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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.

California Historical Landmark Dedications

This past month saw three more California Historical Landmark dedications as part of the Landmarks Legacy Project honoring the 150th anniversary of California State Parks.



On October 5, a new Landmark plaque was dedicated at the [Custom House](#) in [Monterey State Historic Park](#). The Custom House is California Historical Landmark No. 1, originally designated in 1932. The

rededication event included a special ceremony performed by the Native Sons of the Golden West, the group that in 1900 rescued and restored the Custom House.

Another Landmark plaque was unveiled on October 18, commemorating [Tomo-Kahni State Historic Park's](#) 20th anniversary and its designation as California Historical Landmark No. 1054. The landmark designation recognizes the significance of the Kawaiisu rock art site that overlooks the Sand Canyon region known as Tomo-Kahni, or "Winter Village" of the Kawaiisu. Ceremonial drumming and a Nuwa blessing were part of the dedication ceremonies.



Finally, on October 26, California Historical Landmark No. 390 was rededicated as the Bridgeport Historic District. The landmark designation was originally awarded in 1947 to the Bridgeport Bridge, the longest single span, wooden covered bridge in the world. The updated Historic District



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.

The last meeting for 2014 occurred November 7 in Sacramento.

Scheduled Meetings for 2015:

Jan. 28 - Sacramento
Apr. 29 - San Diego
Aug. 7 - Sacramento
Nov. 6 - Sacramento

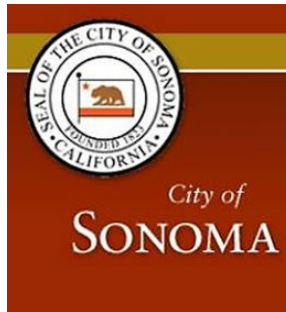
For meeting and general information, please visit the [SHRC webpage](#).

designation includes the bridge and also the associated Virginia turnpike, 1862 barn, 1927 gas station, and the Kneebone Cemetery. The District is part of [South Yuba River State Park](#).



The Custom House, Tomo-Kahni, and Bridgeport Historic District landmark plaques, like the majority of the Legacy Landmark plaques, were made possible with the assistance of the [Native Sons of the Golden West](#) and the [California State Parks Foundation](#).

Sonoma is California's 66th CLG!



Congratulations to the [City of Sonoma](#) on becoming the state's 66th Certified Local Government! The Certified Local Government Program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the preservation of their historic properties and resources, and the integration of preservation into local planning and decision-making efforts. Visit the [CLG](#) page of our website to

learn more about this important program.

California Historic District Sets New NRHP Record

Recently, the [National Register of Historic Places](#) (NRHP) posted photos of the [Pond Farm Pottery Historic District](#) to the [NRHP Flickr](#) site. According to National Register archivist Jeff Joeckel, the photos drew over 28,000 hits, the biggest one day total the NRHP has ever recorded on their Flickr site! The Pond Farm Pottery Historic District is located within [Austin Creek State Recreation Area](#) in Guerneville, and is significant for its ties to the Studio Pottery Movement, the recognition of ceramics as an important art form, and ceramist Marguerite Wildenhain. The District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 17, 2014. Congratulations to all who were involved in the nomination process, and in preserving this important part of California's heritage!



(photo courtesy of [Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods](#))

Tribal Consultations Scheduled for this Fall

The California Office of Historic Preservation is hosting a series of regional public meetings to provide input regarding Native American Tribal access to the cultural resource information maintained by California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). The objective of the meetings is to involve as many tribes in California as possible in the process of formulating a comprehensive, consistent, and coordinated policy for Tribal access to the CHRIS inventory.

Please visit our [CHRIS Tribal Access Policy webpage](#) for information regarding the tribal access policy efforts, and to download the schedule of all meeting dates, times, and locations.

New Guidance on Section 106 Agreement Documents

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is pleased to announce the launch of their new "Guidance on Agreement Documents" (GAD), available through the [ACHP website](#). The GAD is designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of crafting and implementing agreements in the Section 106 process.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

The 2014 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards will be presented on November 20, 2014. The awards ceremony and reception are made possible each year through the generous support of our sponsors. Our sincere appreciation to the following organizations for supporting this year's Governor's Historic Preservation Awards event:

[California Preservation Foundation](#)
[LA Conservancy](#)
[SF Heritage](#)
[Save Our Heritage Organisation](#)
[Society for California Archaeology](#)

Visit our [2014 Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) webpage to see a list and brief summaries of the award recipients.

