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## California Office of Historic Preservation



### May 2015 Preservation ePost

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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.**

#### Asian Pacific American Heritage, Cinco de Mayo, and Preservation Month - all in May!

May is an important month for discovering, honoring, and continuing to preserve cultural traditions and history.



The first week of May saw a range of Cinco de Mayo events throughout California. The rest of May provides further opportunities to focus on preservation and California's richly diverse people and cultures.

For Preservation Month 2015, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) invites California communities and citizens to adopt the theme "Preserving and Celebrating Diversity." Learn about, honor, and share the stories of the people, cultures, and traditions that are a part of your local region. Visit our [Preservation Month webpage](#) to learn more.

May is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Our [Get Involved](#) webpage offers listings of some of the events taking place in California; make plans to participate and learn more about the life and history of the state's Asian and Pacific American communities!

(Photo: Dragon Dance at China Camp State Park. Courtesy California State Parks)

**Latinos in Twentieth Century California -**

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## 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.

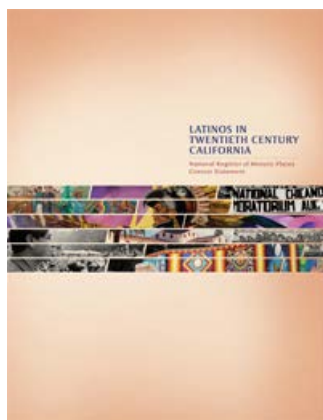
### Remaining Meetings for 2015:

Aug. 7 - Sacramento  
Nov. 6 - Sacramento

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

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## Illustrated



May also marks the roll-out of the illustrated version of [Latinos in Twentieth Century California](#), a historic context recognizing the contributions of Latinos to the more recent life and history of California. This context is part of the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) that provides a framework to assist people in nominating properties associated with Latino

history to the National Register of Historic Places. For more information about the nominating process and the *Latinos in Twentieth Century California* MPDF, visit our [Preserve Latino History](#) webpage.

## Maritime Heritage Grants Awarded to Three California Projects

The National Park Service, in partnership with the Maritime Administration, recently announced the award of approximately \$2.6 million in [Maritime Heritage Program](#) grants. These grants help fund projects that teach about and preserve sites and objects related to our nation's maritime history.



In California, grants were awarded to projects that will rehabilitate [Pigeon Point Lighthouse](#), replace the weathered decks of the historic sailing ship [Star of India](#), and preserve the World War II submarine [USS Pampanito](#). A complete list of grant recipients can be viewed on the [Maritime Heritage Program website](#).

(Image: USS Pampanito, San Francisco. Courtesy sanfranman59/Creative commons)

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## NEWS AND UPDATES

### SHRC Approves Nominations

At their April 28 meeting in San Diego, the State Historical Resources Commission voted to send eight nominations to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for formal determination of eligibility. The Commission also approved one property for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. For a listing of all of the nominations, visit our [Actions Taken](#) webpage.

### **Caltrans Receives Awards of Excellence**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) recently awarded two [2015 Environmental Excellence Awards](#) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The first award recognizes the exemplary work on the part of Caltrans and the FHWA California Division in establishing an amended programmatic agreement between their agencies and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the California State Historic Preservation Officer. The amended programmatic agreement has, in a number of key areas, improved consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Federal-aid highway projects, and provides a model for programmatic agreements nationwide.

The second award recognizes Caltrans and its partners for the reconstruction of the Philip S. Raine Safety Roadside Rest Area, for which the agency's environmentally efficient design features secured a Platinum LEED certification.

Congratulations to Caltrans and its partners on these well-deserved awards!

### **CEQA Related Documents Released - Public Input Sought**

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) announces the release of two documents related to the Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The first document is a [draft technical advisory](#) discussing new requirements, added by Assembly Bill 52, related to tribal cultural resources and CEQA. Additional related materials are available on the [OPR website](#). The OPR welcomes input on the draft technical advisory. Please **submit all comments by June 1, 2015**, to [CEQA.Guidelines@resources.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA.Guidelines@resources.ca.gov).

The second document is the [Summary of Feedback on Draft VMT Guidelines](#). This document includes all comments submitted to the OPR on the preliminary discussion of draft changes to the CEQA Guidelines related to the analysis of transportation impacts under CEQA. The OPR will be releasing a revised draft for public review in the near future.

### **Grant Opportunities Available Through the NPS and the NTHP**

Both the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the National Park Service (NPS) are continuing to accept applications for 2015 grants to assist with historic preservation programs. Eligible applicants for NPS grants this year include federally recognized tribes, State Historic Preservation Offices, Native Hawaiian organizations, Alaska Native

organizations, and Certified Local Governments. NTHP grants are available to NTHP members at the Forum or Main Street levels. Visit the [NTHP](#) and [NPS](#) websites for details on these grant opportunities. The **application deadline for the NPS grants is June 15, 2015.**

#### **OHP CEQA Case Studies Series**

Studies in this series are drawn from environmental documents produced in California, and are intended to help environmental analysts and lead agencies better understand identification and evaluation processes as applied to a variety of historical and cultural resources. Previous studies can be viewed on our [CEQA webpage](#).

Volume II: "[Consider the Whole Action: How to Avoid Segmenting](#)"

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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars:**

#### **Webinars**

**May 12** - How Facade Ordinances Affect Your Historic Building

**May 26** - The Importance of BIM Technology

**June 2** - Considerations in the Repair and Replacement of Historic Windows

#### **Workshops**

**May 20** - Section 106: A Guide to Federal Protections for Historic Properties

**May 21** - CEQA: How it Really Works

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 the following free webinars:

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

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

#### **NAHC Holding Public Workshops in 2015**

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is holding a series of public workshops to discuss the

following subjects:

1. Most Likely Descendent (MLD) Rulemaking
2. AB52 Consultation Process
3. NAHC Consultation Policy

Workshop Dates and Locations:

**May 14** - 1-5pm, Northern California

**June 18** - 1-5pm, Santa Ynez

**July 16** - 1-5pm, Southern California

Please visit the [NAHC website](#) for the latest information regarding meeting times, agendas, and exact locations.

### **Preservation Training Workshop, June 4, 2015**

We are pleased to offer the next session in our Preservation Education Workshop Series:

**June 4** - Benefits of Local Historic Preservation  
Placerville Town Hall  
549 Main Street, Placerville, CA  
9am-4pm.

This workshop will review how and why historic preservation results in economic and social benefits for local communities. Attendees will learn how to implement a preservation program in their communities that respects the rights of property owners while preserving the unique character of the community. The workshop is free, but **advanced registration is required** due to limited seating capacity. [Click here to register](#).

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Finally, from a fourth grade class at Prestwood Elementary School in Sonoma, we share this [field-trip report](#) that affirms the value of preserving the places, objects, and stories of the past. When an appreciation for history, and perhaps, too, historic preservation, is planted in young soil, it is an "awesome" day for all of us!

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Banner Image: [Spreckels Organ Pavilion](#), San Diego. John D. and Adolph Spreckels donated the Organ Pavilion to the City of San Diego in 1914 in celebration of the Panama-California Exposition. Free organ recitals have been performed every Sunday since 1917.

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