



**GOVERNOR'S  
MANSION**  
STATE HISTORIC PARK

## *2007 Restoration Project*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is going on at the Governor's Mansion?** *The Governor's Mansion State Historic Park is embarking on a major facility restoration. Included in the work will be a complete restoration of the exterior of the mansion and carriage house. The basement will be rehabilitated with an ADA approved restrooms, a kitchen to use for small events, upgraded phone system, computer, and electrical wiring. The entire building will get a new fire detection system and a new heating and air-conditioning system.*

**Are you doing anything to the inside of the Governor's Mansion?** *We are most excited about the third floor restoration. The project will bring this area of the Governor's Mansion SHP back to its original 1877 time period. Once completed, the third floor will be available to the public on tour for the first time ever.*

**How long will the project take?** *The basement project should be finished by early fall. The exterior restoration is targeted to be completed by November 1, 2007. A shroud will cover the scaffolding as much as possible to protect the neighborhood view. The third floor restoration, due to its complexity, will take longer, possibly as much as a year.*

**Why is repainting the Governor's Mansion important?** *Old houses require a lot of maintenance and when it gets deferred – put off until another day – problems tend to compound. It is important to first make sure that the exterior “envelope” of the buildings are first sound and secure so that especially water damage cannot happen. A scarcity of funds in the past has prevented necessary maintenance leading to a breakdown of paint. That has resulted in problems such as rotting wood and leaky windows. Similarly wiring, plumbing, and fire detection systems on the interior of a historic site should be inspected and upgraded periodically so that faulty wires or leaking pipes do not lead to destruction due to a fire or flood.*

**What color are you painting the outside of the Mansion?** *Based on a scientific paint analysis performed by a conservator, the Governor's Mansion SHP will be repainted to the time period when the house served as the residence for many of California's Governors from 1903 to 1967. The color scheme during this entire period was a white house, and for much of the time it had black window trim. This will be a slight variation from the all white exterior you are most familiar with.*



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**How much will the restoration project cost and how is it funded?** *Approximately \$1.2 million comes from California State Parks' Deferred Maintenance Fund. DFM monies were added to the 2006/07 State Parks budget by the Governor and Legislature to assist in mitigating over \$1 billion in State Parks maintenance projects backlog. In addition to state funds, the Governor's Mansion SHP's non-profit partner, the Sacramento Historic Sites Association, has been raising money for the third floor project for many years contributing \$90,000! Any expenditure beyond this will require additional fundraising.*

**Who is doing the restoration work?** *Most of the work is being done by local State Parks employees such as restoration specialists, maintenance workers, curators, electricians and stationary engineers currently on staff. This is a prime opportunity to see these talented people at work. For specialty jobs like color restoration, experts known for their work in historic restoration have been contracted short-term, from the private sector.*

**Can I still visit the Governor's Mansion during the restoration process?** *Absolutely, we welcome you to learn what it takes to preserve and protect an architectural treasure. The Governor's Mansion is open daily. Tours are offered everyday from 10 AM to 4 PM on the hour. The exterior painting and shrouding will not affect the interior tours.*

**Who should I contact for more information on the project or the Governor's Mansion?**

*For questions about:*

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