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Public Comment #56



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Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 5:11 PM

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Please add this with the letter that was sent by the El Dorado County Historical Society to the Closed Session Item #56 Legistar #20-0743.

Thank you,

Sue Taylor  
El Dorado County Historical Society  
Chair for Building Preservation

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Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 7:56 AM

Reply-To: Sue Taylor <sue-taylor@comcast.net>

To: Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Hi Kim,

I see that this has not been posted to item #56 for the properties on Main Street in Placerville. Could you please attach the presentation to the item asap?

Thanks,  
Sue

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Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 8:17 AM

To: Donald Ashton <don.ashton@edcgov.us>

Thank you. Appropriate public comment provided for upcoming agenda items will be added to the corresponding file.

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## June 9, meeting item #56

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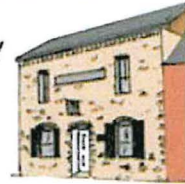
Hello,  
please consider the attached presentation a suggestion to accompany the letter sent earlier Monday morning, June 8, 2020 in regard to the historical buildings, item on Tuesday's agenda #56.  
thank you,  
Jill Kearney  
President  
El Dorado County Historical Society



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# El Dorado County New Deal Museum and Center for Natural Resources

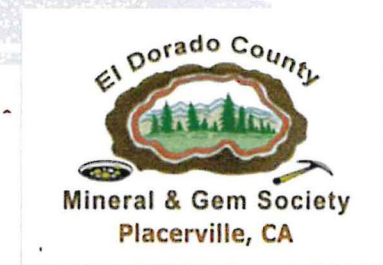
EL DORADO COUNTY  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY



A Solicitation Proposal:  
Presented by the El Dorado  
County Historical Society  
(Primary Partner) & El  
Dorado County Mineral and  
Gem Society (Secondary  
partner)



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# The Post Office and Annex Proposal

The El Dorado County Historical Society (1938), a non-profit 501c3, is interested in working in partnership with El Dorado County and the El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (1949), a non-profit 501c3, to acquire the 1940 Works Project Administration (WPA) Post Office building and the Historic Telephone Annex.

## **Possible uses for the 515 Main Street –Post Office**

- Geology –Sierra Nevada Geology & the “Gateway to the Motherlode”
- Mining –History of mining until WWII – Hands on experiences with mining and the sciences
- Water –Ditch systems, reservoirs & hydro-electric power
- Timber –History of forest management & wood products
- WPA / CCC –Works Progress Administration and Civilian Conservation Corps projects

## **Possible uses for the 525 Main Street – Telephone Annex Building**

- California National Historic Trail
- Pony Express National Historic Trail
- Lincoln Highway / Highway 50
- Southern Pacific Railroad

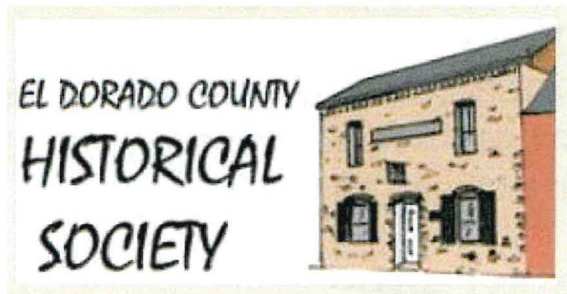
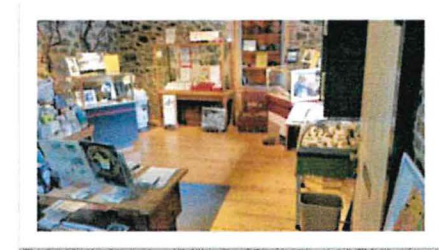
# The Proposer:

El Dorado County Historical Society 501(c)3 (primary)

<https://www.eldoradocountyhistoricalsociety.org/>

El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society 501(c)3 (secondary)

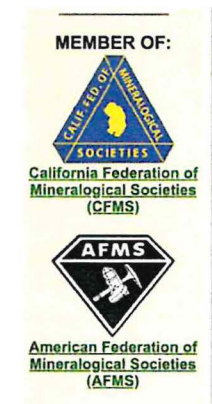
<http://www.eldoradomineralandgem.org/show1.html>



Est. 1938



Est. 1949



**“Gateway to the Motherlode”,  
...the convergence of problems finds a solution:**

1. Numerous El Dorado County artifacts have been distributed for storage in facilities across California. These artifacts are not being studied or admired and it is the desire of the El Dorado Historical Society and the El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society that these should be brought back into the El Dorado County inventory as assets adding to the richness of El Dorado County history, culture for the community and tourists to appreciate a unique geology contributing to that history and for earth sciences education.
  
