

**State Historical Resources Commission
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**Nov. 17, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Adrian Praetzellis (SSU), Mike Newland (SSU), Wendy Teeter (UCLA), Laura Miranda (NAHC), Janet Eidsness (SCA Native American Program), Anmarie Medin (CT), Gregg Castro (Salinan), Randall Dean (SF), Charlotte Hunter (BLM), Patrick Riordan (CA Parks), Jennifer Darcangelo (PG&E), Jim Nelson (PG&E), Moc Gonzales (OPR)

Agenda Item II. Meeting minutes from Sept. 22, 2011 teleconference had been distributed by email. Charlotte motioned to approve; Janet seconded; motion carried.

Agenda Item III. Report on Workgroups Progress

Following email suggestion from Trish, Anmarie raised the idea that future meetings focus on one work group which would permit delving deeper into the subject matter. The group was generally amenable to the idea, so future agendas will follow that strategy.

Conservation: No report.

Curation: No report.

Interpretation: Mike Newland reported that he had a list of interpretation web pages from various groups and agencies. Mike thanked Gregg for input on tribal groups' web pages and Ben Harris for input on government agencies. Mike feels he is close to having a product that can be posted on the SCA web page. His plan is that OHP would link to the SCA web page. The idea is that SCA can host this list and update it easily. Anmarie suggested Mike contact William Burg at OHP for web page posting information. Adrian raised the possibility that SCA would host over the long term web pages that had been developed for projects. Mike also raised the idea that this could tie into an on-line library hosted by SCA. New Action Item: Jennifer F and Mike will bring this before the SCA board to find out about what SCA can do.

Protection: No report.

Standards & Guidelines: Adrian stated that there had been limited progress since the last meeting. Moc provided a brief summary of the process for updating CEQA guidelines. Basically, there needs to be some sort of legislative action (change in law), that requires OPR to review and update guidelines. The SHRC could propose changes that would go up through Parks to the Resource Secretary then to the Governor. These proposals would require a clear and compelling argument for why they needed to be implemented, particularly in today's anti-regulatory mindset. Laura reminded us that there are tribal resources that might help getting bills introduced and passed. We might get a legislator to carry a bill.

Adrian suggested we work on establishing standards based on the Secretary of the Interior's standards. We should work to get qualifications standards referred to in statute and also work on specific guidelines for professional practices in subject areas. Janet asked for clarification – would we be working towards “draft trial” standards that would become the California standard after we worked out the kinks and figured out what works? Adrian explained further and used the example of SOI professional qualification standards as something that is generally accepted. This would also relate to current CARIDAP program that is not required by law, but has become a best practice in the state. The working group could develop guidelines, vet them to make sure they work, and then get the force of law behind the guidelines.

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Laura asked why do we not go for something that has more force and effect? Find out what references there are to archaeological standards in existing regulations and statute and build off those. New Action Item: Laura will research this.

Adrian suggested we start with small changes to “terms of art” such as defining a data recovery plan as something that meets OHP DRP guidelines. Randall agreed, stating that it is difficult to amend CEQA, but easy to refer to OHP/SOI/OPR where details are found. OPR would put out the standard or guideline. Adrian emphasized that guidance would be developed with professional input. The ARC would “float” guidelines through the OHP, SCA executive board, RPA, Tribes, etc to make sure they are something interest groups can live with. Then we would work towards amending CEQA to refer to these guidelines that have become by practice the California standard. So, what are the constituencies that we would need to work with to create that buy-in? Trish structured this ARC to plan for such needs; however several of the industry liaisons are not filled (AEP, League of CA Cities, Building Industries, etc.). Adrian suggested those groups and others would get involved if we provided them a specific document to work with.

So what goes first? Professional Qualifications are on their own track because we have the SOI as an accepted standard. Reporting standards is a different track. Adrian will convene the S&G working group who will decide priorities and come up with some ideas for how to address them, and then report back to the ARC. Jennifer F. suggested we work with SAA to see how other states have handled this. Charlotte drew a parallel to the BLM permitting process. Janet suggested we should get advice on how to handle grandfathering folks who have been working in the profession who might not meet the standard.

Agenda Item IV: Review Previous Action Items (Ail)

- AI 112: Laura provided by email a draft of a letter that will go to tribal groups to solicit involvement. Adrian suggested simplifying the URL to the white papers ideas posting. Anmarie will work with Donn on finalizing the letter and distributing through OHP. Laura will generate a list of recipients and provide to Anmarie.

Agenda Item V: Review Action Items: see below.

Next Teleconference: Friday, February 24, 10:00-11:30.

Get any location changes or updates to Anmarie by Feb. 1, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS:

No.	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	Completed
99	Create subcommittees for White Papers. Work with authors to determine composition.	Anmarie / Donn	Ongoing	Ongoing
107	White Paper authors shall review the list of ideas and create priorities of what can and should be worked on by the ARC.	Cindy S., Leslie M., Susan H., Mike N., Adrian P.	Ongoing	Ongoing
108	Research existence of a group for	Leslie M.	Ongoing	In progress

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	parks and open spaces districts; how to work with such districts.			
109	Research how to work with OPR	Janet E.	Ongoing	Ongoing
112	Draft language for SHRC letter to tribal communities inviting them to participate by joining our working groups	Laura Miranda	Nov. 16	In progress
114	Draft letter requesting info on collections not curated	Cindy S.	Nov. 1	In progress
120	Distribute information on legislative calendar	Laura Miranda	Nov. 1	Pending
121	Work with SCA Board on posting Interpretation information on SCA web page	Mike Newland & Jennifer Farquar	Feb. 1, 2012	
122	Research references to professional standards in existing regulations and statute. ID where in CEQA statute such standards might best fit.	Laura Miranda	Feb. 1, 2012	