

An Overview of the CHRIS and CHRIS Inventory Access

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What is the CHRIS ?

The California Historical Resources Information System

- **State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)**
 - Approves IC fees and Info Center Rules of Operation Manual
 - Most SHRC activities concern other matters, especially listing of historical resources on state registers and the National Register of Historic Places
- **Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)**
 - Among other functions, administers/manages Info Center System, manages OHP portion of the CHRIS Inventory, provides technical assistance and public education services related to the inventory
 - State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) designates CHRIS Coordinator
- **Information Centers (ICs)**
 - Manage bulk of CHRIS Inventory, provide access, technical assistance and public education services related to the inventory



Information Center Functions

Delegated by the SHPO

- Maintain the state/CHRIS historical resources inventory on behalf of OHP (and SHRC), for the IC's service area
- Provide access to the inventory, and provide support in its interpretation and use as appropriate
- Provide outreach and education services regarding historic preservation and the CHRIS Inventory



Info Center Service Areas



The CHRIS Inventory

- SHPO has both federal and state obligations to maintain a statewide inventory
- Over 400,000 Resources
- Over 150,000 Reports
- Significant overlap between OHP and IC portions of the CHRIS Inventory
- Roughly 2/3 of IC inventory digitized
- Archaeological information is confidential, so access is restricted



Access to the CHRIS Inventory

- Generally, via Access and Use Agreements
- Professional qualifications – historic preservation professionals
- Land ownership – limited to ownership area
- Access may be provided through written agreements
- Confidential and non-confidential records searches
- Fees provide almost all of the IC income



Means of CHRIS Inventory Access for California Native American Tribes

- Through agreements with individual ICs (agreements with 31 tribes reported, as of November 2015)
- Tribal representatives meeting qualifications for access to CHRIS confidential information (Sec of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards or CA State Personnel Board specifications)
- AB 52 consultation
- THPO offices only, data for lands under THPO authority are available at ICs upon request for no charge
- NAHC may be given access on behalf of Native American Tribes or individuals, per the CHRIS Information Center Rules of Operation Manual (April 23, 2008, as amended through September 26, 2008) "The California Native American Heritage Commission and its staff shall be afforded access to all CHRIS information as necessary for the performance of Commission duties"
- Via Conditional Use Agreements, indirectly, to get access to CHRIS Data held by CHRIS Access and Use Agreement holders
- Some case-by-case, as with other CHRIS policies, as needed



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http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068

IC Roster:

http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/pages/1068/files/IC_Roster.pdf

