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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)

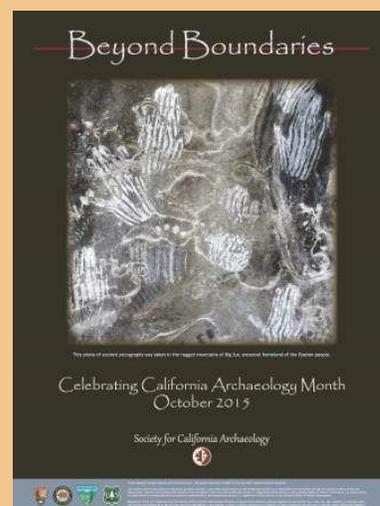
The Commission meets at least

October is Archaeology Month

Archaeological societies, institutions, professionals, and enthusiasts will be spotlighting [archaeology](#) with a variety of statewide events throughout the month of October. The month-long observance is an opportunity to share with and educate

professionals and public alike about California's

abundant archaeological resources, and the importance of protecting and preserving this facet of our shared heritage.

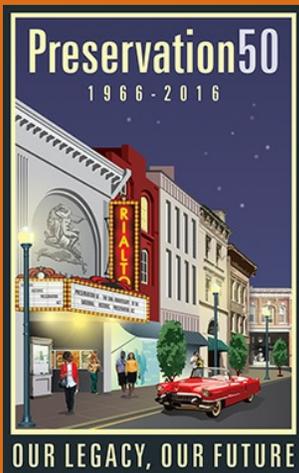


four times per year to give citizens an opportunity to participate in public hearings regarding the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage.

Remaining Meetings for 2015:

Oct. 30 - Sacramento

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

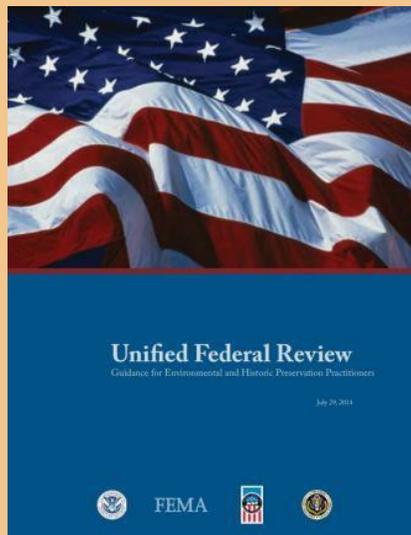


Visit the [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#) website for a list of Archaeology Month activities.

Image: Archaeology Month [posters](#) are available through the SCA.

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New Guide for Disaster Recovery Assistance



The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Council on Environmental Quality, recently announced the

release of the [Unified Federal Environmental and Historic Preservation Review Guide for Federal Disaster Recovery Assistance Applicants \(Applicant Guide\)](#). The Applicant Guide is part of the implementation of the [Unified Federal Review Process](#) designed to help expedite environmental and historic preservation reviews (EHP) related to presidentially declared disasters. The Applicant Guide will assist state and local agencies, Indian tribes, small business owners, and individuals in complying with EHP requirements.

To learn more about the United Federal Review process and the Applicant Guide, visit the [United Federal Review](#) website.

For additional information and resources about disasters of all types, and their impact on historic resources and

preservation efforts, visit our [Disasters and Historic Resources](#) webpage.

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News and Updates

CYARK of Oakland Awarded NCPTT Grant

[CYARK](#), a non-profit technology organization headquartered in Oakland, California, recently received one of three additional [2015 Preservation Technology and Training Grants](#) awarded nationwide by the National Park Service's [National Center for Preservation Technology and Technology \(NCPTT\)](#). The other two additional grants went to the University of Akron, Ohio, and the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Santa Fe. The NCPTT grants provide funding for innovative research and training that leads to development of new, or adapted existing, technologies to digitally preserve cultural resources.

CYARK has been a leader in using 3-D scanning technologies to digitally preserve cultural heritage sites and resources worldwide, and makes the digital records available through a free, online library. In 2014, CYARK received a California [Governor's Historic Preservation Award](#) for their work in digitally preserving historic and cultural sites in California.

One other NCPTT grant was awarded to California in 2015: California Department of Parks and Recreation for development of a mobile app for recording and submitting historical resource data.

Visit the [NCPTT](#) website for information about the Preservation Technology and Training Grants program.

The application deadline for 2016 grants is November 3, 2015.

National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-

October 15, 2015

National Hispanic Heritage month continues through October 15, 2015. The month-long observance offers an opportunity to explore and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Latino Americans. Visit our [Hispanic Heritage](#) webpage for links to events taking place nationally, statewide, and locally.

OPR Accepting Comments on Changes to CEQA Guidelines

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is still accepting comments on a preliminary discussion draft of changes to the Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 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.

Submission deadline is October 12, 2015.

