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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.

Frank Lloyd Wright Buildings Nominated to the World Heritage List

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is nominating ten buildings designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright for inclusion



on the World Heritage List. According to the DOI, this would be the first World Heritage listing for the United States in the field of modern architecture. Included in the group of nominated buildings are the [Aline Barnsdall Hollyhock House](#) in Los Angeles, and the [Marin County Civic Center](#) in San Rafael. To learn more about this important endeavor and all of the buildings included in the nomination, visit the [DOI website](#).

(Photo: Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael. Courtesy of fizbin at en.wikipedia)

Looking Forward to the Next 150 Years of California State Parks



On January 30, 2015, a new report was released calling for a "fundamental transformation" of the 1.6 million acre California State Park System. The report, *A New Vision for California State Parks: Recommendations of the Parks Forward Initiative*, came out of a two year

The OHP continues to seek and encourage the nomination of properties significant to Latino history and culture in twentieth century California. If you would like to participate in this important effort, please visit our [Preserve Latino History](#) webpage.

In addition to the Latinos in Twentieth Century California MPS, the SHRC approved nine other nominations for the National Register, including two submitted in association with the Latinos MPS. The Commission also voted to accept a nominated property for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. Visit our [Actions Taken](#) webpage to see images and descriptions of all of the properties voted on by the SHRC.

2015-2016 CLG Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

The OHP's Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit is now accepting applications for the federal grants awarded annually to Certified Local Governments. California, through the OHP, is required to issue a minimum of ten percent of its yearly share of federal funds received through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to certified local governments to assist with historic preservation programs. Last year, five California cities and counties received a total of \$172,000 in grants.

The **application deadline is April 20, 2015**. For application forms, and details about the grant program, please visit our [CLG Grant Program](#) webpage.

CEQA Case Studies on the OHP Website

The OHP regularly comments on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents as an authority on historic and cultural resources, and also provides information related to CEQA on our website. Added to the other information provided on the [CEQA](#) webpage, we now offer our *CEQA Case Studies Series*. These studies are drawn from environmental documents produced in California to help environmental analysts and lead agencies better understand the identification and evaluation processes as applied to a variety of historical and cultural resources. The first study in the series is "[How to Identify and Evaluate Historic and Cultural Landscapes.](#)"

For questions or comments regarding the series, please contact Sean deCourcy, State Historian II, at sean.decourcy@parks.ca.gov, or 916-445-7042.

Governor's Historic Preservation Awards Accepting Nominations!

Nominations for the 2015 Governor's Historic

Preservation Awards are being accepted now through May 11, 2015. The Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) oversees this award program that recognizes exemplary efforts to preserve California's heritage. Nomination applications and criteria, as well as information about the awards program can be found on our [Governor's Historic Preservation Awards](#) webpage. Good work deserves to be recognized!

HPEF Partners in Training Call for Proposals

The Historic Preservation Education Foundation (HPEF) is accepting proposals for the Spring 2015 session of its Partners in Training program. HPEF is inviting educational institutions and non-profit organizations to submit training proposals on topics related to the technical aspects of preservation projects.

The **deadline for submissions is April 1, 2015**. Complete details about the program and submission requirements, can be found on the [HPEF website](#).

Upcoming Events

Modernism Week in Palm Springs, February 12-22, 2015

Don't miss the opportunity to explore and celebrate some of California's finest examples of mid-century modern architecture! Also at this year's Modernism Week the State Historical Resources Commission's [Modernism Committee](#) will host a panel discussion on integrity standards as they relate to modern resources and the National Register of Historic Places. Complete details about time, location, and registration can be found on the [Modernism Week](#) website.

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars

Workshops:

February 11, Sacramento - CEQA and Historic Preservation: a 360 Degree View

February 12, Sacramento - Pushing the Green Envelope: Improving the Performance of Historic Buildings (we are pleased to note that Sean deCourcy of the OHP's Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit will be a speaker at this workshop)

Webinars:

February 17 - Legal and Financial Facets of Historic Tax Credits

February 24 - Easements and Grants

Visit the [CPF website](#) for registration information and a full listing of workshops and webinars scheduled for 2015.

Free Webinars from the OHP

Our office in partnership with CPF is offering a series of free webinars in 2015. Click on the listings below for full details and registration information:

[February 19 - Preparing Successful National Register Nominations](#)

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

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

SCA 2015 Annual Meeting - March 12-15, 2015

Registration is still open for the Society for California Archaeology's annual meeting in Redding, California. The theme is "Beyond Boundaries" and will feature a plenary session of papers co-authored by Native Americans and archaeologists. Conference rates at the hotels can be reserved now through February 17, 2015. Visit the [SCA website](#) for full conference and registration details.

Be a Three Minute Success at the CPF Conference!

The California Preservation Foundation's (CPF) [annual conference](#) will take place April 29-May 2, 2015 in San Diego. As in years past, the OHP's own Tim Brandt, Senior Restoration Architect, will host the fun and highly popular Three Minute Success Stories in which historic preservation successes are celebrated. This year's theme is "3MSS USO (1960 Bob Hope years)." Do you have a success story to tell? Here is your chance! The **application deadline is Friday, April 10, 2015**. Visit the [CPF website](#) for application forms and guidelines. Join us in a salute to preservation!

Preservation is Local!

Highlighting organizations involved in preservation at the local and regional level

The [Preservation Action Council of San Jose \(PAC* SJ\)](#) was founded as a non-profit in 1990 to advocate for the preservation and continued use of San Jose's historically significant resources. PAC* SJ's activities include among others, educational outreach, working with city and elected officials to draft guidelines relating to San Jose's historic structures, and partnering with other preservation organizations to further the cause of historic preservation.

Do you have an active preservation group in your community? If so, let us know about it! Contact Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator at diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov, or (916) 445-7026.

Banner images this month depict some of the nominations approved by the State Historical Resources Commission at their January 28, 2015 meeting. Left to right: Aeneas Sardine Packing Company, Whifler House, Cayetano Juarez Adobe, and Lydia D. Killefer School (Latinos MPS).

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