

**State Historical Resources Commission  
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**June 5, 2013  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Adrian Praetzellis (SSU), Mike Newland (SSU), Wendy Teeter (UCLA), Anmarie Medin (CT), Donn Grenda (SRI), Jennifer Darcangelo (PG&E), Cassandra Hensher (Native American Liaison), Janet Eidsness (Native American Liaison), Mark Rudo (NPS), James Mangold (PG&E), Marcos Gurerro (United Auburn), Kristina Roper, Cindy Stankowski (SD Arch Center), Jim Nelson (PG&E)

**Agenda Item II.** Meeting minutes from previous teleconference had been distributed by email. Kristina motioned to approve; Mark seconded; motion carried.

**Agenda Item III. Update on Standards Working Group Progress**

Anmarie provided an update on SB 659. The bill started as an idea to modify PRC 5020 to give the authority to the SHRC to make recommendations as to what constitutes a professionally qualified archaeologist. Conversations with Senate committee staff and others raised questions as to how this solution would solve the problem as described. After substantial discussions, the bill was modified to require the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), working with the SHRC, to update the CEQA guidelines to include standards for an archaeological evaluation. Senate committee analyses indicated the bill would have significant costs, so it is currently stuck in the Senate Appropriations committee. It will not be forwarded to the floor at this time.

This leaves the ARC with the question of how to proceed in order to implement the recommendations of the white paper. What next? Discussion ensued as to the appropriate course of action for the ARC. There is agreement that we should proceed with small steps that accomplish something, even if we do not achieve the full goal of the White Paper. We acknowledge the legislative process is cumbersome, but we can still work with it. Are legislatively mandated qualifications dead? Given senate committee analysis, it appears so at this time. After some discussion, the group agreed that it is appropriate to start working on some sort of documentation standards that the SCA can adopt. By following the process used to create the recently adopted Qualification Standards and working through the SCA, we will perform the "legwork" that was identified by Senate committee analysis as a major expense.

Documentation standards exist in various forms. Many agencies and local governments have different formats they use or require consultants to follow for contractual deliverables. But how far apart are they? The Secretary of the Interior's Standards are always the best place to start. Caltrans has substantial guidance posted on its web page. Others with posted guidance include DWR, Reclamation, Corps, BLM, and the ICRMP used by the military. Other states also have documentation standards. Anmarie volunteered to organize the various standards to see how different they are. It may be there is a currently accepted professional best practice for documenting investigations that just hasn't been widely vetted and universally adopted. If so, the Standards working group and the ARC can perform that vetting process as was done with the Quals. Ultimately, this could result in OHP publishing a new volume in the Technical Assistance Series. Anmarie and Jennifer Darcangelo will work with SHPO to determine level of support for this effort and best course of action.

- Action Item: All to send web links to documentation standards to Anmarie.

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**Agenda Item IV: Update on other Workgroups**

- **Conservation:** No report.
  
- **Interpretation:** No new action, nothing to report.
  
- **Curation:** No report.
  
- **Protection:** No report.

**Agenda Item V: Review Previous Action Items (All)**

**Next Teleconference:** Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 10:00-11:30.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>Completed</b>
125	Create list of local archaeologists for outreach contacts.	Mike Newland with Trish Fernandez	Ongoing	Ongoing
130	Pursue contact with potential lead in legislature	Anmarie Medin	Next ARC meeting.	Done
131	Provide guidance on public outreach meetings	Janet Eidsness		Done
132	Revise letter to tribes and resend with Feb 14 date	Anmarie	December 14	Done
133	Meet with SHPO on ARC role	Anmarie, Jennifer Darcangelo	July	TBD
134	Send comments from tribal workgroups	Janet		Done
135	Write SCA Newsletter article explaining new Qualls.	Mike Newland	Next SCA newsletter	Done
136	Send archaeological documentation standards to Anmarie	All	Ongoing	Ongoing