2. The New Deal Era County owned Post Office and Telephone Annex is vacant and in need of faithful restoration for community enjoyment and revitalization. These buildings were built in an era where things were made to last,, to secure the postal deliveries and local utilities.

***Solution:** When refurbished, these buildings would naturally provide a secure space to display these assets and provide a Community center for the Gold Rush, gem and mineral artifacts, educational activities and expensive specialized scientific and craft equipment. Can be made into an Exploratorium style extension for local junior college, high school, elementary school earth science studies with access for the local community and tourists when schools are not scheduled.*

# **Gateway to the Motherlode: Promoting Placerville**

## **“Earth Sciences Technology and Math Education Center”**

- ❧ **Operated by El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society Office**
- ❧ **In collaboration with UC Davis and Folsom Lake College**
- ❧ **Motherlode Interpretive Center brings Gold Rush History  
and technology to life**
- ❧ **Math & Science Education Center**
- ❧ **Earth Sciences, Technology, Lapidary Arts and Tech Center**
- ❧ **Showcase for Snowshoe Thompson in the Postmaster’s Office**





# What's Inside the Center for Natural Resources?



## Junior Rockhound Program:

[JUNIOR MEMBERS' PAGE](#)

**Junior Member Meetings** are usually held on the **3rd Tuesday of the month except during summer months**, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the **Senior Center, 937 Spring Street, Placerville**. Sign-up is required.

[More about our Junior & Other Educational Programs](#) [Map to Senior Center](#)

## Lapidary Arts:

**Lapidary Workshops** are held on the **each Wednesday of the month, January thru November from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the **Senior Center, 937 Spring Street**.

**Advance sign-up is required and a minimum number must be reached for each workshop.**

To sign up for Workshops and Certification Classes, please contact Lapidary Chairperson or sign up at the General Meetings [More about Lapidary](#)  
[Map to Senior Center](#)

## Jewelry Arts:

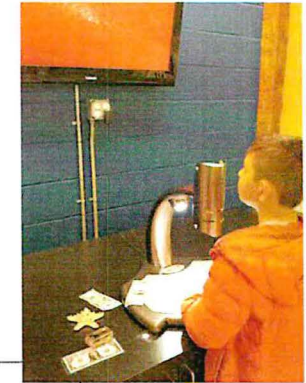
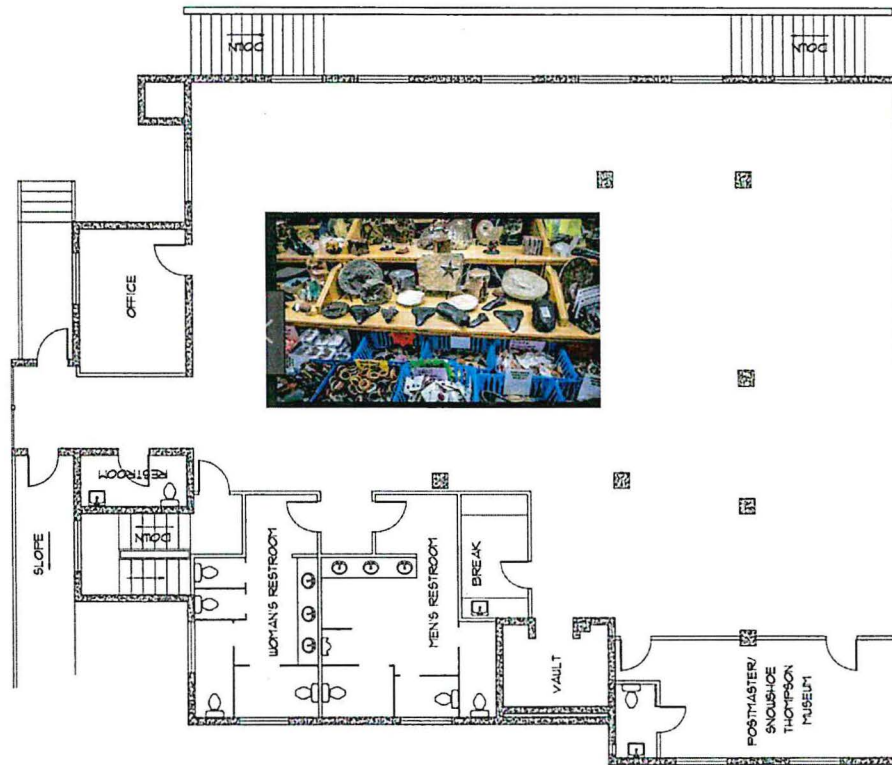
**Jewelry Arts Classes** are generally scheduled on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** at the **Senior Center, 937 Spring Street**. Sign up for most classes is required. To sign up for Classes, please contact Jewelry Arts Chairperson or sign up at the General Meetings.