SHRC Meeting in Sacramento, October 30, 2015

The [State Historical Resources Commission](#) (SHRC) will hold their last meeting of 2015 in Sacramento:

October 30, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m.

Historic City Hall

Hearing Room, 2nd Floor

915 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

The Commission will hear and vote on nominations to be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places and for inclusion on the California Register of Historical Resources. Visit our [Pending Nominations](#) webpage for a list of all nominated properties.

Seeking Input on the Significance of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) is asking for comments on a [Draft Foundation Document for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks](#). The foundation document looks at the parks' core missions and significance, most important

natural and historical resources and values, and overarching messages and themes for the public. **October 28, 2015 is the deadline for submitting comments.** Visit the [NPS website](#) for further details and submission requirements.

SCA Data Sharing Meetings Now Set

The [Society for California Archaeology \(SCA\)](#) has set the dates for their annual Data Sharing meetings in northern and southern California. The meetings provide an opportunity to share information, approaches, and current research in the field of archaeology.

Southern California Data Sharing Meeting

October 23-25, 2015

Fort Tejon State Historic Park

Northern California Data Sharing Meeting

November 6-8, 2015

Little Basin Campground, Big Basin Redwoods State Park

Complete details are available on the [SCA website](#).

SCA Accepting Proposals for the 2016 Annual Conference

The year 2016 marks the 50th annual meeting of the Society for California Archaeology. The Society is currently accepting proposals for sessions, papers, workshops, and forums for the 2016 Conference, to be held March 10-13, 2016 at the DoubleTree Ontario Airport, Ontario, California. The **deadline for proposal submissions is November 12, 2015.** Visit the [SCA website](#) for conference details and submission requirements.

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OHP Workshop for Local Governments, October 16, 2015, Sacramento

The Office of Historic Preservation's (OHP) Local Government and Environmental Compliance Unit will host the last of their 2015 series of Preservation Education Workshops for local governments, at the historic State Library and Courts Building in Sacramento. These workshops provide information and best practices to ensure stronger and more effective local preservation programs.

The workshop is free, but does require pre-registration. [Click here](#) for details and to register.

California Indian Conference, October 15-17, 2015

The [California Indian Conference \(CIC\)](#) will mark its 30th anniversary at this year's annual conference, to be held at the University of California Berkeley. The conference was started at UC Berkeley in 1985 as a means by which to share knowledge, scholarship, and issues related to California Native Americans. Conference details and registration information can be found on the [CIC website](#).

APH 20th Annual Conference, October 21-25, 2015

The [Association of Personal Historians \(APH\)](#) is holding their Annual Conference in Sacramento, October 21-25, 2015. The APH is dedicated to gathering and preserving oral histories that capture the experiences and stories of our shared heritage. Visit the [APH website](#) for conference details and registration information.

NTHP Annual Conference, November 3-6, 2015

Registration is still 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 and registration details.

Registration closes October 31, 2015.

California Preservation Foundation (CPF) Workshops and Webinars

Workshops

November 4: Precision Preservation: On-site Documentation at Mare Island

November 5: Elements & Matrix: Surveying Historic Resources Within Their Contexts

Webinars

October 28: Three Modern Resources: Tiki, Googie, and Brutalism

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

OHP Free Webinar, November 12, 2015

We are once again partnering with CPF to offer a series of free webinars for the 2015-2016 education cycle. Our first offering is:

November 12: Putting it in Context: the Purpose, Importance, and Process of Historic Contexts

[Click here to register](#). A list of the upcoming 2016 OHP webinars is available on our [Training and Workshops](#) webpage.

California Preservation Program Workshops

The [California Preservation Program \(CPP\)](#) offers workshops on the preservation and protection of collections managed by libraries, archives, historical societies and museums, and record repositories.

October 29: Sacramento are You Ready: Disaster Planning and Preparedness for Collections

October 29: Grant Writing for Preservation Projects to Enhance Collection Care

Visit the [CPP website](#) for workshop times, locations, and registration information.

CEQA Case Studies

From time to time, we share case studies that highlight best practices and common situations related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process. The case studies are drawn from environmental documents produced in California, and offer in-field examples of identification and evaluation processes as applied to historical and cultural resources.

[Volume VI: Understanding the 50-year Threshold](#)

Previous case studies are available on our [CEQA webpage](#). For questions or comments about the studies, please contact Sean de Courcy, State Historian II, at sean.decourcy@parks.ca.gov, or 916-445-7042.

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Banner image: Grinding rock (chaw'se) at Chaw'se Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, located in the Sierra Nevada foothills near Jackson, California. Established in 1968, the park preserves a large outcropping of limestone with 1,185 mortar holes, the largest collection of bedrock mortars in North America. The park continues to be an important site for California Native Americans. The roundhouse (hun'ge) is used for cultural ceremonies throughout the year, including the Big Time Gathering every September. Visit [Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park's](#) website to learn more about the park, and Native American history and culture of the region. (Photo courtesy of California State Parks)

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