

**State Historical Resources Commission  
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**March 12, 2016 SCA Annual Meeting in Ontario, CA  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Anmarie Medin, Adrian Praetzellis, Jennifer Darcangelo, Donn Grenda, Wendy Teeter, Jim Nelson, Myra Herrmann, Gregg Castro, Suntayea Steinruck, Alex Watts-Tobin, Nick Tipon, Trish Fernandez, Beverly Ortiz, Adam Sriro

**Agenda Item II. Corrections to Previous Meeting Notes**

Adrian handed out hard copies of minutes from January 25 teleconference. Anmarie motioned to approve, Gregg seconded; motion unanimous.

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

Adrian summarized the history of what ARC has been doing since being established in 2006. The White Papers drew 5 subjects from the State Preservation Plan and were adopted in 2010 by the SHRC. Since that time, ARC has worked on implementing the goals. The ARC developed professional qualifications for Principal Investigator, however the SHRC was unable to adopt those, even as a recommendation rather than a requirement, because of concerns that state law did not give SHRC that authority. The ARC then worked with the SCA Board and the SCA Board adopted the PI standards in 2013. The SCA's Professional Standards and Ethics (PS&E) committee has taken on developing additional standards.

The ARC then turned its efforts to providing technical guidance for reporting, developing shortened reporting guidelines intended to complement the existing Archaeological Resources Management Reports (ARMR). The revised guidelines were submitted for public review in Fall of 2015. The ARC heard from 7 individuals whose comments broke down into 139 individual comments. From this effort, the ARC realized it would be better to update ARMR so there is no confusion as to which document takes precedence if there are differences in recommendations. This effort by the ARC is currently on hold pending legal review. The SHPO has asked OHP counsel to review this work to ensure the SHRC is acting within its legal authority. The SHPO wants to make sure whatever the ARC produces can stand up to scrutiny and therefore will be able to serve its intended purpose. If this process is not done correctly, the efforts will be wasted because the product will not carry any authority.

Discussion followed on the role of the ARC going forward and the possibility of the SCA PS&E committee updating ARMR. The benefit of continuing with the ARC is that the structure permits connecting with multiple constituencies or advocacy groups that might not connect through the SCA (i.e., how would SCA communicate with non-members?). In general today's group agreed that updating ARMR would be very useful, particularly to local governments who look to OHP for leadership. The ARC is unclear on its role going forward and its authority to work on implementing the goals of the White Papers so agreed to seek clarification from the SHPO.

Action Item #146: Adrian to follow up with SHPO and at next Commission meeting: does PRC 5020.5(a) give SHRC the authority to provide archaeological guidance documents? If not, what does SHRC have the authority to do in respect to implementing the Archaeological White Papers?

Suntayea circled back to the White Papers themselves and the substantial outreach that was done in 2008-2009. Tribes are asking whatever happened with those comments. The ARC

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needs to be responsive and communicate back to those who commented. Perhaps ARC can provide a newsletter update similar to those published in the SCA newsletter.

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

- **Conservation:** No report.
- **Interpretation:**
  - Gregg Castro is working to update educational guidelines for CA elementary school curriculum regarding CA Indians. Gregg will review the Interpretation White Paper to see how this effort fits into previously identified goals. Perhaps the ARC can be a mechanism for raising awareness of this effort?
  - Nick Tipon raised the idea that this White Paper might have applicability to the work the CA Mission Studies Foundation is doing on getting the Missions listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nick will read the white papers and see if the goals give flexibility to working on this project.
- **Curation:**
  - Wendy Teeter wants to continue working on White Paper goals but needs help! Suntayea raised the idea of certifying tribes as a curation facility. Jim agreed that would be good idea and over the long term tribes should have a role in managing collections and making them available for research. Wendy and Myra will work together on questions for a collections-related survey that SCA can distribute.
- **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**

Action Item 146 – Adrian to discuss ARC role with SHPO.

**Agenda Item VII: Schedule next meeting**

May 3, 10:00-11:30 teleconference

**ACTION ITEMS:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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
146	Follow up with SHPO: What authority does SHRC have to work on issues in the White Papers?	Adrian	April 21	