

**STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

P. O. BOX 942896
SACRAMENTO, CA 94296-0001
(916) 653-6624
(916) 653-9824 FAX



ANTHEA M. HARTIG, Ph.D.
.....*Chairperson*
LAUREN W. BRICKER, Ph.D.
.....*Vice Chairperson*
CLAIRE BOGAARD
PHILIP P. CHOY
KATHLEEN GREEN
WILLIAM R. HILDEBRANDT, Ph.D.
LUIS HOYOS, AIA
MARY L. MANIERY
CAROL L. NOVEY

DR. KNOX MELLON
.....*Executive Secretary*

Quarterly Meeting of the
STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Resources Building
First Floor Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, California

May 9, 2003

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Anthea Hartig, Ph.D., Chairperson
Lauren Bricker, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson
Claire Bogaard
Phillip P. Choy
Kathleen Green
William R. Hildebrandt, Ph.D.
Luis Hoyos, AIA
Mary L. Maniery
Carol L. Novey

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Knox Mellon, Ph.D., Executive Secretary
Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Eugene Itogawa, Staff Historian
Tara Lynch, DPR Staff Counsel
Cynthia Howse, Staff Architectural Historian
Maryln Lortie, Staff Historian
Susan Jackson, Business Services Officer
Lucinda Woodward, Staff Historian
Marie Nelson, Staff Historian
Rachel Magaña, Recording Secretary
Angela Avery, Staff Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Legal notice having been duly given, the State Historical Resources Commission meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Hartig.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Hartig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND STAFF

Chairperson Hartig introduced staff, and Commission members introduced themselves.

IV. WELCOME

Don Nottoli, Supervisor, 5th District, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Nottoli welcomed the Commission to Sacramento. Sacramento County has a rich history and a rich diversity of cultures, especially in the rural areas of the county. The historic community of Locke is an important example of Sacramento County's commitment to historic preservation. Sacramento County established a management team of Locke residents, State Department of Parks and Recreation representatives, and community members to determine the best strategy for revitalizing and preserving Locke. Locke is a good example of how many individuals and groups can work together to remember the contributions of Chinese Americans in the development of the Sacramento delta region.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2003

Chairperson Hartig noted that Tara Lynch, staff counsel, had prepared some recommended changes to the February 7, 2003 minutes, all of which the Commissioners had before them and with which she concurred, and further recommended three changes: (1) Page 6, paragraph 4, insert "and the Chair" after Chattel. (2) Page 8, Monterey County Jail, after Susan Brandt Hawley's comments, insert "Chairperson Hartig concluded that all requirements for the due process notification were handled completely and competently and all information needed and required by the Commission to make that decision had been presented". (3) Page 13, before adjournment, change agenda to "agendas". Commissioner Choy requested that the statement on page 5, last paragraph, be revised to "that the materials given directly to him by Mr. Ochoa at a previous meeting were parallel to the materials provided by OHP staff."

Commissioner Green moved to approve the February 7, 2003 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Novey seconded the motion. **Action:** Motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS

A. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Hartig welcomed all in attendance and reported that Governor Gray Davis has proclaimed May 5-11, 2003 as Historic Preservation Week in California. It is also California Archaeology Month, which is a great time to reflect on the rich diversity of archaeological resources in this state. The Cultural Resources Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation has a variety of free and informational discussions on California archaeology during the month of May in Sacramento. Chairperson Hartig reported that the California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference in Santa Barbara in April was a success. Chairperson Hartig announced the establishment of a new committee of the Commission. The California Register Regulations Assessment Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Bogaard.

Committee members will include Commissioner Maniery, Stephen Mikesell, Tara Lynch, Susan Brandt-Hawley, and Catherine Barrier. The Committee will assess and recommend amendments to improve the regulations for the California Register of Historical Resources.

B. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Mellon reported that AB 1149 (Firebaugh) passed the first committee. The bill transfers Proposition 40 funds for use by the endowment to the State Library under Kevin Starr. Dr. Mellon reported that with the difficult times of state government at present, adversity can produce opportunity, which is certainly the case with historic preservation. Dr. Mellon reported that 736 people attended the Los Angeles Conservancy Awards Ceremony. There were nine city council members, four County supervisors, and several city department chiefs in attendance, which demonstrates the positive strength of historic preservation in Los Angeles. Linda Dishman, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Conservancy, stated that the current State Historical Resources Commission, in her judgement, is the finest Commission in the history of the program.

VII. RESOLUTION

A. Resolution No. 2003-001: Dr. Denzil Verardo

Chairperson Hartig announced the awarding of Commission Resolution of Commendation, No. 2003-001, to Dr. Denzil Verardo.

Stephen Mikesell presented Dr. Verardo an unofficial National Register plaque and declared him to be unofficially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Verardo stated that he is honored by the presentations and reminisced of a time in 1971 when he was a history teacher at a small community college in Salinas when he was invited to join the State Parks as a Park Historian. Dr. Verardo was stationed at Big Basin Redwoods for 3.5 years, then finally to Napa Valley where he was in charge of the Bale Grist Mill restoration. He participated in search and rescue activities, looked for endangered species, and presented campfire talks. Dr. Verardo acknowledged receiving the Commission's Resolution as a high honor.

Chairperson Hartig thanked Dr. Verardo for his dedicated years of service and also thanked staff for the wonderful presentations.

VIII. SLIDE PRESENTATION

Slides were presented by Cynthia Howse and Maryln Lortie of all the properties on the Commission agenda.

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Euclid Avenue

Upland/Ontario, San Bernardino Co.
Local Level of Significance.

Twohy Building

San Jose, Santa Clara Co.
Local Level of Significance

Cecil Ranch Property

Grimes, Colusa Co.
Local Level of Significance

The Andalusia

Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.
Local Level of Significance

Los Gatos Union High School
Los Gatos, Santa Clara Co.
Local Level of Significance

Ehrhardt, William House
Elk Grove, Sacramento Co.
Local Level of Significance

Union Church
Dunnigan, Yolo Co.
Local Level of Significance

Commissioner Bogaard moved to approve the National Register nominations be transmitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer for forwarding to the Keeper for placement on the National Register of Historic Place at the appropriate levels of significance and for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources and the state landmark nominations be designated as State Historical Landmarks, with authorization of plaques, and forwarded to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Novey seconded the motion.

Conditions of approval

Vice Chair Bricker commended the dedication and stewardship of the preparers of the nominations. All nominations were well prepared.

Vice Chair Bicker suggested that Euclid Avenue include site plans with a photo key to fully understand the orientation of the photos. Commissioner Hoyos concurred with Vice Chair Bricker's suggestion and recommended including original drawings, if they exist, to show the original state of this absolutely wonderful tree lined Boulevard. Chairperson Hartig expressed interest in knowing the possible connection between Euclid Avenue in Ontario/Upland and Magnolia Avenue in Riverside. The Chaffey Brothers lived and worked in Riverside. The construction of Euclid Avenue required an extensive labor force to landscape the roadway with cobblestones and riverbed rocks. The social history of Euclid Avenue would be enhanced by including information in the nomination on who actually built the 8.4 mile corridor, perhaps a multi-racial labor force. Commissioner Maniery asked if the property was owned by the city. Maryln Lortie stated that Caltrans is the owner and that there is a letter of consent in the file.

Commissioner Hoyos stated that The Andalusia is a wonderful building. It is the granddaddy of all Spanish courtyards in Los Angeles and is well documented in Stefanos Polyzoides' book. The interior space is very special. Documentation on the state of the interior is incomplete. It would be very nice to have current pictures of the interior to complete the nomination.

Vice Chair Bricker commended the preservation of the William Ehrhardt House and the surrounding acreage. The nomination is very well prepared but it would be helpful to include photographs of the rear portion of the property. The nomination mentioned that it was a catalog house, which is a very fascinating piece of information.

