

Att. D. Findings for Recommendation of Historical Designation

**County Code Sec. 8-11.102. Standards for designation of historic landmarks and historic districts.**

A building, structure, object, particular place, vegetation or geology, may be designated for preservation as a historic landmark if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) It exemplifies or reflects valued elements of the County's cultural, agricultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, military, religious, ethnic, natural vegetation, architectural, maritime, engineering, archaeological or geological history; or
- (2) It is identified with persons or events important in local, State or national history; or
- (3) It reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth and particular transportation modes; or
- (4) It embodies distinguishing characteristics or an architectural style, type, period, or method of construction or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or
- (5) It is representative of the notable work of a builder, designer or architect; or
- (6) It represents an important natural feature or design element that provides a visual point of reference to members of the community.

*The Barn at Utter Ranch merits designation as a historical landmark under the first two criteria of the six listed in Yolo County Code Sec 8-11.102. Specifically, the site reflects valued elements of the County's cultural, agricultural and economic history listed in criterion (1) and the site is associated with George H. Wilson, an important leader in agriculture and education at the County, State and National level which satisfies criterion (2).*

*The Utter Ranch property is part of the original Holland Land Company Purchase that formally established the community of Clarksburg through the improvement of levees, roads, and water distribution systems. The barn was constructed in 1910 and owned by George H. Wilson from 1932 until 1950. Locally, Mr. Wilson was instrumental in working with the Amalgamated Sugar Company of Utah to build their sugar plant in Clarksburg became one of the most profitable plants in the United States.*

*Beyond his contributions to the development and economy of Clarksburg, Mr. Wilson also promoted agriculture and education at the state level and beyond. He organized many Farm Bureaus around California and served as president of the Yolo County Farm Bureau, California Farm Bureau, and as the Director of the American Farm Bureau Federation. In 1949, Mr. Wilson was selected to join the "Town Hall" of the Air, a flying seminar radio program with 30 people chosen to discuss the current issues from countries around the world. This led to later requests for him to demonstrate farming techniques and agricultural processes in Pakistan, Mexico, and Iran. In 1956, President Eisenhower appointed him to the Agricultural Trade Mission to Asia and he traveled to India and South America to expand international trade in food and fiber. Mr. Wilson*

*established the School of International Studies at the College of the Pacific in Stockton, which was later named George Wilson Hall in honor of his dedicated service..*

*The Barn at Utter Ranch merits historical landmark designation as it reflects valued elements of Yolo County's agricultural heritage of farm life and agricultural leadership and in honor of George H. Wilson's dedication and contributions to agriculture at the local, state, national, and international levels.*