

Cultural Heritage Partners

Preservation, advocacy, restoration and stewardship are the watchwords of the Department's cultural heritage partners. These organizations work with the Department to identify and safeguard cultural resources within the department's control. The following is a representative sampling of Cultural Heritage Partners and is not purported to be a complete list.

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California Council for the Promotion of History

Projects and Programs

The California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH) is a statewide nonprofit organization that represents almost every area of historical activity in California: government agencies, businesses, archives, local historical societies, museums, private consulting, and colleges and universities, and other educational institutions. The purpose of CCPH is to foster, facilitate, and coordinate efforts that enhance appreciation of historical heritage, application of history skills in the public and private sectors, and ensure the preservation, interpretation, and management of California's historical resources. CCPH represents historians and historical resources before government agencies, sponsors an annual awards program and a special History Day award, advertises employment opportunities, and fosters cooperative action with other California heritage organizations.

Benefits to California State Parks

CCPH promotes professional networking and continuing education activities for historians and advocates for preservation of historical resources and funding of public history programs.

When

Year-round; annual conference in late October



CCPH members tour the Ceasar Hotel in Tijuana during an annual conference. Photo: CCPH



CCPH 2005 Award winners. Photo: CCPH

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California Historical Society

Projects and Program

The California Historical Society (CHS) is a statewide membership-based organization. Its purpose is to engage the public's interest and participation in collecting, preserving, and presenting art, artifacts, and written materials relevant to the history of California and to support historical research, publication, and educational activities.



Benefits to California State Parks

The California Historical Society's scholarly research materials and resources are a valuable tool for the interpretation of the State Parks cultural resources.



Photographic collection. Photo: CHS

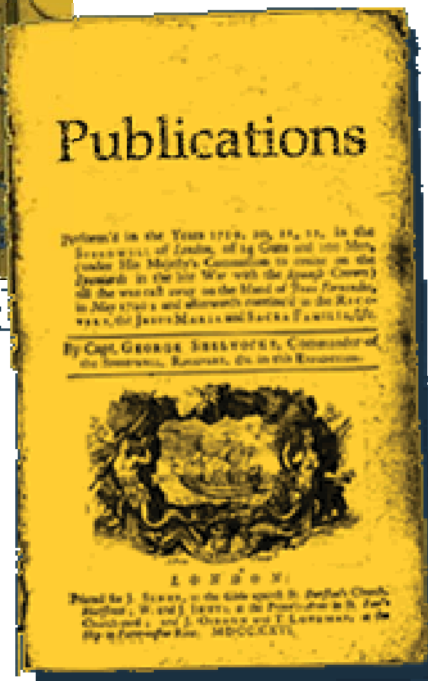
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California Main Street Alliance

Projects and Programs

The California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA) serves as the primary non-profit advocate for the principles and ideals of California Main Street, a program that strives to enhance the economic, social, cultural, and environmental well being of California's historic and traditional downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts.

CAMSA offers education and other assistance on behalf of the State of California's California Main Street program, California Main Street communities, and all communities aspiring to practice and sustain the Main Street approach to commercial revitalization.

California presently has 58 Main Street Program participants including Arcata, Oceanside, Salinas, Hanford, Grass Valley, Redding and San Diego. Encinitas and Paso Robles received two of five nationwide awards at the 2004 National Main Street Conference in New Mexico.

Benefits to California State Parks

CAMSA works with State Parks' Office of Historic Preservation to continue and enlarge the Main Street Program.

When

Year-round



Redding becomes a Main Street Community. Photo CAMSA



Community life on Main Street. Photo: CAMSA

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California Preservation Foundation

Projects and Programs

The California Preservation Foundation, founded in 1976, is California's only statewide non-profit historic preservation education, advocacy and membership organization.

The purpose of the California Preservation Foundation is to ensure that California's rich and diverse historic resources are identified, protected and celebrated for their history and their valuable role in California's economy, environment and quality of life. The Preservation Foundation trains approximately 500+ people each year at educational workshops and training sessions on important preservation issues; publishes a quarterly news journal "California Preservation," and special publications on a variety of topics important to preservation in California; and supports preservation efforts through advocacy and legal action throughout the state.



