

Inventory of Metal Truss, Movable, and Steel Arch Bridges

Bridge #: 20C0155 **District** 4
Road: WOHLER RD **Route:** **PM:**
Feature Intersected: RUSSIAN RIVER
City: **County** Sonoma
Other Location Info: 1.5 MILES FROM RIVER RD

Evaluation Summary (NRHP Eligibility)
Previous: 2 Eligible
Update: 2 Eligible

Description: Bridge 20C0155 is a steel, pin-connected three span Parker through truss structure carrying one lane. The spans are each 233 feet long.

Year Built: 1922 **Moved:** No
2nd Date: Year Altered Year Moved

Owner: County
Builder: American Bridge Company
Designer: W. L. Hook, Sonoma County Bridge Engr. **Surveyor:** AB / NC
Contractor: Foundation Company **Survey Date:** 8/21/2003

<u>Points</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>2003</u>
Date of Construction	8 1920-1929 period	8 1920-1929 period
Builder/Designer Significant	6 Minor example of signif. builder / designer	6 Minor example of signif. builder / designer
<i>Length:</i>		
Number of Spans	4 3 span(s)	4 3 span(s)
Length of Spans	8 pony >80; through >150; deck >150	8 pony >80; through >150; deck >150
Surviving # of Type	0 >20	2 19
<i>Special Features:</i>		
Pin Connected	4 Is pin-connected	4 Is pin-connected
Iron	0 Is not iron	0 Is not iron
Decorative Feature	2 minor	2 minor
<i>Aesthetics</i>		
Site	4 Good	4 Good
Structural	4 Good	4 Good
<i>Integrity:</i>		
Location/Setting	0 Excellent	0 Excellent
Design/Material	0 Excellent	0 Excellent
Feeling/Association	0 Excellent	0 Excellent
Transport. / Hist.Assoc.	3 Local	N/A
Totals	43	42

Criterion A Evaluation
See Historic Evaluation.

Notes:
Rating sheet shows date of 1922, the bridge log shows date of 1921.

It is on the Sonoma County Historic Bridge Thematic Landmark list.

Historic Evaluation

The Wohler Bridge on the Russian River in Sonoma County (20C0155), was found eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the bridge inventory conducted by Caltrans in the 1980s. The evaluation concluded that the bridge was eligible for listing under Criterion C as it embodied the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction. Built in 1922 by the American Bridge Company, a master bridge building company, the Wohler Bridge is an example of a long (233 feet) pin connected Parker truss bridge built during a period when Parker trusses were a popular choice among bridge engineers. Although a minor example for the American Bridge Company, the bridge features such decorative elements as pedestrian concrete window rails on the approach and ornamental brackets on the top chord.



Facing northwest



Facing north

Location Map

