

Name: Cardiff Tower Oil Well Facility

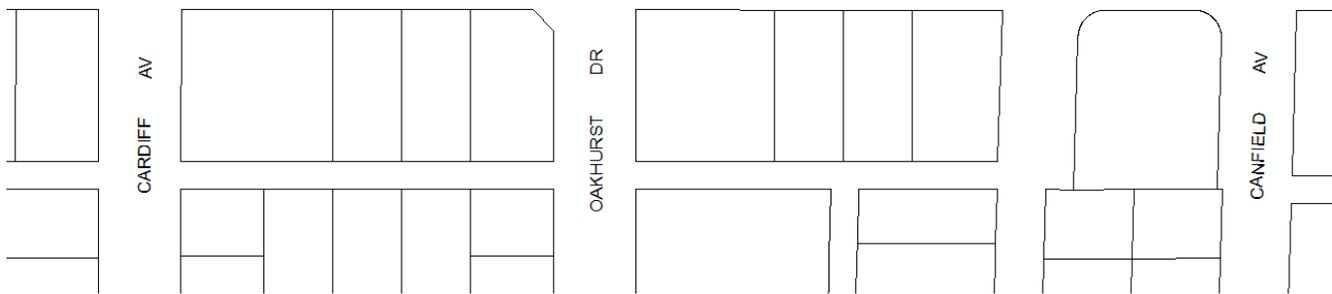
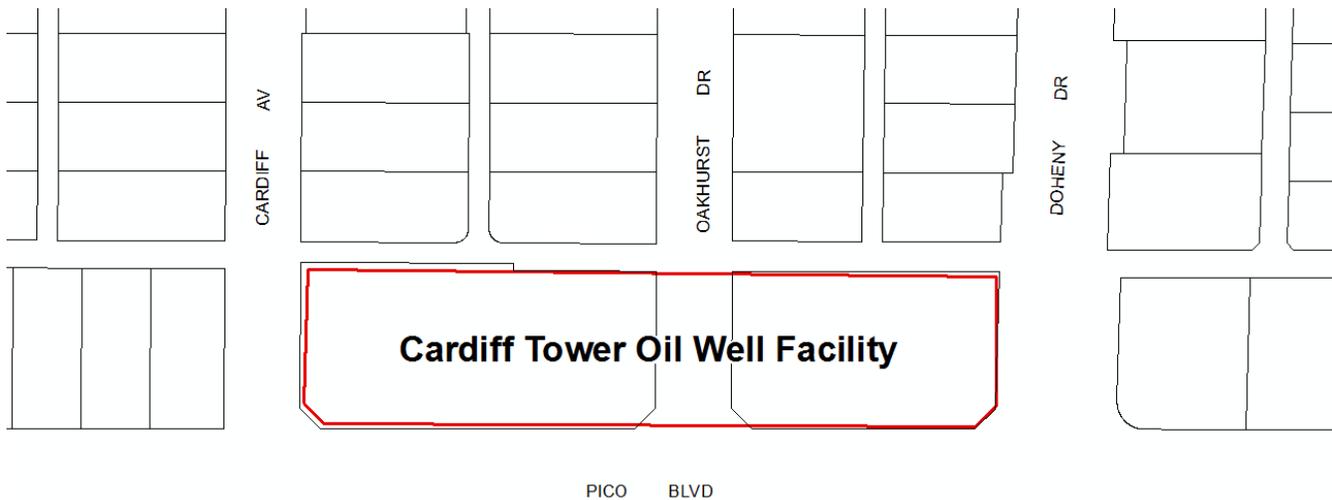


Description:

The Cardiff Tower Oil Well Facility is a West Los Angeles industrial complex containing an oil derrick, oil wells, and support facilities. It occupies two blocks on the north side of Pico Boulevard, between Doheny Drive and Cardiff Avenue, in an otherwise commercial area. The site is dominated by the oil derrick, as tall as a 10-story building and camouflaged by a windowless tower exterior, and is surrounded by tall concrete and stucco walls with vehicular entrances. It contains drilling and pumping facilities with equipment dating from 1966 to the present.

