

# California Office of Historic Preservation Preservation ePost September 2015

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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.



## 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

## Sonoma Designated as a Preserve America Community

Five municipalities nationwide recently received designation as Preserve America Communities,



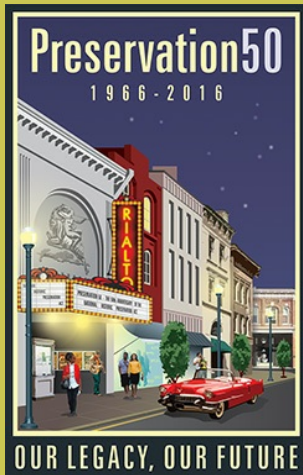
bringing the total number of designated communities to 900. Among the five new designees is Sonoma, California. The other four communities are Hartwell, Georgia; Hightown, New Jersey; Bartlett, Tennessee; and Rockwell, Texas.

identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

### Remaining Meetings for 2015:

Oct. 30 - Sacramento

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



[Sonoma](#) has long been a site of human habitation beginning with California Indian tribes and later by Spanish, Mexican, and American settlement. Sonoma is the site of Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma, the last and northernmost Spanish mission in California, founded in 1823. The town also was the site of the Bear Flag Revolt of 1846, and has long been at the center of northern California's wine industry.

Visit the [Preserve America Program](#) website for information about the program and the recently designated communities.

Image: [Lachryma Montis](#) was the Sonoma home of [Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo](#). The home was constructed in the eastern United States and shipped around Cape Horn to California. Adobe bricks were placed within the walls to act as a natural and reliable form of insulation. Vallejo and his wife lived in the home for more than thirty years beginning in 1852. Today the house is part of [Sonoma State Historic Park](#), and is on the National Register of Historic Places and designated as California Historical Landmark No. 4. (Photo courtesy of sanfranman59/Creative Commons)

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## Nominations Approved for Forwarding to the National Register



At their August 7, 2015, meeting in Sacramento, the [State Historical Resources Commission \(SHRC\)](#) approved 18 nominations for forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. The list of nominations covered a wide variety of

resources, including a 1928 truss bridge, a World War II-era U.S. Navy Landing Craft, and an 1881 irrigation ditch.

Also approved was "The Architecture of Albert Frey Multiple Property Submission"(MPS) which documents the evolution of Frey's work from abstract European modernism to a new, indigenous desert modernism specific to California's Coachella Valley. A number of Frey's Palm Springs properties were nominated in association with the MPS.

In addition to the National Register nominations, the SHRC also approved three properties for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. Please visit our [Actions Taken](#) webpage for a list and description of all the approved nominations.

Image: The [Judson and Brown Ditch](#) was part of a larger five-mile irrigation system constructed in 1881 and was critical to the early development of Redlands, California. The Judson and Brown Ditch nomination was approved for forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register. (Photo courtesy of Tamara Serrao-Levia)

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## News and Updates

### **National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2015**

National Hispanic Heritage month is an opportunity to explore and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latino Americans. Visit our [Hispanic Heritage](#) webpage for background on this month-long observance, and for links to events taking place nationally, statewide, and locally. Is your community hosting Hispanic Heritage events? Let us know and we'll post it to our page! Contact Diane Barclay, Outreach and Communications Coordinator at 916-445-7026 or [diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov](mailto:diane.barclay@parks.ca.gov).

**Session Proposals Sought for California Main Street**

## **Conference**

California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA) is now accepting session proposals and speakers for the upcoming 2016 Conference scheduled for February 24-26, 2016.

**Proposal deadline is September 15, 2015.** Visit the [CAMSA website](#) for conference information and proposal submission forms.

## **OPR Seeking Comments on Changes to CEQA**

### **Guidelines**

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is inviting comments on a preliminary discussion draft of changes to the Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. The CEQA Guidelines apply to public agencies throughout the state, including local governments, special districts, and state agencies. For background on the CEQA Guidelines and proposed changes, visit the [OPR website](#). Comments regarding the proposed changes can be submitted to

[CEQA.Guidelines@resources.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA.Guidelines@resources.ca.gov). **Submission deadline is October 12, 2015.**

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## **Events and Education**

### **SF Heritage Lecture: Women of the P.P.I.E., September 17, 2015**

The subject of SF Heritage's *Alice Ross Carey Memorial Lecture* on September 17, 2015, will be "Short Stories: Five Women of the P.P.I.E." presented by Erin Garcia of the California Historical Society. Ms. Garcia will profile five women who shaped or were shaped by the 1915 Panama Pacific International Exposition. Lecture attendees also have the option of attending a dinner at the Metropolitan Club following the lecture. Details and registration information can be found on [SF Heritage's website](#). Our office is proud to be a sponsor of this lecture series.

### **CPF Preservation Design Awards, October 2, 2015**

The California Preservation Foundation (CPF) will host their annual Preservation Design Awards, Friday, October 2, in San Francisco. Sixteen awards will be given to projects that represent California's diverse culture and history in the built environment. Visit the [CPF website](#) for details and ticket information.

### **CCPH Annual Meeting, October 3-4, 2015**

The California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH) will hold their Annual Conference in Monterey, on October 3-4, 2015. The conference will be in conjunction with Monterey's History Fest. The CCPH conference provides an opportunity for professional development and to share and learn the latest research on a variety of history topics. For details and registration information, visit the [CCPH website](#).

### **NTHP Annual Conference, November 3-6, 2015**

Registration is now open for the [National Trust for Historic Preservation's \(NTHP\)](#) annual conference, November 3-6, 2015 in Washington, D.C. This year's theme, "Past Forward," focuses on the upcoming 50th anniversary of the [National Historic Preservation Act \(NHPA\)](#), looking at the Act's past and envisioning its future. Visit the [NTHP's website](#) for conference details and registration deadlines. Registration closes October 31, 2015.

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

#### **Workshops**

**September 10:** Surveys, Historic Structure Reports, and EIRs: A Practitioner's Toolkit

**September 11:** LA Plaza De Cultura: Documentation, Design, Construction

#### **Webinars**

**September 29:** Fundamentals of Mid-Century  
Landscapes: Modern Settings

Visit the [CPF website](#) for details and registration information.

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Banner image: The [Hoxie-Vance Cabin](#), with strong elements of Prairie School architecture, was constructed in 1923 as part of a first wave of speculative development in Idyllwild, California, a mountain resort. The cabin's original shingles were replaced in 1951 with peeled half-logs. Idyllwild's early growth was cut short by the Great Depression; the Hoxie-Vance Cabin is one of the few remaining examples from that early era. The cabin was approved on August 7, 2015, for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. (Photo courtesy of Joyce B. Miller)

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