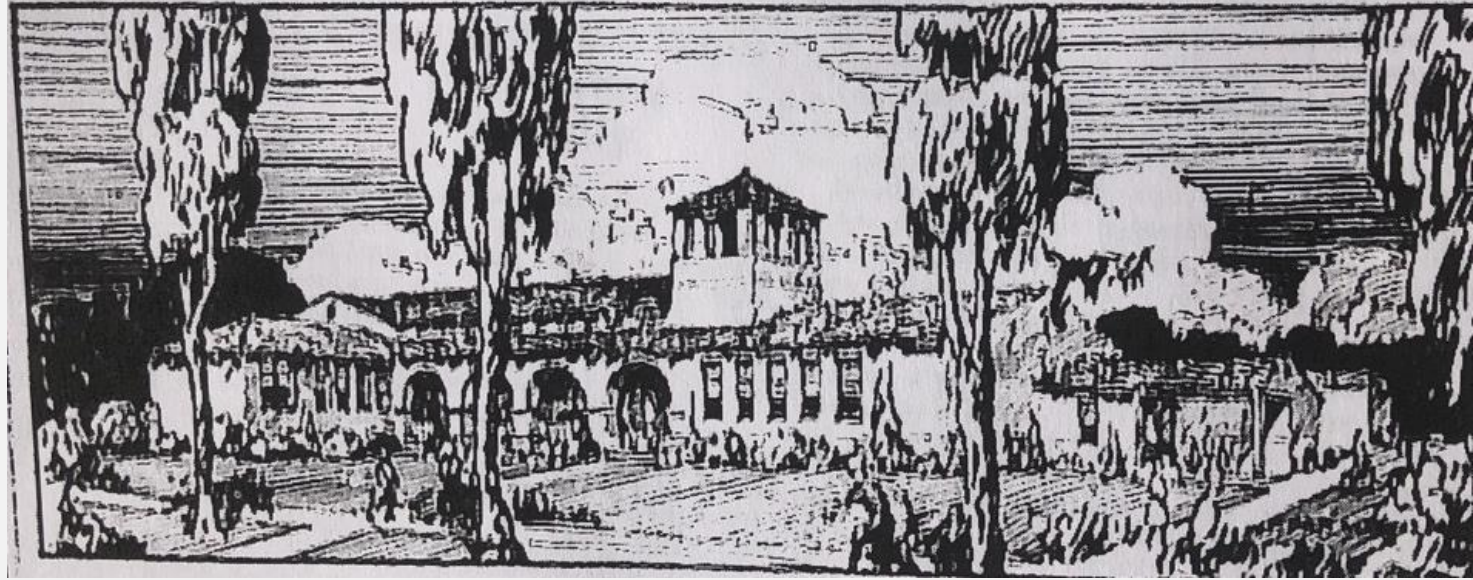
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Why is Morro Elementary School historic?

- Criterion A – For association as first comprehensive 1-8 school in Morro Bay, representing the consolidation of scattered one-room schoolhouses
- Criterion A – For association with PWA funding and WPA labor, one of four school projects funded in the County that year
- Criterion C – Main Building (1936-1949): Mission Revival building designed by regionally significant architect Louis N. Crawford
- Criterion C – Classroom Buildings (1954): Midcentury Modern buildings designed by regionally significant architect Frank Wynkoop
- Period of Significance: 1936-1959



Louis N. Crawford

- Santa Maria based architect
- Notable for designing school and public buildings
- Regionally significant architect
- Published in *Architect and Engineer of California* and *The Architectural Forum*



