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# California Office of Historic Preservation



## June 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.**

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### Santa Monica State Beach Wins Award

The City of Santa Monica recently accepted a [2015 Best Restored Beach Award](#) from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA). Five



beaches nationwide received the award, which recognizes efforts to protect and restore natural beach habitats while also preserving man-made features such as piers, parks, boardwalks, and trails. The [Santa Monica State Beach](#) stretches along three miles of coastline and includes sand beaches, a well-traveled bike/pedestrian trail, parks, and the historic Santa Monica Pier. In awarding the Santa Monica beach, the ASBPA noted it is "an iconic American beach that has not only hosted millions of visitors each year, but is used in movies and television programs to exemplify the beach life." Santa Monica is the only California beach to receive the 2015 award. To read about all five award-winning beaches, visit the [ASBPA website](#).

(Photo: Santa Monica State Beach. Courtesy Timon U./Creative Commons)

### Map Site is Valuable Tool for CRM

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has a new map site that promises to be a valuable tool

## Resources

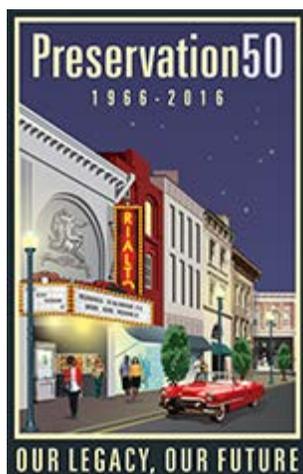
### Commission (SHRC)

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](#).



for cultural resource management professionals. TopoView provides digital access to the more than 170,000 maps in the USGS'

Historical Topographic Map Collection. Users will be able to view the maps in true scale for plotting at the intended map scale; use high-resolution jpegs to get an overview of a map or locate specific place names; and view the maps through Google Earth.

Additional information and a detailed tutorial about this new map service can be found on the [USGS TopoView website](#).

## San Francisco City Hall Receives LEED Certification

On May 14, 2015, U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and San Francisco city officials announced the [U.S. Green Building Council's](#) award of LEED Platinum



Certification to [San Francisco City Hall](#). The historic 1915 building is the oldest building in the U. S. to ever receive LEED Platinum Certification for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance (LEED-EBOM). The certification recognizes a multi-year water and energy retrofit effort. As Administrator McCarthy noted, "San Francisco has long been a leader and innovator at the forefront of solutions to combat climate change and reduce energy and water consumption." Read the full press release on the [EPA website](#).

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Reminder: Grant Deadline Approaching

There is still time to apply for 2015 grants from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the National Park Service (NPS). 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.**

#### **Facebook Page for Native American Youth**

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) Office of Native American Affairs recently launched a new Facebook page: [Preservation Indigenous - Native Youth](#). As described by the ACHP, "the page connects American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian youth to information and opportunities related to historic and cultural preservation, and to career and educational opportunities."

#### **The NHPA is Turning 50!**

The year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and plans are already underway for a nationwide celebration. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Act into law in 1966, establishing the legal framework and incentives still used today in preserving the historic buildings, sites, and archaeology of our country. Visit the [Preservation50](#) website to learn how individuals and communities can take part in this important anniversary.

#### **Section 106 E-Newsletter**

The ACHP's Office of Federal Agency Programs now offers a [Section 106 E-newsletter](#) with the latest news, advice, and ACHP training opportunities related to Section 106. Federal officials, SHPOs, THPOs, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and others involved with Section 106 are invited to subscribe at [achp@achp.gov](mailto:achp@achp.gov).

#### **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.

Volume IV: ["Infill Development Projects: Understanding Impacts to Historical Resources"](#)

Previous studies are available on our [CEQA webpage](#). 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**

**CEQA Workshop - Napa, June 6, 2015**

The OHP will be joining the Defenders of East Napa Watersheds (DENW) and other agency partners to present an introductory workshop on the purpose and implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**June 6** - "Grassroots Guide to CEQA's Purpose, Power, and Process."

Napa Valley College,  
2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa, CA  
10am-4pm

Visit the [DENW website](#) for program and registration information.

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

**June 16** - GIS, LiDAR, and Laser Scanning in Historic Preservation

**June 23** - The Importance of BIM Technology in Historic Preservation

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

### **Free Webinar From the OHP**

The OHP, in collaboration with the California Preservation Foundation, is pleased to offer the following free webinar:

**July 23** - [Getting to Know the CHRIS: Accessing and Contributing to the CHRIS Inventory](#)

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

There are two workshops remaining in the Native American Heritage Commission's (NAHC) series of public workshops focusing on the following subjects:

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

Workshop Dates and Locations:

**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.

### **Summer Course in Heritage Conservation, July 14-August 1, 2015**

The University of Southern California's (USC) School of Architecture is offering its annual Fundamentals of

Heritage Conservation Summer Course, July 14-August 1, 2015. Participants in the three-week course will be introduced to the principles and practice of historic preservation and heritage conservation. The course includes lectures by leaders in the field of conservation/preservation and visits to some of the regions premier heritage sites. For complete details and registration information visit the [USC website](#).

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Banner Image: Point Cabrillo Lighthouse. Built in 1909, the lighthouse was managed by the U.S. Lighthouse Service until 1939 when the U.S. Coast Guard took over operations. In 2002, the historic lighthouse and other original buildings became the Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park, and is one of the most complete Light Stations remaining in the United States.

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