Governor Brown’s proposed 2017/2018 budget proposes a $14.2 million investment to protect water quality from historic mining activities at three state parks including Mt. Diablo State Park, Empire Mine State Historic Park, and Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. These funds can be used for “permit monitoring, sampling, study, evaluation, alternative analysis, implementation, and maintenance of remedial actions to abate contamination of water resulting from historic mining activities at three state parks.”

The largest investment is proposed as a one-time appropriation of $8,201,000 available for two years to implement the remediation plan being developed for Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park (MDSHP). Development of this plan was funded in the 2016/2017 budget.

“The Sierra Fund applauds the visionary investment that the Governor and State Parks are making in one of State’s most treasured historic landscapes, that of Malakoff Diggins,” notes Elizabeth “Izzy” Martin, CEO. “The Sierra Fund has been working collaboratively with State Parks at this site since 2011, bringing funding, technical expertise, and research capabilities to efforts to address the legacy mercury contamination left behind from late 19th and early 20th century hydraulic mining operations.”

Malakoff Diggins, formerly the site of the North Bloomfield Mining and Gravel Company, is a historic, registered landmark partly due to the role the mine that was operated there played in California history. The mine was the subject of the historic “Sawyer Decision” that essentially banned hydraulic mining first in the state and later in the nation. Research conducted by The Sierra Fund, CSU Chico and the US Geological Survey have documented that “particulate-bound” mercury is discharged from the hydraulic mining pit during storm events. This mercury flows down Humbug Creek and into the South Yuba River, which is a state designated Wild and Scenic River above Englebright Dam.

Any remediation project will preserve and protect the historic nature of this beautiful landscape while also protecting water quality and improving habitat for fish and other wildlife.

Submitted by Syd Brown
Chairman’s Message - March, 2017

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of our Senior Park Aide, Debbie Pfanner. She was dedicated to the park and a joy to deal with. She was wonderful with children and instrumental to the success of the Environmental Living Program. (ELP) See her obituary in this Issue.

Your Non-profit Committee has been very busy and making good progress in a number of areas. Looking to the future we have developed a Strategic Plan that identifies our goals, assigns responsibilities, sets due dates for completions, and measures progress. The plan will be updated in the future to ensure continued relevance.

The ELP program is now being extended to a fall session. We are excited to announce that we have established an ELP Scholarship to pay for a disadvantaged school class to participate in the program. The “Debbie Pfanner ELP Scholarship” is named in her honor and for her dedication to the ELP program.

In addition to our regular events such as Humbug Day, the Kids Fishing Derby, and the Ice Cream Social, we are creating a new event, also to occur this fall, called “Malakoff’s French Connection” to recognize the influence of French Imigrants that were such a big part of the history of Malakoff Diggins. We will provide more information as details are developed.

We are also pursuing the development (no pun) of Photography Workshops for the park. This program would provide privileged access to the park at night and inside historic buildings, for a fee. This program is being modeled after a similar program by the Bodie Foundation.

Our website has been updated and we can now apply for or renew memberships on line. Membership fees and donations can be paid through PayPal on the site. I encourage you to explore the site as it has a wealth of information about the park.

Please ensure that your memberships are up to date and consider applying to be a member of the FNBMD Committee. We can always use more help. We can also use help in staffing sub-committees, working our events and participating in work parties. Please let us know if you are willing to help.

Campgrounds will open May 26. Miner’s Cabins are available now - $40/Night
Reservations: Reserve America at 1-800-444-7275
As of August 1st use: wwwReserveCalifornia.com

Contact the park for spring hours and programs. 530-265-2740

See you in the park. Dave Anderson
Kid’s Fishing Derby - May 13
Blair Pond

To Sign Up or Volunteer - Phone Debbie Dajas at 530-432-1962 or call the Park - 540-265-2740

Hot Dog Roast to Follow

Humbug Living History Day - June 10

Phone Marianne Bryant
530-265-8800
to Volunteer or be a
Gold Rush Pioneer Dressed for the 1880s

Debora Joann Pfanner
Gracefully passed away on March 1, 2017 of Gall Bladder Cancer, at sunrise in her home, surrounded by loved ones and her 2 dogs. She was 62. A Celebration of Life, was held at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park on Saturday, March 25.

**Tribute**

A few years after I retired I got re-involved with the Malakoff Diggins Park Association. Not long after that I heard references to a Park Aide named Debbie. It was Debbie this, Debbie that, but mostly, “ask Debbie.” I had to meet this person.

Later at the Museum, I was perusing the book-rack and “Debbie” appeared from the office and quickly sized up my need and recommended a particular book. I thought of how I had worked here for 12 years and had never noticed that book, yet in her short time she was familiar with the contents.

As time went by, it was obvious that Debbie was something special. Often, park aides are there for a season then find other goals or not. Debbie was becoming an in-house, go-to person on things Malakoff, and things outside Malakoff that affected the place. She capably prepared herself to partake of not only the office and visitor-center, but of the entire town, the histories of the buildings and families and the park interpretive program. Her at-ease style was as inviting as her cozy interpretation of the Skidmore kitchen.