Benefits to California State Parks



The California Preservation Foundation provides training, research assistance, and acts as an advocate for historic preservation. State Parks plays an active part in the Foundation's annual conferences.

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Certified Local Government Program

Projects and Programs

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties within their jurisdictions and promotes the integration of local preservation interests and concerns into local planning and decision-making processes. The CLG Program is a partnership among local governments, the State of California Office of Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service, which is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program. The Office of Historic Preservation manages an annual preservation planning grant program for CLG partners. The grant application period is in the spring.



Gas Lamp District, San Diego

Benefits to California State Parks

The CLG Program brings local preservation boards and commissions into broader land use planning and project approval processes. CLGs are obligated to involve their boards/commissions in the CEQA and Section 106 review process, as well. The views of CLGs are sought by the Office of Historic Preservation in environmental review programs and in the registration of historic properties.



Leland Stanford Mansion SHP

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National Trust for Historic Preservation

Projects and Programs

The National Trust for Historic Preservation champions preservation by providing leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to people working to preserve, improve, and enjoy the places that matter to them. Working with state and local partner organizations, community leaders, public officials, and grassroots advocacy groups, regional offices provide technical assistance, small grants, and legal interventions to support the protection, stewardship, and continued use of heritage resources. Grants typically range from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and are intended to help non-profit groups and local governments:

- conduct educational programming, outreach, or community planning
- hire consultants to provide fund raising, preservation planning, or organizational development
- provide professional engineering or architectural services



Benefits to California State Parks

The Western Office of the National Trust has been a partner and strong advocate in legislative efforts, such as funding for the California Main Street Program, in addition to providing small grants and assistance to historic properties in California.

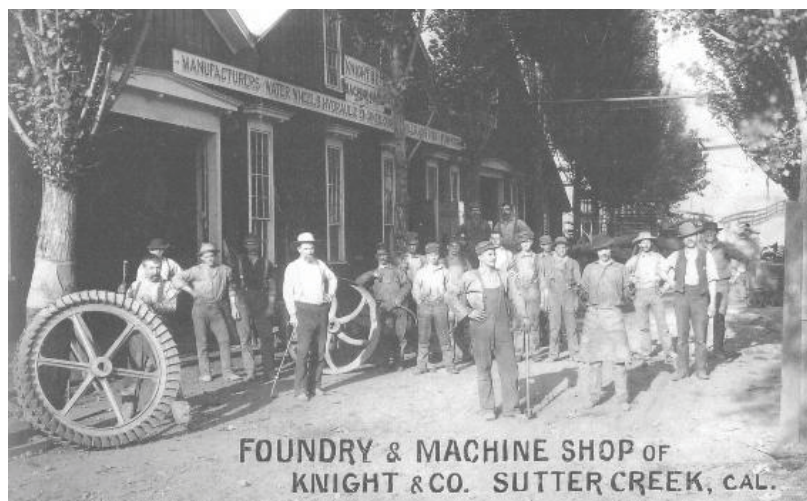
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Knight Foundry, Sutter Creek, CA. Photo: Knight Foundry Corporation

Native American Land Conservancy

Projects and Programs

The Native American Land Conservancy provides guidance and work assistance in the identification, conservation and protection of prehistoric sites and features, and current Native American cultural practices.

Benefits to California State Parks

The Native American Land Conservancy also purchases property for California State Parks. They provide educational programs to the public and assist on-site with identification of resources to ensure management and protection of Native American sites in the Ocotillo Wells SVRA and surrounding areas.

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Rock Circle, Truckhaven Area, Ocotillo Wells SVRA

PAST Foundation

Projects and Programs

The PAST Foundation is a non-profit educational and research team that puts together partnerships on compelling projects in anthropology and makes the work available to students and the public through field schools, documentary film and interactive web access. The foundation has created programs in media such as the History Channel and National Geographic that have reached millions of Americans and successfully brought history to living rooms and classrooms across the country. PAST also applies for grants, such as through Save America's Treasures, to conduct archeological research in State Park units.