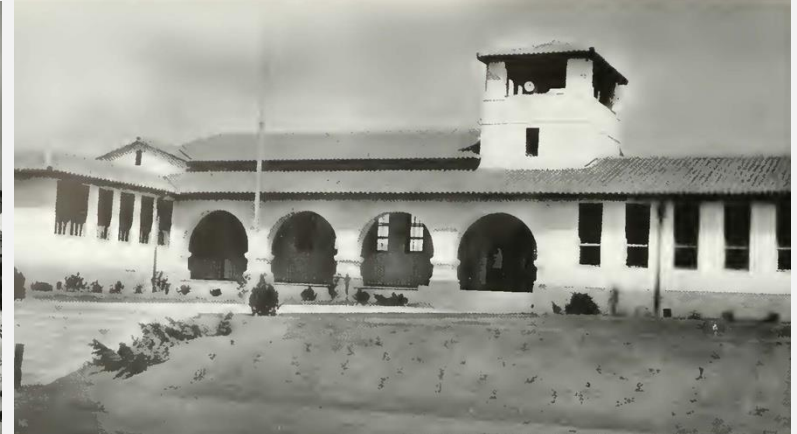
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Notable Published Works

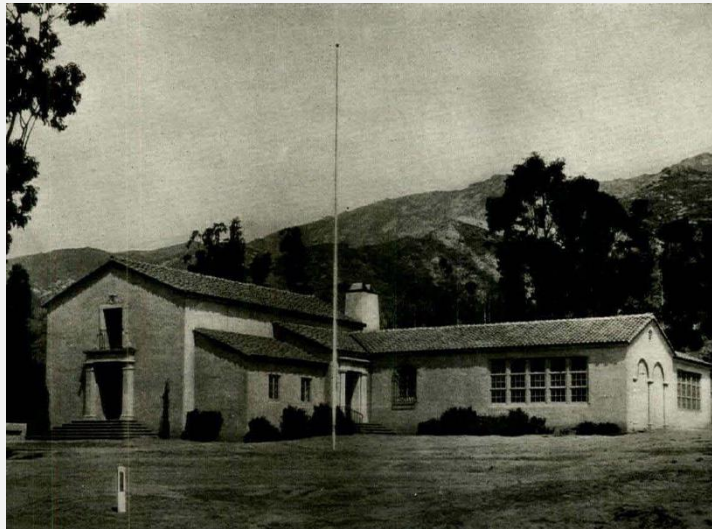
- San Luis Obispo High School Gymnasium
- Morro Elementary School
- Vista Del Mar School
- Santa Maria City Hall



*San Luis Obispo High School Gymnasium, 1936
(City Landmark)*



Morro Elementary School in Morro Bay, 1936



Vista Del Mar School in Gaviota, 1931



Santa Maria City Hall, 1934 (City Landmark)

Frank Wynkoop

- California based architect
- Offices in Fresno, Bakersfield, San Carlos, San Francisco, and Carmel
- Regionally significant architect
- Master architect in City of Carmel
- Notable for designing school and public buildings with bilateral lighting and radiant floor heating
- Authored "*Advances in the Art of School-Room Daylighting*" in *Architectural Record*



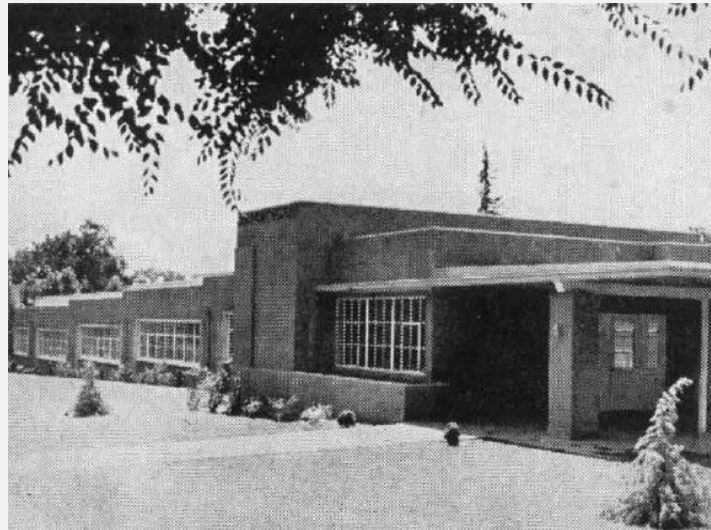
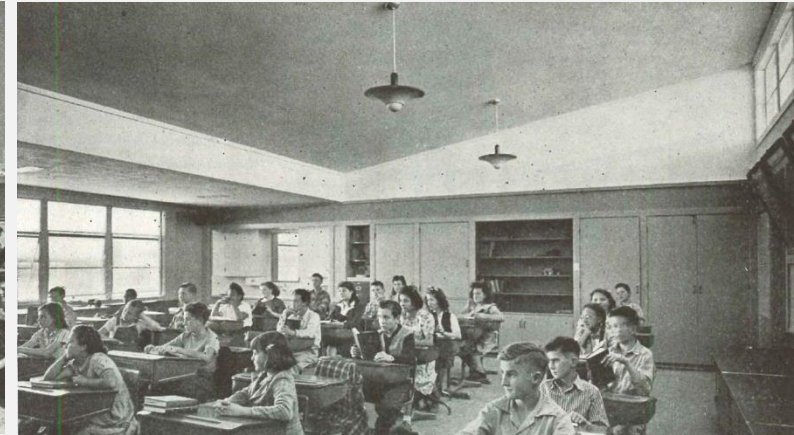
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Notable Schools