Vice Chair Bricker stated that the Los Gatos Union High School is a magnificent building with beautiful grounds and a fabulous resource. The only concern is the absence of discussion of the interior space and how it functions as a school. It would enrich the understanding of the resource and how it works in terms of the architectural significance.

B. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

Point Arena Light Station
Point Arena, Mendocino Co.

Light Ship Relief
Oakland, Alameda Co.

Commissioner Novey expressed pleasure and privilege of attending the dedication of the Light Ship Relief in Oakland. The amount of work, love, patience, and hardships that went into restoring this ship is

tremendous and commended everyone involved. Properties other than buildings can be and should be designated as state landmarks.

Motion: consent calendar: **Action:** Motion carried unanimously with conditions.

Speakers

Jane Carter, former State Historical Resources Commissioner, thanked the Commission for recommending approval of the Cecil Ranch Property in Colusa. Mrs. Carter reported that Colusa was one of the original 27 counties, comprised of Colusa, Glenn and Southern Tehama County, when the California Legislature designated it in 1851. There are six National Register listings. The Cecil Ranch property will make it seven. There is one State Historical Landmark, the Colusa County Courthouse, and a few State Points of Historical Interests. Mrs. Carter stated that Mrs. Cecil's parents built the house in which they have lived for 20 years and the family did a wonderful job of refurbishing, renovating, and restoring the property.

X. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

A. NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Dunes (Barber)

Casa De La Pas

La Jolla, San Diego County

Local Level of Significance

Chairperson Hartig announced that The Dunes (Barber), Casa De La Pas, La Jolla, San Diego County, nomination has been pulled from the agenda.

B. The following nominations have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service Notice of Listings identifying these nominations has been received by the Office of Historic Preservation since the last regular meeting of the Commission. *These properties also have been placed on the California Register of Historical Resources.*

Camp 4 , Yosemite, Mariposa Co.	2/21/03
Superior Oil Company Building , Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co.	2/28/03
Fossil Canyon Petroglyph Site , Barstow, San Bernardino Co.	3/03/03
Birdwell Rock Petroglyph Site , Coalinga, Fresno Co.	3/12/03
Archeological Site CA-INY-134 , Olancho, Inyo Co.	3/12/03
Archeological Sites CA-RIV-504 & CA-RIV-773 , Blythe, Riverside Co.	3/12/03
Lederer, Gus, Site , Desert Center, Riverside Co.	3/12/03
Swasey Discontiguous Archeological District , Redding, Shasta Co.	3/12/03
Villa Park School , Villa Park, Orange Co.	3/27/03

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS

Presentations of comments or concerns by the general public:

Richard Ameil, President, California Missions Foundation, stated that he is eighth generation Californian. His ancestors came up in the second expedition of Captain Rivera in 1774 and his great-great-grandfather helped build five of the missions. Mr. Ameil reported that the state of the California Missions is not good. It has reached crisis proportions from crumbling adobe to rotting roofs. The California Missions Foundation is leading a \$50 million dollar campaign to repair the missions and conserve their artifacts, artwork, textile, and documents that the Spanish Padres brought up in the 1700s. Many of the missions need retrofitting. Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside is a \$1 million project because the original

conventional wing arches are crumbling and are now turning to silt. Mission San Miguel is the biggest concern because it could collapse, which is a \$7 million dollar project. The County of San Luis Obispo tried to close down the mission last fall. Mr. Ameil reported that there are several bills in the state legislature to provide funds for the missions. There is a \$30 million dollar request from the state but when Senate Bill 1247 became Assembly Bill 716 to create the Cultural and Historical Endowment the monies have been withheld from Proposition 40. There is Senate Bill 92, which establishes California Missions as a California Tax Credit dedication where taxes can be contributed to the restoration of missions. There is Senate Bill 987, which would allocate funds from Proposition 40 for the care of the missions. There is also a House resolution, co-sponsored by California Senators Boxer and Feinstein, committing \$10 million dollars in federal grants to the repair the missions. This requires a matching fund. There have been \$5 million received so far and more aggressive strategies have been made in fund raising. Mr. Ameil requested the Commission work together with the Foundation to save these historic treasures for future generations.