Cultural Heritage Publication Available Online

Cultural Heritage Ethics edited by Constantine Sandis was published on October 15, 2014 and can be read for free online through the [Open Book Publishers website](#). The book provides case studies and approaches from a variety of professionals dealing with the theory and practice of cultural preservation.

Grant Opportunity - Collections Management

The [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) invites cultural and historical institutions and organizations to submit applications for NEH's "Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections (SCHC) grant program. SCHC helps cultural institutions and organizations meet the complex challenge of preserving diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting sustainable conservation measures. The **deadline for submitting applications is December 3, 2014**. Visit the [NEH grant website](#) for grant and application details.

Nominations Now Being Accepted

The [Society for American Archaeology](#) (SAA) is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Award for Excellence in Public Education. The award recognizes and encourages outstanding programs or products that share archaeological knowledge and issues with the public. The 2015 award focus is Community and Public Programming. For nomination forms and program information, visit the [award page](#) of the SAA website. **Deadline for submitting nominations is January 10, 2015.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Webinars from the OHP

Our office, in partnership with the California Preservation Foundation (CPF), is offering a series of free webinars beginning this month. The webinars address some of the topics and issues most often asked about the OHP and historic preservation in California. Click on the listings below for full details and registration information:

[Introduction to the OHP - November 13, 2014](#)

[Preparing Successful National Register](#)

[Nominations - February 19, 2015](#)

[Consulting with the SHPO under Section 106 - May 14, 2015](#)

[Accessing the California Historical Resources Information System \(CHRIS\) - July 23, 2015](#)

California Preservation Foundation Workshops:

Workshops

Five Incentives for Preservation Projects - Pasadena, December 11, 2014

Visit the [CPF website](#) for registration information and to see CPF's full schedule of webinars and workshops for 2015.

Native American Leadership - Public Talks Scheduled in November

Dr. Mary Contini Gordon will talk about the lasting impact of Chumash Chief Charlie Cooke's efforts to preserve valuable sites and resources in California's Santa Monica Mountains, deserts, and along the coast. Dennis Garcia, a Chumash elder, will start the talks with a Chumash blessing and will add his perspectives to the discussions. Dr. Contini Gordon is the author of a book about Charlie Cooke, *TIQ SLO'W: The Making of a Modern Day Chief*. Visit the [publisher's website](#) for additional information about Dr. Contini Gordon and her book.

November 16 - 11am and 2pm

NPS Visitor Center, [King Gillette Ranch](#)
26876 Mullholland Highway, Calabasas, 91302
(805) 370-2301

November 18 - 7:30pm

[Temescal Gateway Park](#)
15601 Sunset Blvd, Pacific Palisades, 90272
(310) 454-1395

Free Grant Writing Workshop

"Grant Writing for Preservation Projects to Enhance Collections Care" is a one-day workshop that addresses the needs and priorities of collections care, and the questions and requirements of the grant application process. The workshop is part of the [Californians Connecting to Collections Project](#), with funding for the workshop provided by the [Getty Foundation](#). The workshop is free, but does require preregistration. Click on the workshop dates below to register.

November 20, 2014 - 9am-4pm

San Diego - Mingei International Museum

December 11, 2014 - 9am-4pm

Sacramento - Crocker Art Museum

December 18, 2014 - 9am-4pm

San Francisco - Wells Fargo History Museum

New Faces at the OHP!

Recently, we welcomed some much appreciated new members to our staff:

Sean de Courcy comes to us from Arntz Builders where he served as historian on the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building restoration project in Sacramento. Sean is a part of our Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit, focusing primarily on public outreach and education. He has an M.A. in Public History from California State University Sacramento. When not at work, Sean enjoys life in the Oak Park district of Sacramento with his wife, Meg, and their three cats.

Alicia Perez did not travel far to join our office, coming literally from the office upstairs where she worked for just over seven years as an Associate Archaeologist with the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) of California State Parks. Alicia continues in the capacity of Associate Archaeologist serving in our Architectural Review and Environmental Compliance Unit. She earned her M.A. in Cultural Resource Management at California State University Sonoma. Alicia and her husband, James Mangold, are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first child (very soon!)

Patrick Riordan also comes to us from the greater California State Parks' family, in this case the Archaeology, History, and Museums Division (AHM). Patrick was AHM's NAGPRA Coordinator. At the OHP Patrick works as an Associate State Archaeologist for our Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit. He holds a B.A. in Anthropology from California State University Chico. A resident of Sacramento, Patrick currently shares his life with Jack and Scooby, two energetic Jack Russell terriers.

Welcome!

Banner images, left to right: Sonoma City Hall; rock art, Tomo-Kahni State Park; Bridgeport landmark dedication; Custom House, Monterey

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