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Mission

The mission of the Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission is to provide leadership and promote the preservation of California's irreplaceable and diverse cultural heritage.



Rightsizing America - A Report from ACHP

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), recently released a report on rightsizing communities: [Managing Change: Preservation and Rightsizing in America](#). The report is based on three years of extensive research, site visits, and public outreach, resulting in an assessment of the effect of rightsizing on community viability, and recommendations for enhancing the role of historic preservation in revitalizing communities. It provides citizens, non-profits, and government officials with timely information, examples, and practices to help make informed decisions about the future of their communities. We encourage you to click on the report title above and download a copy.



California Historical Landmark #1051 - Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge



On Sunday March 23, 2014, the California Historical Landmark plaque dedication and unveiling was held for the Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge in Auburn State Recreation Area. The dedication was a California State Parks 150th Legacy event, held as part of the 2014 Commemoration of

[California State Parks' 150th Anniversary](#). Learn more about the [Mountain Quarries Railroad Bridge](#), and look for more anniversary year Landmark dedications in the months to come!

Union Station Turns 75!

[Union Station](#) in Los Angeles 

State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)

The Commission meets at least four times per year to give citizens an opportunity to participate in public hearings regarding the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

Upcoming 2014 Meetings:

April 22-Asilomar
August 1-Sacramento
November 7-Sacramento

For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](#).

celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. Built in 1939, the station is known for its grand waiting room, ticket counter, patio gardens, and the striking mix of Colonial Revival, Mission Revival, and Moderne architecture.



Union Station served as a main western terminal for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, and currently is used by Amtrak and Los Angeles' Metrolink. The station was one of the last of the grand rail stations to be built, and remains an architecturally beautiful example of the era when train travel was king. In 1980, Union Station achieved listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Los Angeles Conservancy will be hosting a [75th anniversary gala](#) at the station on May 17, 2014.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Tax Incentives Report is Out

The [Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings Annual Report 2013](#) is now available along with the companion [Statistical Report](#) listing all tax incentive projects by state. California ranks second in the nation in terms of certified expenses. The California statistics can be viewed on the OHP's [Certified California Tax Incentive Projects](#) webpage.

Historic Preservation Funding and Changes to The Antiquities Act

Visit the [Preservation Action website](#) to learn about the U.S. House's latest changes to the Antiquities Act, and the ongoing efforts related to Historic Preservation Funding.

NAPC Commission Excellence Awards

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions is accepting nominations for their 2014 Commission Excellence Awards. The **nomination deadline is April 15, 2014**. Details are available on the [NAPC website](#).

Reminder: Governor's Historic Preservation Awards 2014-nomination deadline is May 12, 2014!

Forms and information are available at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/governorsawards. Don't miss the chance to let good work shine!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lecture on Preserving the Chochenyo Ohlone Indian Language, April 17, 2014

Oakland Heritage Alliance is sponsoring an evening lecture: "Revitalizing and Strengthening the Chochenyo Ohlone Indian language." Vincent Medina, assistant curator at Mission Delores will discuss efforts past and present to preserve the Chochenyo Ohlone language and culture. The lecture will be held at Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, CA. Visit [OHA's website](#) for details.

State Historical Resources Commission Meeting, April 22, 2014

The State Historical Resources Commission will be meeting at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove to hear nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register, and California Historical Landmarks. The meeting begins at 9:00am and is open to the public. Visit the [Pending Nominations](#) webpage for a listing of nominations under consideration.

California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference, April 22-25, 2014

This year's CPF conference, *Redefining Preservation: Dialogues and Directions in Cultural Heritage*, takes place at [Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds](#) on the Monterey peninsula. A highlight of the conference is the Three Minute Success Stories event, which allows participants the chance to showcase their preservation successes in the form of skits, songs, dances, PowerPoints, or other entertaining formats. For information on the conference, and on participating in the Three Minute Success Stories, visit the [CPF website](#). Note: Applications for the Success Stories are due Friday, April 4th.

Keeping Time VII Historic Preservation Conference, June 20, 2014

The Tuolumne County Community Resources Agency and the Tuolumne County Historic Preservation Review Commission in cooperation with the OHP, are once again hosting the Keeping Time Historic Preservation Conference. Held annually, the conference provides professional sessions on issues such as mitigation, funding, practical application of codes, weatherizing of historic buildings, etc. The Keeping Time conferences' earned a Governor's Historic Preservation Award in 2010 for their proven service and benefit to Gold Country communities and to California preservation overall.

This year's conference takes place June 20, at Columbia State Historic Park. For additional information and registration materials, contact Karen Willenberg, Tuolumne County Community Resources Agency, at kwillenberg@co.tuolumne.ca.us, or (209) 533-6641.

Preservation is Local!

Highlighting some of the organizations involved in preservation at the local and regional levels

[Alameda Architectural Preservation Society](#) (AAPS) was founded in 1972 with the goal of increasing public awareness and appreciation of Alameda's historic architecture. AAPS publishes a newsletter and sponsors local preservation programs and events, including the [Alameda Legacy Home Tour](#), and the annual [Preservation Awards](#).

[Sacramento Old City Association](#) (SOCA), established in 1972, promotes appreciation and preservation of the City's irreplaceable historic, architectural, and cultural resources. Besides strongly advocating for policies protecting such resources, SOCA also sponsors events such as the [Jane Jacobs Walks](#), and tours of the City's [homes](#) and other [historic resources](#).

Do you have an active preservation group in your community? Let us know about it! Contact Diane Barclay,

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