Upcoming classes:

- May 14 - Freeform wire wrap
- May 28 - Finish project
- Jun 11- Pierce work pendant
- Jun 25- Finish project

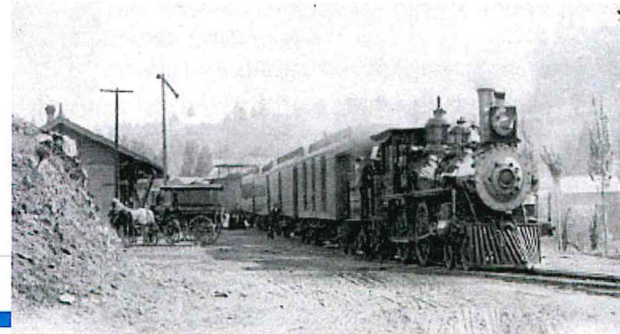
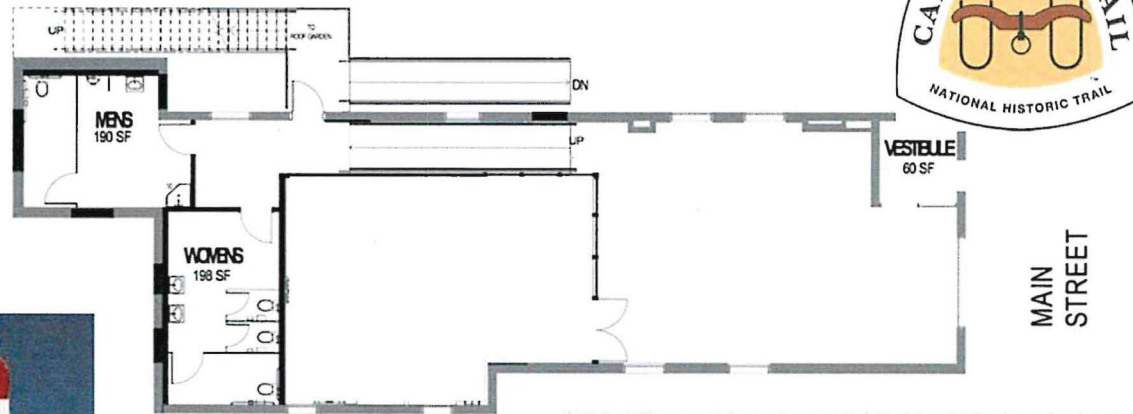
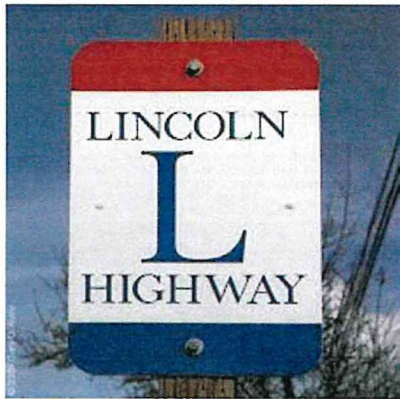
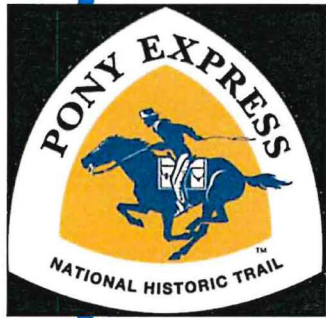
[More about Jewelry Arts](#) [Map to Senior Center](#)

## Field Trips



Equipment for Lapidary and other specialized arts such as ceramics and metal work

