

SMITH RANCH HOMES Design

The architect for Smith Ranch Homes was Karl Treffinger, a partner in the award-winning firm of Treffinger, Walz and MacLeod & Associates (TWM) of San Rafael.

Treffinger's challenge was to make the project blend with the surroundings. In keeping with the vision, his design encouraged an active lifestyle with the residential buildings spread over the campus connected by walkways.

Interior design of the model units, clubhouse, dining room and other public spaces was by Sammye and Eric Erickson, principals in Erickson Associates of Alhambra, CA. They had an impressive list of clients around the country.

Landscape design was by the Mill Valley firm of Royston, Hanamoto, Allen and Abey.



Architect Karl Treffinger incorporated safety and convenience features in his design.

Unique Botanical Environment to Take Root at Smith Ranch

Landscape architects from the noted Mill Valley firm of Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey have spent two years designing the landscaping for Smith Ranch Homes. Kaz Abey, principal in charge, and Rick Story, project manager for the Smith Ranch project, started consulting with the Smith Ranch developers, architects and construction managers in 1987 and will continue to work in conjunction with Smith Ranch until the last tree has taken root.



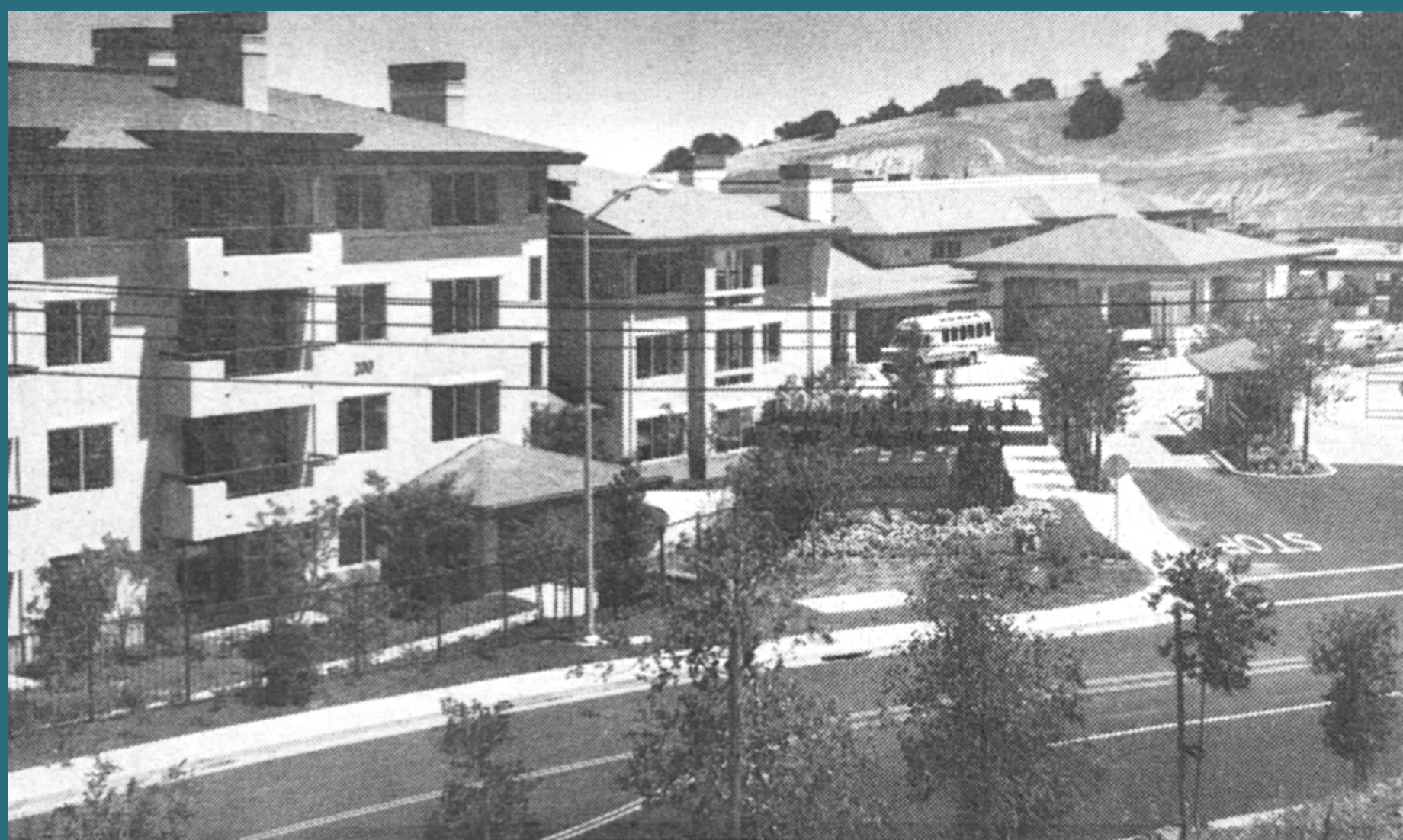
Kaz Abey and Rick Story

Thirty years in business, Royston, Hanamoto, Alley and Abey were chosen to design the Smith Ranch grounds because, "They're the best landscapers in California," according to Dr. Henry Grausz, one of the partners in the development of Smith Ranch Homes. Rick Story noted that the plan for Smith Ranch involved producing a gradual change from

native vegetation on the outer edge of the property to more formal landscaping near the interior areas surrounding the homes. He also pointed out that in keeping with water conservation efforts in Marin, landscaping at Smith Ranch will be irrigated with recycled water.

"We have planned native vegetation, such as redwoods, oaks, wild lilacs and pines, for the outskirts of the Smith Ranch property to blend in with the existing greenery on the perimeter. As the land gets closer to the residential areas and buildings, we are planting trees and shrubs which engender a more tailored look with ornamental greenery such as azaleas, birches, and Japanese maples," Mr. Abey explained.

