

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) *Groucho Marx Residence*

**P1. Other Identifier:**

\*P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted

\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad

\*c. Address *36-928 Pinto Palm Way*

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

\*a. County *Riverside*

Date:

City *Rancho Mirage*

Zip *92270*

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

*This property is one of the Tamarisk Ranchos cluster of 16 single-family residences, designed by the in-house architects for developer Lou Halper's Devon Construction Company in 1958. Although each one-story house is free-standing, they share a cooperatively-owned central park and swimming pool area towards which all of the residence's rear elevations face. The cluster is located one block east of the Tamarisk Country Club golf course. The original owner of this house was comedian Groucho Marx. The next owner was Barbara Marx Sinatra (Zeppo Marx' ex-wife and Frank Sinatra's last). The residence has a flat roof covering approximately 1,900 interior square feet with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Exteriors are sheathed in medium-smooth stucco and natural rock. Deep eaves shade most elevations. Windows are a mixture of tall and narrow fixed glass north of the center rear entrance and floor-to-ceiling fixed and sliding to the south. The meticulously maintained park-like grounds include vast lawns, trimmed hedges, and a grove of mature date palms. The house is mostly original and in excellent condition. The property would contribute to a potential historic district that could be designated under an existing or proposed local ordinance (a "5D1" National Register Status Code).*

\*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)  
*East elevation  
November 2002*

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:  historic  
*1958 / Source: Metroscan*

\*P7. Owner and Address:  
*Gary Rayner  
36-928 Pinto Palms Way  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270*

\*P8. Recorded by:  
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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)