Significance:

The Cardiff Tower Oil Well Facility is significant as a rare remaining oil production facility located on a commercial corridor in West Los Angeles. Occidental Petroleum constructed the Cardiff Tower to pump from the Beverly Hills Oil Field in 1966, touting it as the first “architecturally designed oil derrick.” The derrick moves on tracks to service multiple well heads within the property. In 2000, owner Breitburn Energy rebuilt the tower and enlarged the property’s perimeter wall in exchange for increased drilling rights, but maintained the tower’s original appearance.



Context 1:

Context:	Industrial Development, 1850-1980
Sub context:	No Sub-context
Theme:	Oil and Petroleum Products, 1892-1965
Sub theme:	No SubTheme
Property type:	Industrial
Property sub type:	Oil Derrick
Criteria:	A/1/1 & C/3/3
Status code:	3S;3CS;5S3
Reason:	Significant as a historic oil production facility on a commercial corridor in West Los Angeles; rare remaining example of this industrial property type. Occidental Petroleum constructed the Cardiff Tower to pump from the Beverly Hills Oil Field in 1966, touting it as the first "architecturally designed oil derrick."

Name: Hillcrest Country Club Oil Wells

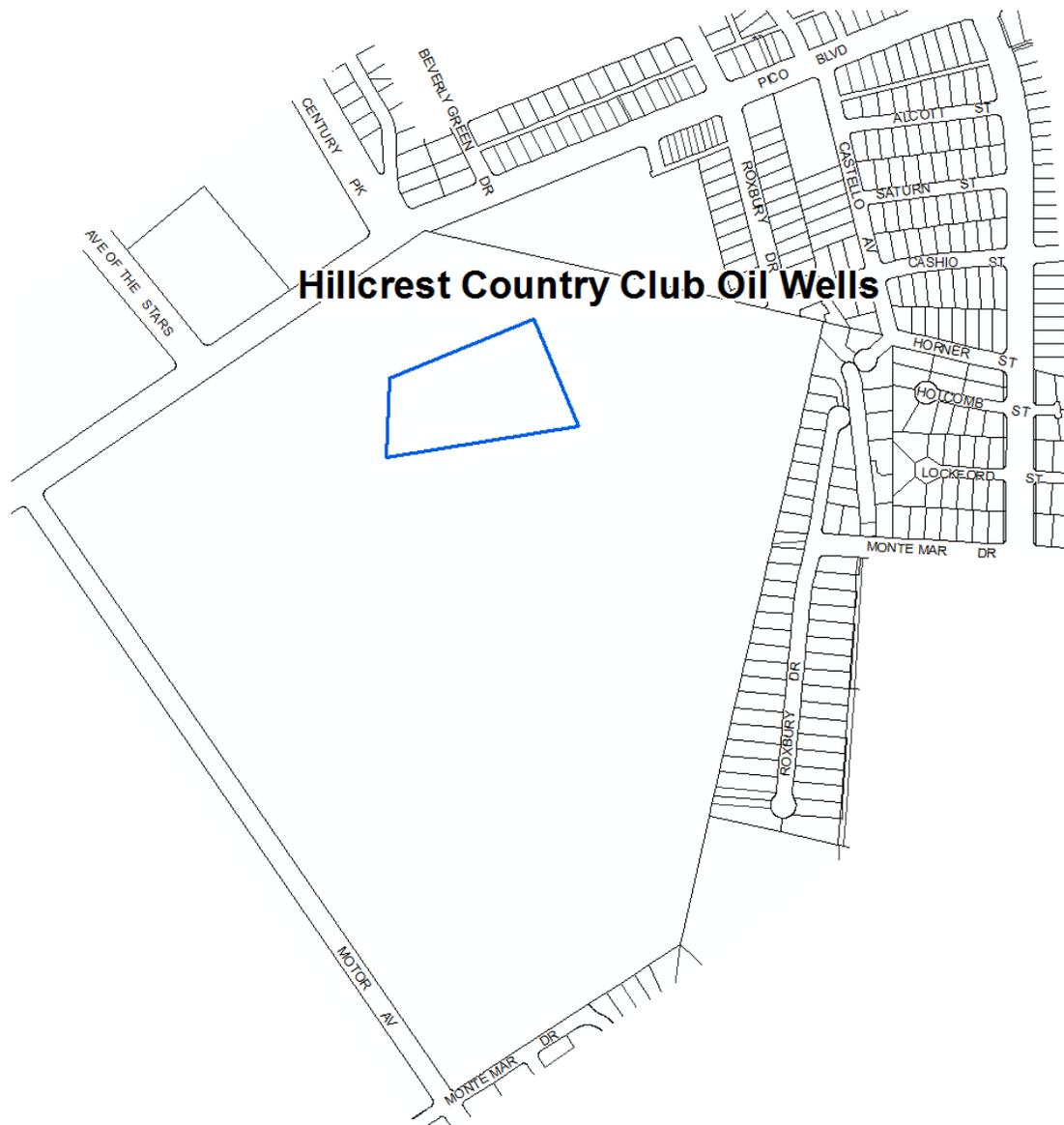


Description:

