

CASSP Annual Report for 2018

Organization

The California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) is a network of concerned people who are committed to protecting California's rich cultural heritage. Under CASSP, trained volunteers from the public regularly visit assigned archaeological and historical sites located on public lands and record their conditions. The volunteers are supervised by the local archaeologists at the agencies responsible for those lands. CASSP is supported by many members of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA) and of the CASSP Committee. The CASSP Committee often meets during the SCA annual meeting; the public is welcome.

Highlights from 2018

The most important parts of CASSP are the achievements of the volunteer site stewards, who are working all across the State. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and skills are making a real difference, and their efforts keep growing. Over the past year, we received reports that site stewards gave more than 1,242 volunteer hours. When other CASSP volunteer activities are included, the total value of donated time in 2018 is greater than \$30,000. Thanks to all!

This April, CASSP will celebrate its 20th birthday. The first workshop was held in 1999 at BLM Ridgecrest, and the 113th workshop was held in 2018 at BLM El Centro.

At the March 2018 SCA Annual Meeting, over 30 people attended the CASSP poster session. Several site stewards and archaeologists participated including Joe Gliebe-Goetz who presented his painting of the old barn at Walker Cabin in Keyesville. When BLM Bakersfield, archaeologist, Amy Girado viewed Joe's poster, she was very happy to have such an accurate, detailed record of the barn and its setting. She plans to ask Joe to create a copy for future reference to compare any changes over time.

Site steward Suzanne Emery presented in her poster how her husband, Bob, enjoyed site stewardship for over ten years. Bob worked with the Friends of the Kumeyaay, the San Pasqual Band of Indians, and the City of Pow-

ay to develop the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretative Center at Pauwai, which provides archaeological tours of this site and maintains a museum to honor the Native Americans who lived in this area. Suzanne volunteers as a site steward at the Center and with the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (ABDSP) under State Park archaeologist, Robin Connors.

Sally Bickerton's poster explained how a team of site stewards at ABDSP restored, inventoried and documented a major Kymeyaay site in the Cuyamaca Mountains. Her poster showed the signs of looting, noted in 2013. To repair the site, State Parks archaeologist, Robin Connors and Kumeyaay monitor, Carmen Lucas, led the restoration in 2015 with the help of several site stewards.

Archaeologists Jacqueline Beidl and Ashley Blythe Haverstock from USFS Inyo National Forest and Krystal Kissinger and Greg Haverstock from BLM Bishop Field Office demonstrated their collaboration in organizing CASSP workshops and supporting their team of 25 site stewards. The USFS and BLM know that their site stewards are an important part of their efforts to protect and preserve archaeological sites. For example, in 2012, site steward Dan Bacon made one of his regular site visits to his assigned rock art site, he saw some vandalism and immediately reported it. His quick action aided law enforcement and helped prevent any further destruction at this very significant rock art site.

In his poster, archaeologist Erik Zaborsky from the BLM Central Coast Field Office described some of the activities of the volunteer site stewards he supervises. As Erik noted: "These volunteers have delivered thousands of hours of reliable and timely site monitoring data and in some cases reporting on environmental conditions or hazards that could impact public safety." Volunteers have assisted in documenting sites for the *National Register of Historic Places* as well as tracking changes to sites conditions in his area.

Congratulations to Los Padres National Forest and their site stewards who earned the Helen C. Smith Award at the 2018 SCA Annual Meeting. Los Padres National Forest archaeologists, K. Renee Barlow and Steven H. Galbraith and site steward Jon Picciuolo also cre-

ated a CASSP poster which showed protecting even very remote sites in the Forest. Several of the site stewards have extensive back country and hiking experience which definitely helps in these dense forest regions.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the CASSP poster session. Also we thank the agency archaeologists for their involvement with these volunteers.

CASSP training workshops

This year one volunteer training workshop was held in El Centro and hosted by BLM archaeologist, Kate Crosmer. We thank BLM State Office, archaeologists Tony Overly and James Barnes for funding this workshop. And thanks to the new site stewards who have already proven their commitment to site stewardship.

Plans for 2019

For 2019, CASSP will participate in public events at the 2019 SCA Annual Meeting. Look for the CASSP table in the book room, the CASSP committee meeting at noon, Saturday, and the poster session on Saturday afternoon, March 10. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please check the CASSP web site (www.cassp.org) for the latest on the program. The BLM State Office also is funding two more training workshops this year. BLM archaeologist, Sharyl Kinnear-Ferris hosts the next workshop at BLM Arcata Field Office. This workshop is scheduled for a Thursday and Friday, May 30-31. This Fall, Chris Lloyd will host a volunteer training at BLM Ukiah Field Office. If you are interested in these workshops or in future workshops, please sign up for them with CASSP coordinators, Karen Lacy or Mike DeGiovine at the CASSP table in the SCA book room, March 8-10, in Sacramento. Or send an e-mail indicating your interest in site stewardship to Karen or Mike.

Submitted by Beth and Chris Padon, for the Site Stewardship Committee, to the SCA Board, March 9, 2019.

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Peter Van der Naillen assists Mark Rudo in a site assessment at the Point Reyes National Seashore. Peter wrote about his volunteer experiences at the Park in the SCA Newsletter 52(2)-June, 2018.



The poster by Krystal Kissinger (BLM Bishop Field Office) and Jacqueline Beidl (Inyo National Forest) showed how their offices collaborate with site stewardship volunteers and activities.



CASSP workshop participants during the field trip portion of the BLM El Centro Field Office workshop held in October, 2018.



George Kline admires the painting of an historic barn near Keyesville by site steward JoeGliebe-Goetz.



BLM archaeologist Erik Zaborsky and site stewards Martin and Mary Jespersen at the poster session.



Dan Burger volunteered as a site steward with George Kline (BLM), Robin Connors (State Parks), and Karin Klemic (USFS). And he was a co-editor of the SCA Newsletter. He will be missed by all who knew him. He passed away in August 2018.



Many people attended the CASSP poster session at the 2018 SCA Annual Meeting. The Site Stewardship Committee meeting was held immediately after.



Current CASSP volunteers Brent Gaddis and James Lynn and their families attended the Cultural Resources Awareness Workshop hosted by the BLM Barstow Field Office in November, 2018.



Most of the poster authors, and a few additional site stewards, at the CASSP poster session, March, 2018.