

HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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The State Historical Building Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations) allows alternatives to any and all prevailing codes as they relate to qualified historical buildings.

An historical resource is defined as any state-owned structure, over 50 years of age which is listed—or could be listed—either on the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the United States Department of the Interior or as a state historical landmark. Under Public Resources Code 5024, each department must:

1. Prepare and annually update its *Historic Resources Inventory* (DPR-523) listing the structures under its jurisdiction which are over 50 years of age:
 - a. Contact the State Historic Preservation Officer at the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation for the latest version of the inventory form and instructions on how to complete it.
 - b. Each department should assign a staff member as a cultural resources coordinator to prepare and maintain the inventory.
2. Submit the inventory annually to the State Historic Preservation Officer.
3. Notify the State Historic Preservation Officer of any capital outlay or special repair project which proposes any alteration, transfer of ownership, or demolition of any structure on the inventory, *prior to requesting funds for the project*.

The State Historic Preservation Officer has 30 days to comment on the project (Public Resources Code 5024.5). Based upon review of the inventory, if the officer determines the structure is potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and that a proposed project will have an adverse effect, the officer may propose measures to eliminate or mitigate adverse impacts. If a department and the officer cannot concur on mitigations or alternatives, the Office of Planning and Research mediates the issue.

Requirements for COBCPs: The department must note on the COBCP whether the project potentially affects a structure which is on, or could be on, the inventory. If the outcome of the historical resources review process affects project costs or scope, the client department must notify the DOF Capital Outlay unit.