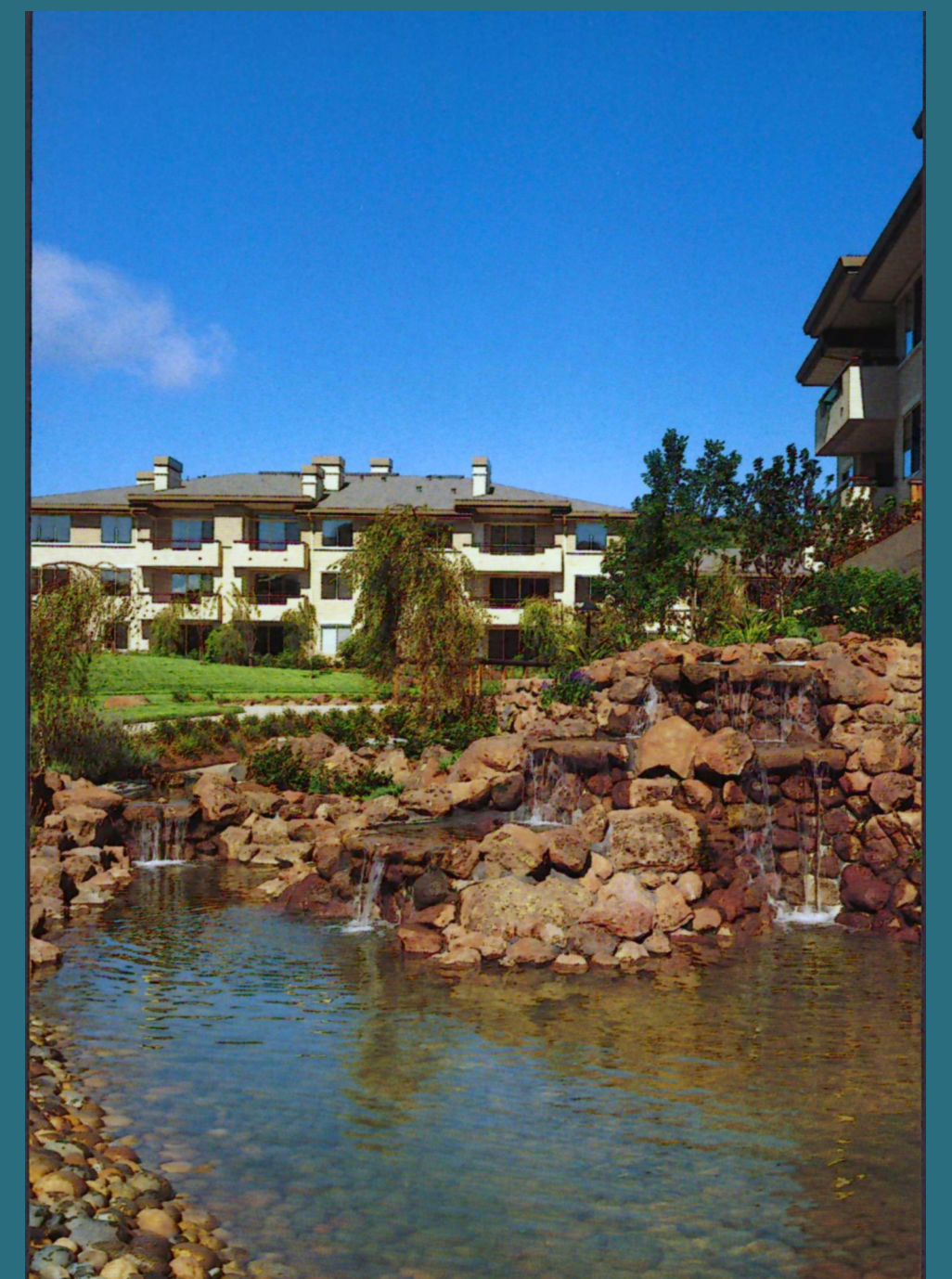
To enhance the interior landscape with a colorful array of blooms, a variety of fruit trees such as cherry, orange, apricot and apple trees will be planted around the residential areas.



Deer Valley Road and entrance gate in 1990. It is hard to believe that the approximately 700 trees on the grounds of Smith Ranch, including the towering Redwoods, were planted just 36 years ago.



Newly landscaped areas.



Models Designers Create Distinctive Interiors



Eric and Sammye Erickson

In designing the model homes, clubhouse, restaurant and virtually all of the public spaces for Smith Ranch Homes, Eric and Sammye Erickson created interiors which reflect an elegance and ambience that they would choose for their own living space. The Ericksons' approach to the Smith Ranch project involved a recognition that they were designing space for people like themselves - active, older adults who enjoy a high quality lifestyle.

According to Eric, "Our work on the interior spaces at Smith Ranch was facilitated by the fact

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Model Designers Create 'A Perfect Fit' For Smith Ranch Decor

(continued from page 1) that we share a common, fundamental precept in terms of quality of life. Sammye and I felt that we were a perfect fit for the project."

For the past 26 years, the Ericksons have designed interior spaces for private homes, hotels, commercial developments, condominiums and private offices around the country and throughout the world. Their

impressive list of previous clients includes the the award-winning Terraces at The Vintage Club in Indian Wells, CA, the Boca Raton Beach Club in Florida, the Biltmore Hotel in New York, Snowmass at Aspen and the William Sonoma store in Costa Mesa, CA. Other notable clients include Richard Nixon and former Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara.



Exquisite living room designed by Ericksons foretells elegance and ambience awaiting Smith Ranch residents.

Once construction was completed, a consultant was hired to manage the Design Center in Building 100 to assist new buyers and existing residents to create inviting homes by helping choose paint, window and floor coverings and lighting fixtures.