

CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA HISTORIC LANDMARKS, DISTRICTS, and POINTS OF INTEREST

Landmark Number: 10

Historic Name: **San Buenaventura Mission**

Address: **211 E. Main Street**

Designated: **July 1, 1974**

Description:

NRHP District

Father Junipero Serra founded Mission San Buenaventura on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1782. It was the ninth and last mission founded by Father Serra. Construction on the first adobe mission church began in 1787, but problems forced its demolition in 1790. The present stone and adobe church was built just to the east of the original structure and was completed in 1809. The Mexican Government secularized the missions in 1834, and in 1846, Mission San Buenaventura was sold to Jose Arnaz and became known as Rancho Ex Mission. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln returned the Mission San Buenaventura Church to the Catholic Church, which owns it to this day.