The Hillcrest Country Club Oil Wells facility is a West Los Angeles industrial complex located on the grounds of Hillcrest Country Club, sited on Pico Boulevard east of Motor Avenue. Aerial photographs and available research indicate it contains multiple wells with supporting extraction facilities and equipment, none of which is visible from the public right-of-way. The property sits in the middle of a golf course and is obscured by foliage.

Significance:

The Hillcrest Country Club Oil Wells facility is an industrial oil production facility in continuous operation on the Cheviot Hills Oil Field since the late 1950s. It was constructed and operated by Signal Oil and Gas Company after successful exploration in 1958, and is now operated by the Hillcrest Beverly Oil Company. Signal hired architect Henry C. Burge to design a derrick tower (no longer extant) that would blend into the background through gradations of paint color, and hired Hollywood sound stage experts to mitigate rig noise. As the property is not accessible or visible from the public right-of-way, an evaluation could not be completed.



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Sub context:	No Sub-context
Theme:	Oil and Petroleum Products, 1892-1965
Sub theme:	No SubTheme
Property type:	Industrial
Property sub type:	Oil Industry Production and Repair Facility
Criteria:	A/1/1 & C/3/3
Status code:	QQQ
Reason:	Location of the Hillcrest Country Club Oil Wells, an industrial oil production facility on the Cheviot Hills Oil Field. As the property is not accessible or visible from the public right-of-way, an evaluation could not be completed.