# What's Inside the Trail & Transportation Center?



# Existing Mineral & Gem Programs:

## Field Trip Schedule

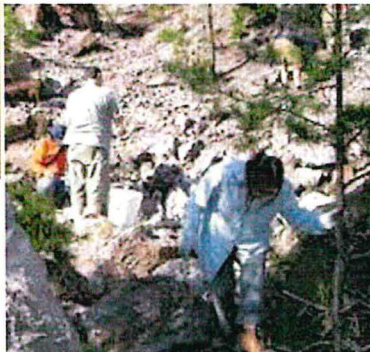
TIPS ON COLLECTING SAFETY PROCEDURE

### FIELD TRIP RULES

- Field trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- Contact the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- Remember to wear your name badge and sign in and out with the field trip leader.
- A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

### 2019 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

DATE	DESCRIPTION
May 18-19	Fallon, NV, for wonderstone, crystals, jasper, pet wood, more
Jun 1	Taylorville, CA, for rose quartz
Jun 1-2	Virgin Valley, NV, for opals
Jun 7 - 10	McDermitt, NV, for many types of rock (some fee digs)
Jul 20-21	Grass Valley, CA, for argillite (red, green banded)
Jun 13 - 16	El Dorado County Fair, Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA. Society members host the Mining & Minerals Building. Over 30 case displays; grab bags!
Sep 28-30	Tuledad Canyon, CA, for Tuledad agate
Oct 19 - 20	El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society's 35th Annual Rock & Gem Show, County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA. Find over 50 Dealers, Case Displays, Lapidary & Jewelry-making Demonstrations! Free Rocks and activities for kids! Fun for the whole family. Super finds for Rockhounds!



### Other Activities:

#### EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR - June 13 - 16, 2019



We will host the Mining and Minerals Building at the El Dorado County Fair.

This is a great time for the whole family to see over 30 Minerals Displays and get to know what our society is all about. Visit us at our Information Table and enjoy the displays.

**CASE DISPLAY ENTRY is open to the Public & Members!** [See 2019 Mining & Minerals Display Entry Rules](#)

#### ANNUAL ROCK & GEM SHOW

October 19 & 20, 2019

We look forward to seeing you at our 2019 Rock, Gem & Mineral Show at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA.



**OUR SHOWS PAGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION & WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.** [Dealer inquiries are invited](#)

#### COUNTY LIBRARY DISPLAY.

Our members will provide a Rock and Mineral display at the Placerville Library during the month of August. The library is located at 345 Fair Lane, Placerville. [Map.](#)

# Example Student Visit:

## Visit ~1-1.5 hrs:

1. Kids get dropped off in front and greeted by dressed docents...
2. Hands on Tour of Natural Science Center / Industrial Arts
3. Gold Rush Rockology / Geekology / STEM Entertainment



# Curated Rotating Exhibits: Natural Resource Center

1. UC Davis (Federally Registered Museum Curator) and Folsom Lake College Student Extension
2. Exploratorium Style Rotating exhibits featuring hundreds of El Dorado County Artifacts located by EDCMGS

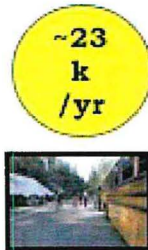


**How do we draw  
9,700 new visitors annually  
to downtown Placerville  
businesses?**

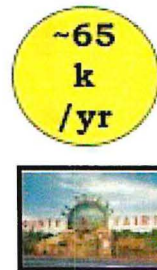
# Sister Attraction Visitor Counts within 50 miles



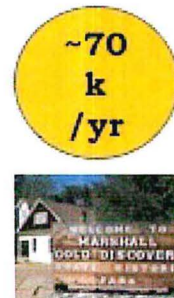
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Museum



