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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code – 5S2

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Page 1 of 2 *Resource Name or #: Squirt Bottling Company - 152 M Street – Resource Number 91
P1. Other Identifier: APN - 46823306

- *P2. Location: Unrestricted
- *a. County; Fresno
- *b. USGS 7.5': Fresno South, Calif; 1963, revised 1981
- *c. Address 152 M Street Fresno, CA 93721
- *d. Other Locational Data: APN – 46823306
- *P3a. Description:

This is a Quonset hut with a tall false front, most likely wood frame with a stucco finish. There are a series of double-hung wood windows centered at the upper part of the façade. A roll down door, pedestrian door and two large windows are present at the lower part of the façade. The base of the front façade is sheathed in brick. The front façade also has a collection of different awning styles and shapes on most of the openings. There are a series of windows along the sides of the building. The character-defining features are the arched structure of the Quonset hut and the false front.



P5a. Photograph or Drawing

- *P3b. Resource Attributes:
HP6: 1 – 3 Story Commercial
- *P4. Resources Present: Building
- P5b. Description of Photo:
Looking NE: Jan 2015
- *P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:
Historic
1946: Building Permit
- *P7. Owner and Address:
Margaret Haun, Trustee
100 M Street
Fresno, CA 93721
- *P8. Recorded by:
architecture + history
B. Maley, J. Stock, S. Watson
1715 Green Street
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- *P9. Date Recorded:
January 2015

*P10. Survey Type: Intensive Phase I

*P11. Report Citation: City of Fresno South Van Ness Industrial District Historic Resource Survey

*Attachments: Building, Structure, and Object Record (BSO)

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BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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- B1. Historic Name: Squirt Bottling Company B2. Common Name: 152 M Street
 B3. Original Use: Bottling Company B4. Present Use: Awning Company
 *B5. Architectural Style: Quonset Hut
 *B6. Construction History: 1946 – original construction; later alterations to front façade.
 *B7. Moved? No
 *B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: Unknown b. Builder: Unknown
 *B10. Significance: Theme Commercial Area Fresno, California
 Period of Significance 1946 Property Type Adaptive Reused WW II Quonset Hut Applicable Criteria iii

This building was placed on the site in 1946; it is likely a World War II era steel Quonset Hut that was reused by a private commercial business. A Quonset hut is a lightweight prefabricated structure of corrugated galvanized steel with a semicircular cross-section forming an arched roof. The design was based on huts developed by the British during World War I. Hundreds of thousands were produced during World War II and military surplus was sold to the public, making "Quonset hut" a household word. The name comes from a key manufacturing site of these structures at Quonset Point, at the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center in Rhode Island.

The building was assembled by the Squirt Company of Fresno and was used for bottling and warehouse. The building cost \$4,500. The 1950 Sanborn Map (Sheet 25) is marked "Bottling Works." The 1970 Fresno Sanborn Map shows that the building's use had been changed to "Auto Body Repairs." The 1970 Fresno City Directory indicates that the building housed the Central Chemicals Company Warehouse. The 1960 City Directory has the Squirt Bottling Company occupying the building. O. C. Bedford, bottler, is the occupant listed in the 1950 City Directory.

This building appears eligible at the local level of significance as a Historic Resource under the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Ordinance criteria iii as one of the best remaining examples of a Quonset Hut in the survey area and perhaps in Fresno.

*B12. References:
 Sanborn Maps City of Fresno (1918, 1950, 1970); Polk's Fresno City Directories; Building Permits; Ancestry.com; and see City of Fresno South Van Ness Industrial District Survey and Context Statement Bibliography.

- B13. Remarks: None
 *B14. Evaluator: architecture + history, llc, San Francisco, Ca
 B. Maley, J. Stock, and S. Watson
 *Date of Evaluation: June 2015

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