AGENDA ITEM #10

Survey Requirement Update

The CCHE Board's Survey Subcommittee teleconferenced on August 18, 2011, and reviewed progress and plans for the survey.

The outside consultant, Donna Graves, has finished her report, Supporting Historic Preservation in California, a copy of which is in all packets. The report responds to the 7th survey component which directs the CCHE to make

recommendations for programs to encourage the historical maintenance and restoration of properties in private ownership, including, but not limited to, a state tax credit for restoration of historic properties that maintain historic integrity, property tax deferral as long as a property's historic integrity in maintained, and low interest loans.

Ms. Graves' report identifies potential revisions to five existing programs and suggests three new programs that could help support historic preservation in California. We will be posting this report to our website and, by June 30, 2012, posting to the website all the work on the remaining survey elements and also sharing those materials with the Legislature.

As discussed at both the November and April meetings, an outside consultant is going to work on the first two components of the survey requirement:

Conducting a survey of elements in CA's assemblage of buildings, sites, artifacts, museums, cultural landscapes, trails, illustrations, the arts and artistic expressions, written materials, and displays and interpretive centers that are missing or underrepresented, such as if current facilities, materials, and services leave out, misrepresent, or inadequately present some important thread of the story of California as a unified society or of the many groups of people that together comprise historic and modern California; and

Making recommendations for steps that should be taken to fill in the missing or underrepresented elements identified in the survey.

Expending funds of up to $200,000 for this work was authorized by the Board in April and a service contract in the amount of $146,000 was just approved by the Office of Legal Services of the Department of General Services on September 26, 2011. Work can begin once the contract is approved by the State Librarian and all work will be completed by June 30, 2012. CCHE Staff also continues to work on the ongoing program, *Landmarks California: the Places of our Diverse Cultures and Histories*, which is a statewide collaboration intended to supplement the contracted survey work by helping tell untold or inadequately presented stories of people involved in the development of California.

CCHE staff is working on the following, remaining survey items, all of which will be completed by June 30, 2012:

Making recommendations for the manner of transferring the Office of Historic Preservation in the Department of Parks and Recreation to the endowment, consistent with the Legislature's intent expressed in Section 20052.5;

Making recommendations for additional steps that should be taken to better preserve and administer cultural and historic resources efficiently and effectively, including additional actions that should be taken to improve the governmental structures responsible for historic and cultural preservation in California, including oversight and support of museums. Examining the feasibility and desirability of establishing the endowment as a separate institution in state government, without ties to any existing agency or department, although under the general authority of the Governor and identifying the most appropriate chair, or the most appropriate method for selecting the chair, of the CCHE board;

Conducting a survey of the capacities and fiscal conditions of public, nonprofit, and other private entities in California that provide cultural and historical facilities and services, including museums;

Making recommendations for the future financing of cultural and historical programs provided by public agencies and nonprofit agencies in California, including museums; and

Conducting a study of the economic impact of the preservation and interpretation of cultural and historic resources in the state which includes the economic befits resulting from the preservation of historic commercial and residential properties and sites, and from historic and cultural tourism activities.

Staff is also working to organize a culminating event to be held in the Fall of 2012, at which the results of the survey can be shared with the broader cultural and historic resource preservation community.

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