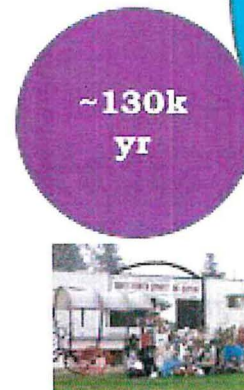
Gold Bug  
City Park



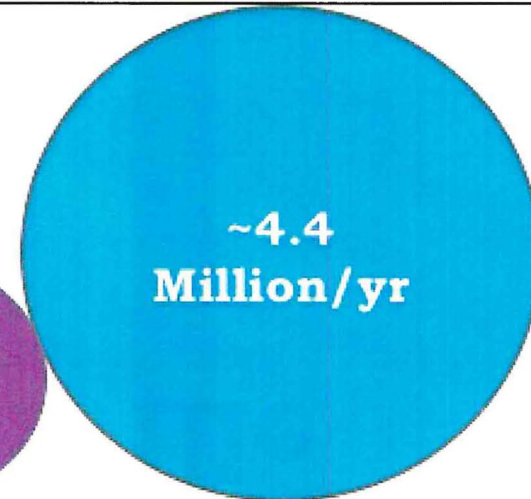
EDC Fair  
4 days



Marshall  
Gold  
Discovery  
State  
Park



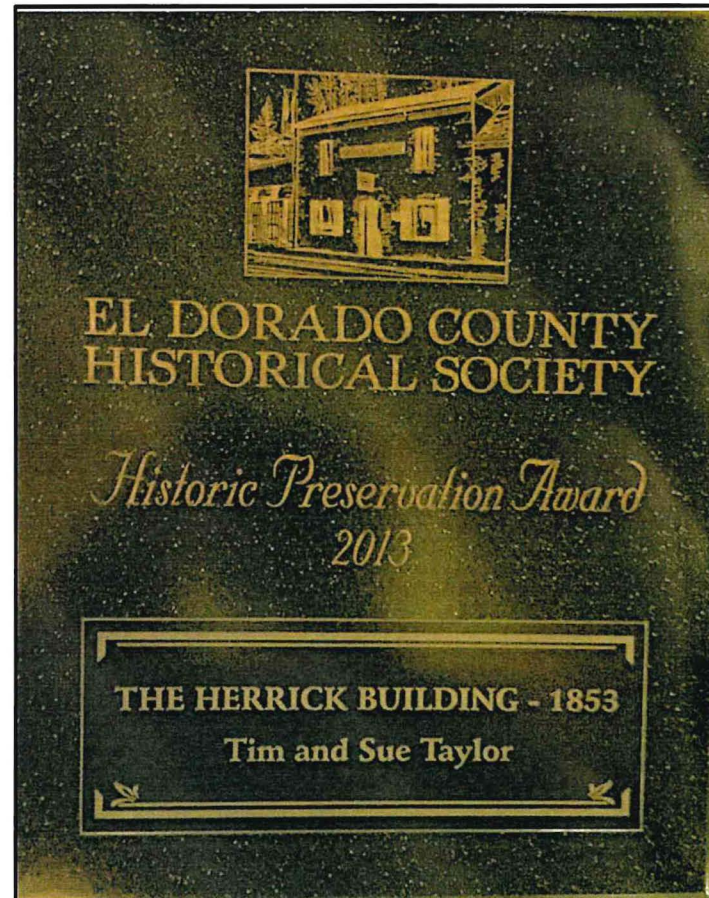
Sutter's Fort  
& Native  
Museum  
State Park



Old Sac  
Historic District

# Restoration Expertise:

Local and specific  
expertise  
with a  
successful track  
record  
“making it happen!”





