

**State Historical Resources Commission
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**December 8, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

ARC Members in Attendance: Anmarie Medin, Adrian Praetzellis, Marcos Gurrerro, Gregg Castro, Jim Nelson, Jennifer Darcangelo, Myra Herrmann, Trish Fernandez

Agenda Item II. Corrections to Previous Meeting Notes

Meeting minutes from Oct. 13 teleconference had not been distributed by email, so this action item was postponed.

Agenda Item III. Update on Standards Working Group progress

The October draft guidance was posted on the OHP web page and ARC members sent out emails soliciting comments, including SCA email blast, THPO email blast, Facebook posting, and personal email groups. Due date for comments was extended to Dec. 4 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. As of Dec. 8, comments had been received from Courtney Coyle on behalf of Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, CHRIS coordinator Eric Allision, Bryan Much NWIC Coordinator, and Charles Mikulik NWIC Staff. Anmarie tabulated the comments received which broke down to 47 individual points. (Note: additional comments were received after the Dec. 8 teleconference eventually totaling 17 individual points.)

Trish asked about the overall approach, questioning if it would be better to replace ARMR rather than supplement. What happens when the two documents conflict? How will an agency know which one to follow? Does this supersede local guidance? Also, it would be good to have more discussion in the background section to explain this guidance. Trish suggested we follow up with Rob Jackson, original author of ARMR. The group agreed. Trish and Anmarie will follow up.

Gregg pointed out the comments received show a perceived gap – how do we reconcile the focus on archaeology (Criterion D/4)? How do we address the need for other guidance on Tribal Cultural Resources / Tribal Cultural Places (TCRs/TCPs). We need to be explicit about our purview with this guidance. After considerable discussion, the group agreed the focus needed to remain on information value of archaeological sites (Criterion D/4). The guidance needs to be explicit that any research design needs to include research questions relevant to tribes or other descendant communities. Also, tribal monitors might provide content that authors should include in technical documents.

What is the definition of archaeological resource for purposes of this effort? Considerable discussion ensued. Often a variety of values are attached to archaeological remains. While this guidance applies to archaeological properties, nothing precludes a site possessing other values such that it might meet other significance criteria. In such circumstances, would the property be another type of resource? Consensus definition is: “the location of material remains of past human activity within the context of use.”

In light of comments received, there is considerable discussion about the need for additional guidance on TCRs/TCPs and how to reconcile that with this effort. This is a cross over issue with Office of Planning and Research which promulgates CEQA guidelines. The ARC needs to be cautious about exceeding its authority / scope. The group realized this guidance will not be ready for presentation at the January SHRC meeting. Rather, Trish and Anmarie will continue

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to coordinate with a working group and follow up with commenters to discuss the overall approach (Action Item 144). Anmarie needs to follow up with SHPO on overall direction of ARC and this guidance.

Agenda Item IV: Update on other Workgoups progress

- **Conservation:** No report.
- **Interpretation:** No report.
- **Curation:** No update.
- **Protection:** No report.

Agenda Item V: Review Progress on Previous Action Items (All)

The only action items are ongoing so no additional discussion. .

Agenda Item VI. Review Action Items from this meeting

Agenda Item VII: Schedule next meeting

Tuesday Jan. 26, 2016, 2:00-3:30 (later rescheduled to Monday Jan. 25 due to schedule conflicts).

ACTION ITEMS:

No.	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	Completed
143	ARC progress report to SCA Newsletter and SHRC	Anmarie & Trish	Nov. 7 SRHC meeting	SCA Newsletter Done; Adrian to report at Oct. 30 SHRC meeting
144	Draft Guidance	Anmarie lead (working group)	Oct. 16, 2015 for Public Review Draft	Ongoing
145	Teleconference for Guidance working group	Anmarie	Aug 18	done