Name: Rancho Park Golf Course Oil Wells

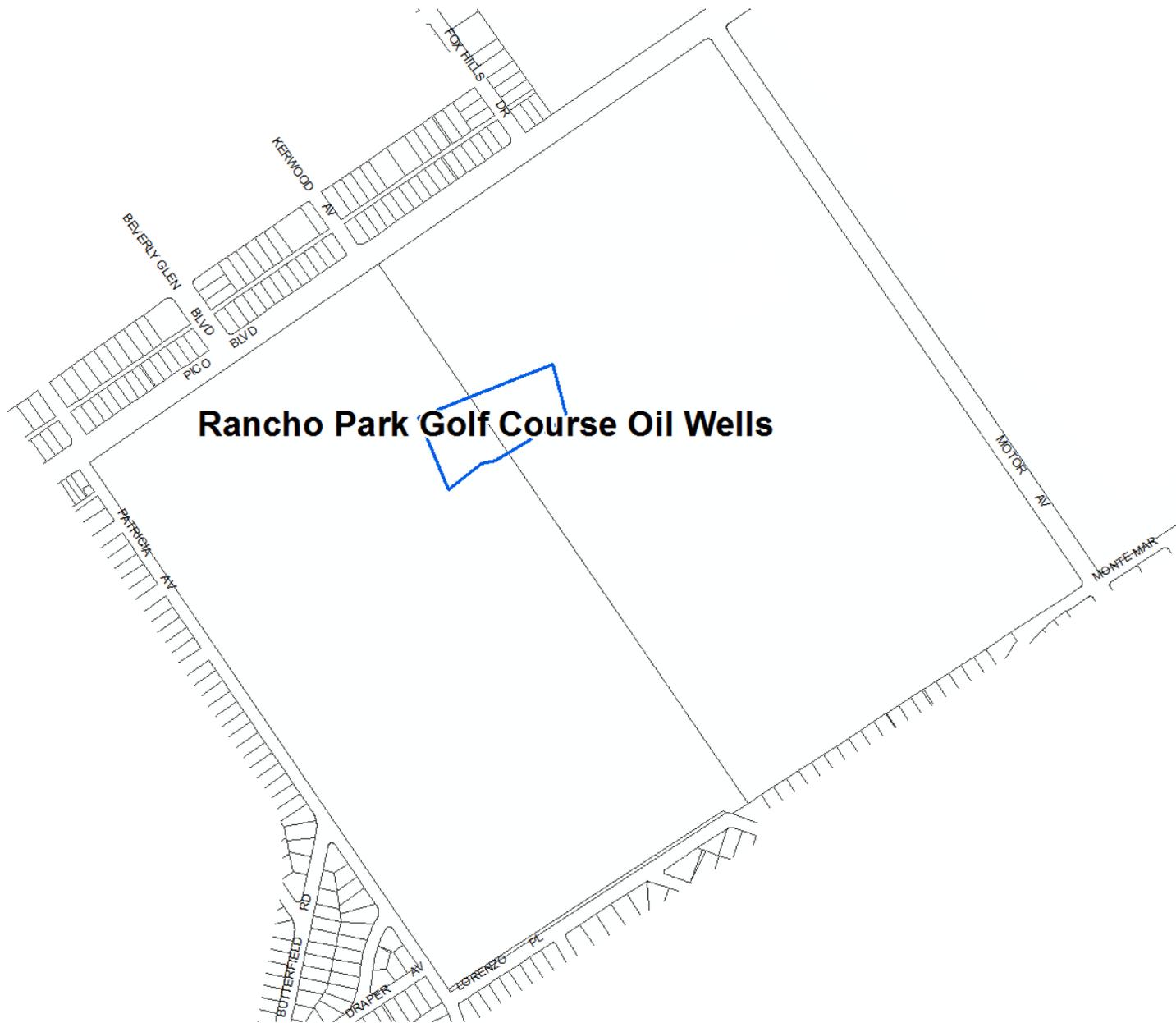


Description:

The Rancho Park Golf Course Oil Wells facility is a West Los Angeles industrial complex located on the grounds of Rancho Park Golf Course, sited on Pico Boulevard west of Motor Avenue. Aerial photographs and available research indicate it contains multiple wells with supporting extraction facilities and equipment, none of which is visible from the public right-of-way. The property sits in the middle of a golf course and is obscured by foliage.

Significance:

The Rancho Park Golf Course facility is an industrial oil production facility in continuous operation on the Cheviot Hills Oil Field since the late 1950s. It was constructed and operated by Signal Oil and Gas Company after successful exploration on the municipal recreational property in 1958, and is now operated by the Hillcrest Beverly Oil Company. As the property is not accessible or visible from the public right-of-way, an evaluation could not be completed.



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Theme:	Oil and Petroleum Products, 1892-1965
Sub theme:	No SubTheme
Property type:	Industrial
Property sub type:	Oil Industry Production and Repair Facility
Criteria:	A/1/1 & C/3/3
Status code:	QQQ
Reason:	Location of the Rancho Park Golf Course Oil Wells, an industrial oil production facility on the Cheviot Hills Oil Field. As the property is not accessible or visible from the public right-of-way, an evaluation could not be completed.

