

SHPO's Recommendations for Re-evaluations

The State Historic Preservation Office suggests:

“Surveys should be updated regularly to consider properties that may have achieved significance since the survey was originally conducted and to incorporate resources that were initially overlooked. Updating an existing survey offers an opportunity to identify and document physical changes that have occurred to a property and its surroundings since the last survey, and to identify sites where historic properties have since been moved or demolished. Finally, as architectural values were often the only criterion for significance in older surveys and resources were frequently only evaluated for the National Register, a survey update should provide for reevaluating properties within broader historic contexts using local, California, and National Register criteria.”

California Code of Regulations' requirements on surveys for state registration

Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 4852 (e)(3):

“If the results of the survey are five or more years old at the time of nomination, the documentation for a resource, or resources, must be updated prior to nomination to ensure the accuracy of the information.”

The statute creating the California Register requires surveys over five (5) years old to be updated.

NPS's Requirement

According to NPS Cultural Resource Identification & Evaluation,

"The identification of historic properties is an ongoing process. As time passes, scholarly and/or public thinking about historical significance changes. Therefore, even when an area has been completely surveyed for historic properties of all types it may require re-investigation if many years have passed since the survey was completed. Such follow-up should consider re-evaluation of properties based upon new information or changed historic information.”