

# Cemetery Advisory Committee Overview 2023

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# Mission Statement

According to Resolution 128-2002, The El Dorado County Cemetery Advisory Committee's (CAC) purpose is "to protect and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by preserving and enhancing the County's cemeteries; providing clear, fair, appropriate and effective regulations for their use; ensuring appropriate treatment of Native American burial sites; compiling and recording cemetery information, records and historical data; and identifying and pursuing funding for all these activities".

# Membership

- ✓ *Mike Roberts, District III, Chair*
- ✓ *Melinda Peak, District I, Vice Chair*
- ✓ *Larry Robinson, District II*
- ✓ *Frank Clark, District IV*
- ✓ *Vacant, District V*
- ✓ *Kimm Richwine, Fraternal Organizations Representative*
- ✓ *Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Cemeteries Representative*
- ✓ *Vacant, Archeological Representative*
- ✓ *Lori Parlin, Board of Supervisors*
- ✓ *Shelley Wiley, Board of Supervisors Alternate*
- ✓ *Sheriff Jeff Leikauf, Coroner's Office*
- ✓ *Sgt. Steven Schofield, Coroner's Office Alternate*
- ✓ *Christopher Perry, Cemetery Director*
- ✓ *Julianne Melchor, Cemetery Director Alternate*

# What we do

## Visit Cemeteries

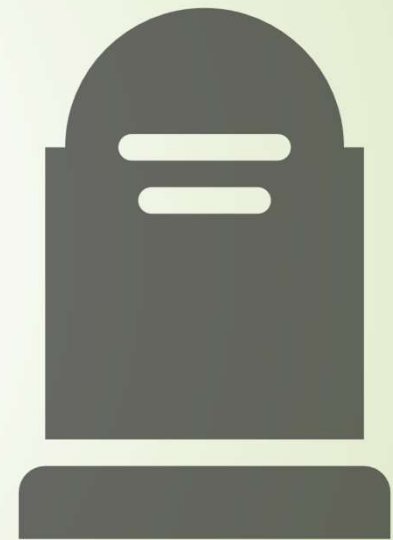
- Monitor and report cemetery conditions

## Educate and Promote

- Raise awareness about our historic county cemeteries

## Creatively Support

- Develop and participate in alternate ways to support county cemeteries



# Recent Accomplishments

- Former CAC archaeologist worked with staff to update an important regional cultural resource database (North Central Information Center, NCIC) with cemetery locations. She also invited Sonoma State graduate students and an advisor to consider doing research projects on El Dorado County cemeteries. Two students are writing their thesis topics this year and will focus their research on specific El Dorado County cemeteries.
- Updated the CAC resolution which hadn't been updated since it was established in 2002. Also, formulated and approved committee by-laws.
- Assisted with the updating of the county cemetery ordinance.

## **CAC members also contributed to these events:**

- Adopt-A-Cemetery program projects at Mormon Island, El Dorado, Placerville Union, and Smith Flat cemeteries.
- North County Cemetery Crawl
- Save the Graves

# Future Goals of the Cemetery Advisory Committee

- ▶ Establish goals for individual cemeteries.
  - Maintenance, restoration and interpretation
- ▶ Develop and distribute brochures highlighting county cemeteries for tourists and visitors.
  - Location, access and history
- ▶ Seek volunteers to build kiosks to display interment lists at each county cemetery.
  - Names and plot locations
- ▶ Review and create signage for each county cemetery.
  - Parking, contact information, sections, plot map and interpretive
- ▶ Assist county staff in identifying veteran interments to update county interment database.



## CAC's Role in the County's Strategic Goals

- Economic Development – Cemetery tourism is growing. Visitors come here and seek out our cemeteries. We could do much, much more to promote cemetery visitation.
- Good Governance – Cemeteries strengthen the fabric of community.
- Healthy Communities – In a county with limited formal parks, cemeteries provide an important outdoor recreation experience for all ages.
- Public Safety – CAC members are chartered to monitor public cemeteries for public safety threats. Cemetery Administration acts promptly when we report them.