

State of California — The Resources Agency  
 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

Primary # \_\_\_\_\_  
 HRI # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trinomial \_\_\_\_\_  
 NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 1 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) *Morris Residence*

**P1. Other Identifier:**

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*a. County *Riverside*

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad

Date:

\*c. Address *37-655 Palm View Drive*

City *Rancho Mirage*

Zip *92270*

\*e. Other Locational Data: Assessor's Parcel Number Block: Lot:

\*P3a. Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

*This property is part of the Tamarisk Fairway on 10<sup>th</sup>, a cluster of eight single-family residences designed by William Cody 1969 and 1970. Although each one-story, flat-roofed house is freestanding, the buildings are zoned as condominiums because they share carports, driveways, landscaped grounds, and a communal swimming pool. Located along the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway of the Tamarisk Country Club golf course, the Morris Residence, built in 1969, is 3370 square feet with three bedrooms and 1.75 bathrooms. Exteriors are sheathed in medium-smooth stucco and slumpstone. Deep eaves characterize east, west, and south-facing elevations. Windows are aluminum-framed fixed, sliding and floor to ceiling glass. A concrete entry path leads to a recessed porch entrance with double front doors. The residence is "O"-shaped with rooms oriented towards a central atrium. The interior is lavishly appointed with terrazzo floors, a sunken living room, sunken wet bar, and enormous bedrooms, bathrooms, and closets. The battered exterior chimney is stucco-covered. The main patio is shaded by a deeply projecting roof overhang supported by a square wood post. Sliding glass doors in bedrooms open onto small private patios. The meticulously maintained park-like grounds include lawns that merge with the golf course rough. The house is original, in excellent condition, and an exceptionally fine demonstration of Cody's Desert Modern style both inside and out. The property appears eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places and for designation under an existing or proposed local ordinance (a "3S" National Register Status Code). Additionally, it would contribute to a potential historic district that may be eligible for listing in the National Register when it becomes fifty years old and could be designated under an existing or proposed local ordinance.*

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (list attributes and codes) *HP2. Single-family Property*

\*P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other

P5a. Photo



**P5b. Description of Photo:** (view and date)

*West and south elevations  
 August 2002*

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and

Sources:  historic  
*1969 / Source: Metroscan*

\*P7. Owner and Address:

*Joy Ryan and Courtney Newman  
 37-655 Palm View Drive  
 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270*

\*P8. Recorded by:

*P. Moruzzi, T. Grimes, L. Heumann  
 Leslie Heumann and Associates  
 600 N. Sierra Bonita Ave.  
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\*P9. Date Recorded:

*November 20, 2002*

\*P10. Survey Type:

*Intensive Survey.*

\*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")  
*None.*

\*Attachments:  None  Location Map  Sketch Map  Continuation Sheet  Building, Structure, and Object Record  
 Archaeological Record  District Record  Linear Feature Record  Milling Station Record  Rock Art Record  
 Artifact Record  Photograph Record  Other (list)