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State Indian Museum Welcomes *Handbook of the Kawaiisu* Author for Native Peoples Lecture & Book Signing on April 30 *Community is Invited to Meet Dr. Garfinkel During Special Event*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- The State Indian Museum is proud to offer a compelling lecture and book signing event on Saturday, April 30, 2011, with Dr. Alan P. Garfinkel, who co-authored the recently-released *Handbook of the Kawaiisu* with Harold Williams, Kawaiisu elder. For more than 30 years, Dr. Garfinkel has been focused on researching and understanding the rich and complex archaeological record, artifacts, native peoples and cultures of the far Southern Sierra Nevada, Tehachapi Mountains and western Mojave Desert regions. His insightful lecture will begin at 11 a.m. with a question and answer session and book signing opportunity immediately following.

During the lecture, Dr. Garfinkel will guide the audience through the remarkable story and legacy of the little-known Kawaiisu people. The sourcebook he co-authored provides a fascinating and history-rich guide to the Native Peoples indigenous to the region and whose tribal members cooperated fully during the research for and development of the book. In fact, *Handbook of the Kawaiisu* may be the most detailed and comprehensive guide to the Native Peoples that have an amazing history dating back more than 1500 years.

The State Indian Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$3 for adults (18 & older), \$2 for youths (ages 6 to 17) and free to children five and under. The upcoming lecture and book signing is a special program presented by the Museum and is being offered free with the price of Museum admission. Due to seating limitations, advance reservations are recommended by calling 916-324-0971.

The *Handbook of the Kawaiisu* will be available for purchase at the State Indian Museum at the lecture and book signing on April 30 only. More information about the book is available online at: http://web.me.com/kerikns/kawaiisu/Handbook_of_the_Kawaiisu.html

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter's Fort State. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more details please call (916) 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

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