

**State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC)
Archaeological Resources Committee (ARC)**

Conference Room 1412
1416 9th Street, 14th Floor
State Resources Building
Sacramento, California

Minutes

May 29, 2009 2:00 -4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item I: Introduction/Attendees:

Trish Fernandez (State Historical Resources Commission), Anmarie Medin (Caltrans), Mike Newland (Sonoma State University), Randall Dean (San Francisco Planning Department), Kristina Roper (Society for California Archaeology), Janet Eidsness (Society for California Archaeology Native Americans Program Committee), Cassandra Hensher (Society for California Archaeology Native Americans Program Committee), Adrian Praetzellis (Sonoma State University), Gregg Castro (Society for California Archaeology Native Americans Program Committee), Donn Grenda (State Historical Resources Commission), Anthony Madrigal (Native American Heritage Commission), Glenn Gmoser (Society for California Archaeology), (Other Meeting Locations attached)

Agenda Item II: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Eidsness would revise minutes to more accurately state that the ARC is setting the stage and requesting comments to direct future actions by the State Historic Resources Commission. Dean asked who would initiate actions leading to regulatory change (change to CEQA)? Eidsness further commented on how specific or general comments should be for White Papers. There is no guaranteed follow-up at this time by the ARC. The effort is to meet general objectives and begin to address deficiencies; to bridge the gap; this implies there will be a follow-up. Addressing changes in legislation guidelines for OHP, etc. We recognize that comments were mainly process/procedure-focused. Our response needs to acknowledge comments, put them in as placeholders. Praetzellis developed appropriate language to acknowledge comments and to assure that comments will be considered at a future date. The March 27, 2009 meeting notes do not accurately reflect this.

Regarding Polanco's comments 4 and 7: ARC is not permitted to send out a letter. Intent of letter is to make sure people don't feel ignored. i.e., an acknowledgement. There is a need to get the news out re: process. This is also in response to criticism expressed at the SCA meetings. Fernandez responded that getting the word out is part of the ARC members' role as liaisons. Eidsness then asked if it was permissible to send a letter as the Native American liaison representing the ARC. Fernandez responded yes; Hensher will draft a letter. Madrigal will also post this on the NAHC website. The letter will be from the Committee. Fernandez as Chair of the ARC will sign it. The letter will provide an explanation as to why we have missed projected deadlines for response, etc., and will serve as a stopgap measure to communicate to

Native peoples what is going on with the White Papers and public comments. Eidsness will send her draft to Hensher, Castro, Madrigal, Fernandez and Pattie Tuck for review. In addition, it was noted that many Native Americans are not computer people, thus emails are not the only appropriate communication. A posted letter is necessary. Eidsness asked if Madrigal and the NAHC might provide assistance with postage costs. Madrigal will ask Larry Myers (NAHC Chair) if this is possible.

Medin asked Eidsness if she had the names of the intended audience in a database. Eidsness said no, she does not; however, there is an email list with the NAHC. Medin stated that if she is provided with a letter and address list in a spreadsheet, Caltrans can provide assistance preparing and sending out the letter. This is limited only to those involved in consultation. Eidsness will develop a list from the various sources.

Based on the above discussion, Fernandez will complete the revisions to the March 27, 2009 meeting minutes and distribute. She will also review SHRC Comments and questions and respond appropriately.

Agenda Item III: By-Laws

The By-Laws are in effect.

Agenda Item IV. Review/add to Action Items

Fernandez noted that Newland had turned in his response to comments today; Praetzellis previously turned his comments in to Fernandez. Medin commented that Praetzellis' response was well done. Praetzellis expressed concern that he tried to avoid bureaucratic language. Medin requested that Eidsness include this sort of language in the letter to be sent out to Native Americans.

In closing, Eidsness asked that all committee members make an effort to read all the comments.

New Action Items Summary

NEW ACTION ITEM 80: Trish Fernandez to revise meeting notes.

Agenda Item VI: Schedule next meeting

The next ARC meeting will be held 28 August, 2009, 2:00-3:00 pm

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Archaeological Resources Committee Meeting**

May 29, 2009

Additional Meeting Locations in California

Redlands

SRI Conference Room, 21 West Stuart Avenue, Redlands (Host: Donn Grenda)

San Francisco

San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco
(Host: Randall Dean)

Blue Lake

Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Office, 428 Chartin Road, Blue Lake, CA 95525 (Host:
Janet Eidsness)

Three Rivers

Sierra Valley Cultural Planning, 41854 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers (Host: Kristina Roper)