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Shasta Historical Society Efforts Keep Shasta State Historic Park Off Closure List

Shasta State Historic State Park has joined the list of California State Parks, once targeted for closure that will have a reprieve thanks to the efforts of citizens and non-profit organizations that tirelessly worked to earn enough funding to meet the gap in park operating costs.

The park will remain open thanks to the efforts of the Shasta Historical Society which generated in excess of \$37,000 to offset costs. The park will stay open at a minimal level of operation which will allow the continuation of educational programs and viewing of the Boggs collection.

Shasta State Historic Park near Redding is the remnants of a once thriving gold mining town, Shasta City. Today, a few buildings, some ruins and cemeteries provide a glimpse of what was. The park is also home to the Boggs art collection housed in the Courthouse Museum. The Boggs collection exhibits paintings by renowned 19th and 20th century artists and is one of the finest collections of early California fine art.

The fund raising theme for the Historical Society was SOS – Save Old Shasta. Organizers recognize more work must be done to ensure the park's continued operation.

"We are honored to be part of this process. Our mission is to collect, preserve, promote and communicate the history of Shasta County," said society president Dave Scott. "We are already shifting our goal to now be open three days per week as opposed to the two days (this agreement provides). Furthermore, we have every expectation of being able to provide funds of at least \$40,000 for each of the next three years."

"California State Parks heartily thanks the Shasta Historical Society for the endless hours of creative planning and networking to find the donations that will keep this historic park available to the public and the extensive museum collections in place" said Sector Superintendent Heidi Horvitz. "We thank all of the people and businesses that provided and continue to provide financial support. We are pleased to continue the Living History Docent Program for the students of Shasta County. "

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