

## ABOUT THE... CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION (OHP)

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### STAFF CONTACTS

#### **State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)**

The SHPO is responsible for the operation and management of the Office of Historic Preservation, as well as long range preservation planning. The Governor appoints the SHPO, in consultation with the State Historical Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The SHPO assists the Commission in accomplishing its goals and duties by developing and administering a program of public information, education, training, and technical assistance. The SHPO also serves as Executive Secretary to the Commission and is responsible for developing an administrative framework for the Commission and implementing the Commission's preservation programs and priorities.

#### **Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA - State Historic Preservation Officer**

On Wednesday, 7 April 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Milford Wayne Donaldson as the new State Historic Preservation Officer. Mr. Donaldson was sworn in during ceremonies held at the State Capitol on April 9. The SHPO serves as chief administrative officer of the Office of Historic Preservation in Sacramento and as Executive Secretary of the State Historical Resources Commission.

Prior to his appointment as SHPO, Mr. Donaldson had served as president of award winning Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, since 1978, specializing in historic preservation services. He is licensed to practice architecture in California, Nevada and Arizona and holds a certified license from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Mr. Donaldson is affiliated with several historical and preservation organizations and is a past president of the California Preservation Foundation (CPF) and past chairs of the State Historical Building Safety Board, the State Historical Resources Commission, and the Historic State Capitol Commission.

Previously an instructor at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, he continues to lecture at California community colleges and universities. Mr. Donaldson holds a Bachelor of Architecture and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from California Polytechnic

State University, San Luis Obispo. He engaged in post graduate studies at Uppsala University, Sweden, and received a Master of Science degree in Architecture from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, and a Master of Arts degree in Public History and Teaching from University of San Diego.

**Stephen Mikesell, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer**

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Courtney Jacobsen, Park Aide

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Natalie Lindquist, State Historian II

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Kelly Hobbs, Assoc. Environmental Planner (Architectural Historian)

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▶ **Timothy Brandt, AIA, Senior Restoration Architect (Supervisor)**

Robert Mackensen, Senior Architect (Retired Annuitant)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT UNIT**

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▶ **Steadie Craigo, FAIA, Senior Restoration Architect (Supervisor)**

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### ► Maryl n Lortie, State Historian II (Supervisor)

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## OHP Mission and Responsibilities

California is characterized by a rich historical past and a bright, promising future. The State's historical resources represent the contributions and collective human experiences of a diversified population spanning 10,000-12,000 years of occupancy in California. This heritage is embodied in the cultural and historical landscapes of California as evidenced by the archaeological remains, historic buildings, traditional customs, tangible artifacts, historical documents, and public records extant in California. All these evidences of the past contribute to the sum total of California's history. Such historical resources provide continuity with our past and enhance our quality of life.

The Mission of the Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission, in partnership with the people of California and governmental agencies, is to preserve and enhance California's irreplaceable historic heritage as a matter of public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, recreational, aesthetic, economic, social, and environmental benefits will be maintained and enriched for present and future generations.

The Office of Historic Preservation's responsibilities include:

- Identifying, evaluating, and registering historic properties;
- Ensuring compliance with federal and state regulatory obligations;
- Cooperating with traditional preservation partners while building new alliances with other community organizations and public agencies;
- Encouraging the adoption of economic incentives programs designed to benefit property owners;
- Encouraging economic revitalization by promoting a historic preservation ethic through preservation education and public awareness and, most significantly, by demonstrating leadership and stewardship for historic preservation in California.

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