# Making it happen: Restoration Expertise here in Placerville



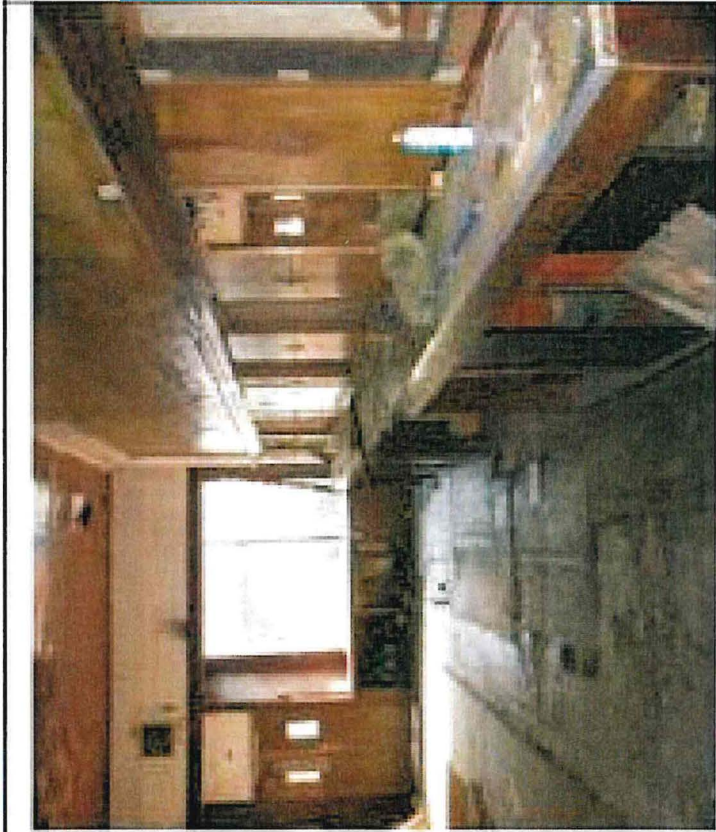
2013 Under Construction



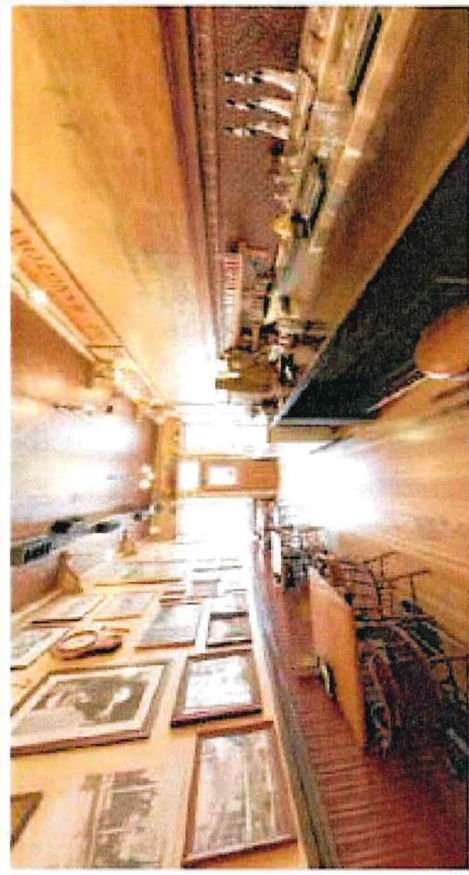
2018

# Interior Hangman's Saloon:

Before



After



# CEQA, NRHP and Secretary of Interior compliance:


The Old Post Office would be historically restored boosting the inventory of historic places within El Dorado County

State of California—The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION <b>PRIMARY RECORD</b>		Primary # _____ HRU # _____ Trinomial _____ NRHP Status Code <u>3R</u>
Other Listings Review Code _____	Reviewer _____	Date _____

Page 1 of    \*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) S15 Main Street  
P1. Other Identifier: Placerville Post Office  
P2. Location:  Not for Publication  Unrestricted \*a. County El Dorado  
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)  
\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Placerville, CA Date 1973 T 10N R 11E S 4 of Sec. 7, MDBM  
c. Address S15 Main Street City Placerville Zip 95667  
d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10 \_\_\_\_\_ mE  
e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate). APN 001-151-021 Lot XX, Block 29 of Placerville Townsite

\*P3a. Description: Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.  
This Art Deco Post Office was designed by architect Louis A. Simon and built by the Federal Works Department. Built of reinforced concrete, the one-story building has five bays and a hip roof. Entry is via double glass and frame doors, accessed by concrete stairs from the sidewalk, and protected by a projecting canopy. Art Deco grille work and a golden eagle are located above the entry doors. Two windows, behind decorative Art Deco grilles, flank the entry on each side and are set in recessed panels; they continue along the side elevations.

\*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP14 Post Office  
P4. Resources Present:  Building  Structure  Object  Site  District  Element of District  Other (isolates, etc.)