Benefits to California State Parks

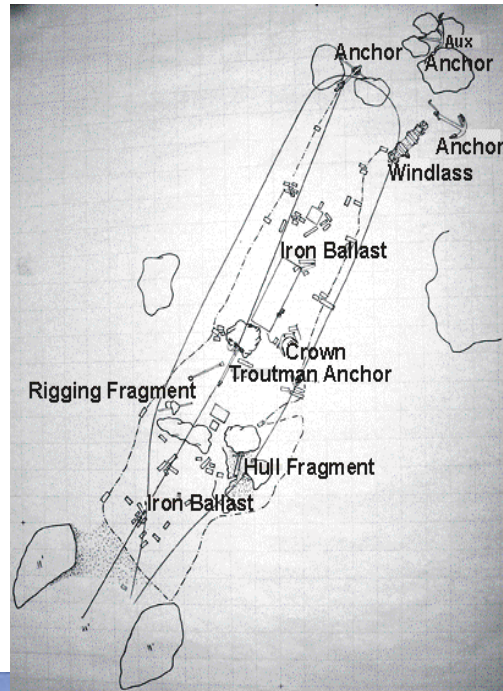
PAST worked with California State Parks on the Gold Rush era shipwreck *Frolic* at Point Cabrillo. They also conduct field schools for archaeology on state park property (open to state park staff and others).

When

Project driven



"Ephratah," sister ship of "Frolic." Photo: PAST



Map of "Frolic" site. Photo: PAST

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Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

Projects and Programs

The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation works to protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites within Santa Barbara County. The Trust is the primary force in the reconstruction and preservation of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park and the restoration of La Casa de la Guerra in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. The Trust has also acquired for restoration the Rochin Adobe in downtown Santa Barbara and the Mission Santa Inés Mills complex in Solvang, CA. More recently, the Trust has begun reconstruction on the Northwest Corner of El Presidio de Santa Barbara, the fourth and final military fortress constructed by the Spanish along the coast of Alta California and currently the only restored Presidio in California.

Benefits to California State Parks

The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation operates El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park. With the help of continuing educational activities and exhibits, the Trust strives to encourage community involvement and appreciation for Santa Barbara's distinct history. The trust has also assisted with acquisition of property for El Presidio de Santa Barbara and the Santa Ines Mission Mills Project.

When Year-round

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Presidio Chapel, El Presidio de Santa Barbara SHP

Society for California Archaeology

Projects and Programs

The Society for California Archaeology (SCA) is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to research, understanding, interpretation and conservation of California's heritage. The SCA promotes cooperation among archaeologists in California, and seeks to increase public appreciation and support for archaeology in California.

The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) is a statewide program, directed by the Society for California Archaeology. Volunteers attend a two-day training workshop before they become site stewards. Site stewards work in their local areas, in teams coordinated by professional archaeologists who work for the land management agency responsible for the sites.

Benefits to California State Parks

Teams of CASSP volunteers work with California State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service. The volunteers regularly visit assigned sites on public lands and report on their conditions to their local coordinating archaeologist. By consistently monitoring the sites, problems are detected early, when they can more easily be corrected.



Archaeological Dig

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Torres-Martinez Indian Tribe and Reservation

Projects and Programs

The Torres-Martinez Indian Tribe and Reservation is concerned with the identification, conservation and protection of prehistoric sites and features, and current Native American cultural practices. They have assisted in archeological surveys of the Freeman Acquisition. State Parks is looking into partnering with them in the operation of the Freeman Acquisition cultural sites and visitor center.

Benefits to California State Parks

The Torres-Martinez Indian Tribe and Reservation works in consultation and collaboration for management and protection of Native American sites in the Ocotillo Wells SVRA - Truckhaven areas. The expertise and historical knowledge of the Torres-Martinez tribe helps California State parks provide a more comprehensive educational program to the public on the significance of the cultural sites.

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