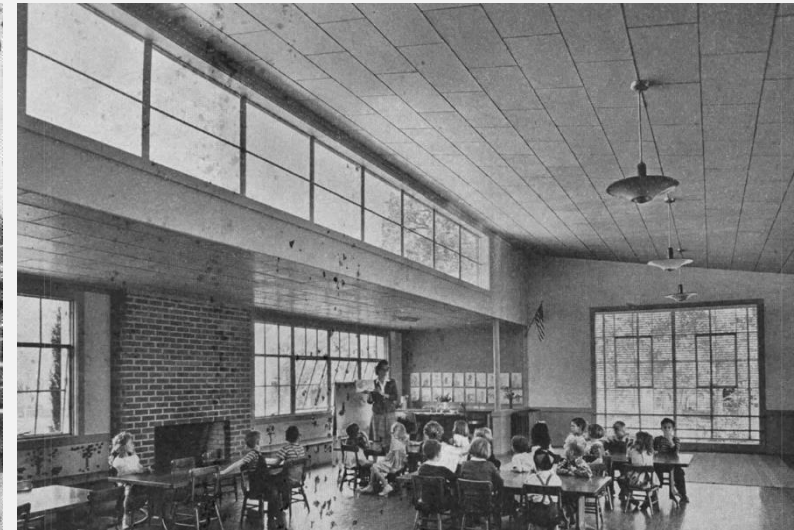
- Morro Elementary School
- Lakeside Union Elementary School
- Paso Robles Elementary School



Lakeside Elementary School, Bakersfield, 1945



Paso Robles Elementary School, Paso Robles 1945





How does the National Register listing process work?

- Submit a completed National Register nomination to the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)
- OHP staff reviews the nomination and can ask for additional information, as necessary
- When the nomination is deemed complete, OHP staff notifies property owners and City regarding the time and place of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) meeting
- SHRC meets quarterly and will consider the nomination at an upcoming meeting
- If the SHRC recommends approval of the nomination, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) forwards it to the Keeper of the National Register
- Listing is made approximately 45 days after receipt by the Keeper when it is published in the Federal Register



What are the benefits of National Register listing?

- Listing in the National Register is an honor that recognizes the important history of the property
- Properties so listed are qualified to use the California Historical Building Code (Part 8 of Title 24) that provide relief from the prevailing building code
- Contributing properties are eligible to seek the federal historic tax credit of 20% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures
- A charitable deduction is available for an easement contribution to a qualified non-profit or governmental agency
- Periodically, federal and state grants are available for rehabilitation and restoration work
- National Register listing would help in marketing to businesses and residents to experience the special architectural qualities and historic importance

Are there any restrictions in having a property listed on the National Register?

- Under federal law, National Register listing places no new federal restrictions on what a property owner may do with their property including demolition, unless the property is involved in a federal project
- Under state law, National Register listing provides some protection from demolition or alteration that could cause ineligibility



Questions?