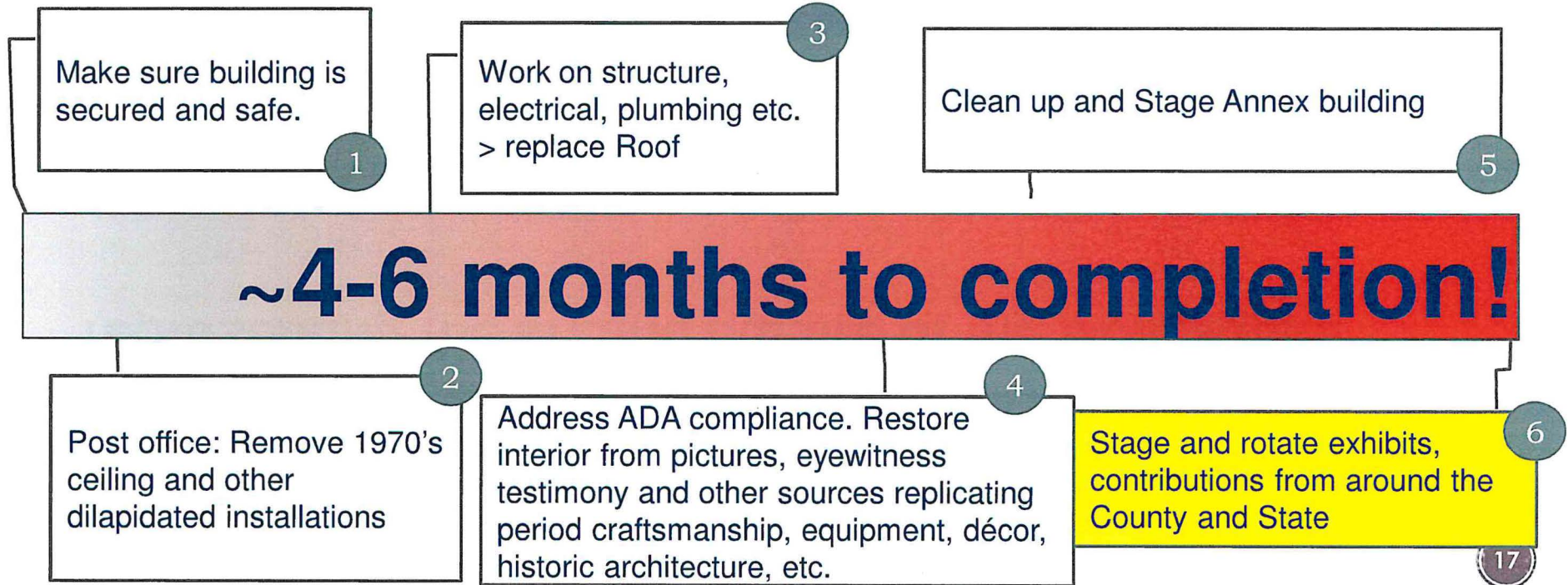
P5a. Photo or Drawing (Photo required for buildings, structures, and objects.)  
  
P5b. Description of Photo (View, date, accession #) View N, June 2018

\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:  Historic  Both  
1939-1973 Remodeling

\*P7. Owner and Address:

# Build out project plan

Let's say money is in the bank and everything ready to go:  
Estimates based on Herrick building restoration and Vanir reports. Cost estimate \$750k



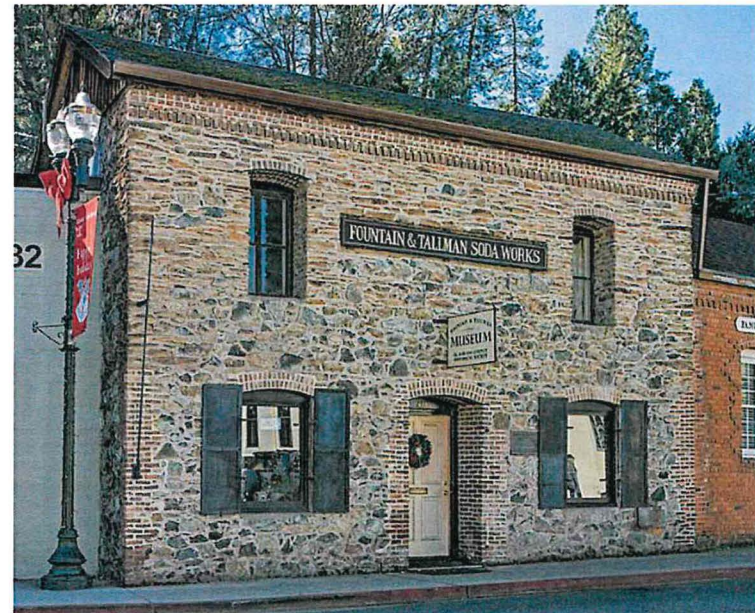
## **What are downtown Placerville's assets?**

- **High percentage of historic buildings, still in tact, representing the art and culture of the Gold Rush.**
- **Majority of the buildings on Main Street are on a historic resource list.**
- **Unique cultural mix of “Mom&Pop” businesses showing a wide variety of arts, passions and talents unique to Placerville.**
- **Welcoming and engaging community members** 

# Fountain & Tallman Museum [across the street]

**~200 visitors a day from all over the world during the 5 days it is open**

- Owned by El Dorado County Historical Society since 1981 and operated as a Museum since 1983.
- Self-funded through donations and book sales.
- Tourists, local visitors, researchers and school children.