Chairperson Hartig thanked Mr. Ameil for his presentation and stated that the Commission is also concerned with the future of the California Missions.

Jeff Gales, Managing Director, Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers, Inc., stated that the Point Arena Lighthouse is an architectural landmark and significant in maritime history. The history of the area dates back to the time of the Pomo Indians. To this day artifacts are found where the Pomo Indians held their sacred ceremonies. Mr. Gales stated that the lighthouse retains the look of how it did almost one hundreds years ago. There is an incredible array of wild life that exists at the lighthouse and the surrounding area, including some of the rarest California native coastal wild flowers. Mr. Gales stated that he is currently working with other organizations to raise money for upgrades and needed preservation projects. Four lighthouse keepers' homes are rented as vacation houses to raise money.

Commissioner Hildebrandt stated that an Executive Order from President Bush declares that one of the ways to move forward with preserving cultural resources is through heritage tourism.

Leslie A. G. Dill, Historic Architect, Dill Design Group, thanked the Commission for nominating the Los Gatos Union High School to the National Register. Ms. Dill stated that her office was galvanized in 1999 when the new school principal attempted to chisel off the Greek key design because it had a swastika pattern. The school was built in 1925 prior to the Nazi's taking over the symbol. Educators need to be educated.

XII. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

None scheduled.

XIII. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Chairperson Hartig stated that there are two prepared reports that are available at the front table.

Commissioner Choy reported that he attended the State Historical Building Safety Board meeting on February 20th in Sacramento as an alternate. Three appeals were heard. The Board approved an appeal to allow the installation of treated wood shingle roofing on a historic building in Los Angeles but denied an appeal for installation of a wood roof in Glendale. The Board approved the reconstruction of the Casa de Aguirre in Old Town San Diego Historic District.

Commissioner Maniery reported that May is California Archaeology Month, which started out as Archaeology Week and is always in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Week. It has been expanded to a month for several reasons. Buildings, structures, houses, ranches and bridges are visible reminders of our heritage. Because it is underground and hidden, archaeology is often not thought of or is ignored. To bring public awareness to archaeological resources, Archaeology Week was expanded to

a month. There are a lot of activities and programs planned in California during the month of May. Many counties have archaeology fairs, and local museums have archaeology exhibits. There are posters made for schools and public libraries. Commissioner Maniery encouraged people to look around in local communities and see what is going on and spend time visiting. The Society for California Archaeology has a web site with a list of events, programs and exhibits for archaeology month at www.scanet.org. It is nice to touch shoes, bottles, projectile points, and other things that people left behind, to let your mind and imagination roam on what they were used for.

Commissioner Hildebrandt stated that one of the things that happens during archaeology month is that the Society for California Archaeology publishes a poster. Many states across the country also do so. The 2003 California Archaeology poster took third place in the national competition. This poster is part of the cover of a new book that just came out called *Before California: An Archeologist Looks at Our Earliest Inhabitants*, written by Brian Fagan, a well known author in archaeology who has published several books.

Vice Chair Bricker announced that Cal Poly Pomona will sponsor a one-day symposium on the subject of cultural landscapes on May 16. Both Knox Mellon and Lucinda Woodward will be speakers at this year's event. The issue of cultural landscapes has been a growing topic, statewide and nationally. The discipline of cultural landscapes represents a concept of viewing the total environment, not just vegetation but includes different ways of looking at the landscape, as opposed to the building by building approach that has been done traditionally. The emphasis in this program is to look at the world at various cultural and ethnic groups, which raises the question, whose history are we preserving? The Cal Poly Pomona web site is: www.csupomona.edu/.

IX. MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2003

August 8, 2003	Vallejo	Quarterly Meeting
November 7, 2003	South Pasadena	Quarterly Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Knox Mellon
Executive Secretary

DATED _____