# Gold Bug Park

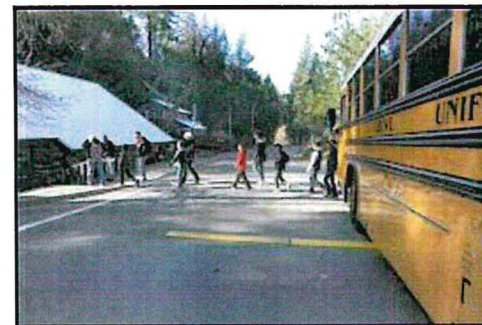
[1 mile to the north]

**estimate ~23k+ school  
kids per year**

65 people in a visiting group = \$500 in entry fees

[2 loaded school buses a day for every day open (~180 days) = \$180k]

These numbers do not include Tour buses, tourists and return visits by families and teachers or gift shop sales.



## Revenue pulled in and feet on the street numbers...

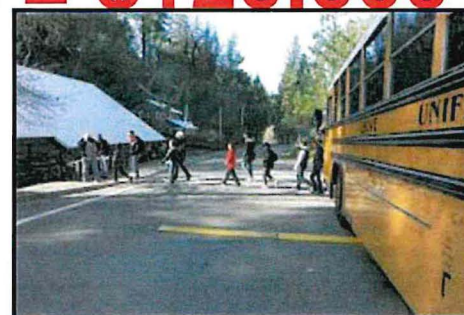
**2 buses (@\$400ea) x 150 days = \$120.000 / yr**

### **does not include:**

Other visitors and tourist donations

Gift shop sales

Venue rental for special events (Yes we do birthdays!)



### ***Yearly Federal, State, Local and private Grants and Awards for:***

Community and Economic Revitalization, Tourism,

Museum, Library Heritage Preservation and

Improvement, Entertainment Industry and Arts, STEM, Ag in the Classroom

Education, Business Entrepreneurship, Special Traveling Exhibits,

and much more...



## Building Ownership:

With the competitive nature of acquiring grants, the strongest application is in a coalition of community organizations, 501(c)3s, in partnership with a governmental agency. The primary organization in the team is the El Dorado County Historical Society, which has been successful in acquiring the Fountain & Tallman Soda Works Building along with maintaining and sustaining the building. They have created a destination for visitors to search out on their journey within the County. The El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society have also been successful in acquiring funds that would make it financially possible to sustain a location and also they have acquired resources to stock the a building. With this partnership along with the County retaining ownership of the building, jointly applying grants greatly increases the possibility for success. Therefore the Society's would leave the ownership of the buildings with the County during fundraising and restoration phase.

After the restoration of the buildings, the Society's may want to enter into a program with the County similar to the El Dorado County Museum's arrangement with the El Dorado Western Railway Foundation 501(c)3 in which the County has a Memorandum of Understanding. Or the El Dorado County Historical Society could take ownerships similar to the Fountain & Tallman Soda Works Building. These organizations would need a venue and the opportunity to have these discussions with the County.

# 2016 United States Gold Panning Championship

The El Dorado County Historical Society, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society, El Dorado County along with numerous other community organizations and volunteers hosted the United States Gold Panning Championship in 2016 along with hosting a parade in the City of Placerville.



# Architecture and Cultural History:

From Oxford books

↳ Buildings tell many stories. They are complex material objects wherein we live, work, worship, socialize, and play. They serve basic functions but also embody culture and express the dynamics of its social, economic, and political fortunes. Buildings also communicate their messages by their unusual forms, gigantic scale, or dramatic settings. The vast majority blend together as unconscious backdrops to daily routines. Buildings have life cycles. Most buildings have brief tenures before they are destroyed or fall into ruin. Only a very small number of them survive for long periods to give a historical dimension to the landscape. From the eighteenth century through the early twentieth century, architects in Europe and America found design precedents in the early buildings of their native lands. Buildings are often seen as embodiments of culture.