With the shortage of park staff many organizational duties fell to her that would not normally have been assigned to a park aide, yet she realized those important things would go undone, without her.

Indeed, one of her biggest contributions was to Be There; to show the flag, to be the face of Malakoff. at odd and unusual times and seasons, when it was so difficult for permanent staff to cover; Debbie was there. She was modestly elated about a year or so ago when she was deservedly promoted to: Senior Park Aide. To most of us watching, it was long overdue.

The torch had been passed to her. With good natured determination she stepped in and ably carried it to the end; then, with so much left to do, she reluctantly passed it on.

Well done Debbie Pfanner, you will be missed.  

**The Union**

Debbie was born in Sacramento California. She grew up riding horses and was an avid outdoors enthusiast traveling the world experiencing fishing trips, dives, and hunts. In Deb fashion she took her passion of the outdoors and developed a youth summer camp teaching archery hunter safety, shooting and fishing. Twelve years ago she settled in Nevada City. She then found her true calling at Malakoff Diggins where she became Senior Park Aid. She had a passion for history and the outdoors which was reflected in all her work with the park. Debbie was a true teacher through interpreting the mining culture and provided kids the true historical experience including s’mores during the camp fire program.

She is survived by her brother Dennis (Diana) Pfanner; sister in-law Judy Pfanner; as well as her beloved nieces and nephew (and spouses) Jennifer and Gene, Alisa and Jason, John and Jessica, Charleen and Patrick, and Chrissy and Jeremy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of North Bloomfield and Malakoff Diggins to support the Environmental Living Program at the Park. Debbie was instrumental in assuring the ongoing success of this program and it was dear to her heart.

*Go in peace, our dear Debora,*
*Free as a bird you are in flight*  
*Your spirit will soar within us,*  
*As you fly over these mountains so bright*

Family Triangle  
Debbie’s Tree Beneath  
Her Late Mother’s
Joshua Hendy, was an English-born blacksmith who moved from Texas to California in the California Gold Rush. Learning of Big Trees north of San Francisco, he built the state’s first redwood lumber mill on the Navarro River in Mendocino County.

Plying his “smithing” trade, Hendy went on to pioneer the manufacture of large machinery; often the largest or the first of their kind, which were designed and built in San Francisco. After the 1906 earthquake the Hendy Iron Works relocated to Sunnyvale.

Some of the early Hendy mining equipment, which was considered the worldwide standard in the industry, included the Hydraulic Giant Monitor, Hurdy Gurdy, Tangential Water Wheel, Hendy Ore Concentrator, Challenge Ore Feeder, and the Hendy Hydraulic Gravel Elevator. The Panama Canal was built with the help of Hendy Giant Monitors.

On a more esthetic plane, the foundry and machine shops also produced many of the ornate arches and municipal fixtures for San Francisco, such as street lamps, hydrants, and the oriental lamp posts still seen in Chinatown.

When Hendy died in 1891, he willed the Navarro property to his nephews with a stipulation that the coast redwood groves in it be protected. \( \textit{Sequoia Sempervirens} \) Ultimately, 600 acres was purchased by the state in 1958 and named in his honor, \textit{Hendy Woods State Park}. 

From Malakoff’s Giant Water Monitors, for over 150 yrs. and two World Wars, Hendy has produced vast amounts of iron and mechanical equipment, including mining machinery, marine engines, ship’s guns and a “Giant” redwoods, state park.

In 1947, the \textit{Joshua Hendy Iron Works} was purchased by the \textit{Westinghouse Corporation}. In 1996, \textit{Westinghouse} sold the company to \textit{Northrop Grumman Marine Systems}.

Visit the plant and the \textit{Iron Man Museum} at 401 E. Hendy Ave., Sunnyvale, CA

\textit{Edited from: Iron Man Museum & CA St. Parks. L. Clark}
New Reservation System Coming to California State Parks This Summer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Starting this August, Californians will make their state parks camping and tour reservations through a new, faster, easier to use reservation system that features more open access to data.

ReserveCalifornia will go live for all parks on August 1 and will provide more user-friendly and intuitive web services, including:

- Additional self-service options
- More campsites available for online reservation
- Interactive campsite maps with more detailed views of campsites.

As more features of the new service are phased in through March 2018, visitors and staff will enjoy the ability to view the real-time reservation inventory, expanded tender/payment options and Website trip planning.

The new reservation system includes state-of-the-art, computerized point-of-sale and fee collection equipment that will allow debit and credit card payments at more locations.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) will continue to inform and engage the public on www.ReserveCalifornia.com as implementation of the new reservations system approaches. Information also will be shared on the department’s Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Support California State Parks - Contact DMV for this Special Plate
Hold Yer Horses

Usually carried in a wagon or buggy, often hand-forged by a blacksmith, this 1800s piece of Americana was essential for tethering, snubbing, or hitching your horse when no post or tree was handy. Note the 25 (lb) weight, embossed on the top, unusually heavy for its use. If you have such an item being used for a door-stop, that is in good condition, look it up as it might be worth a small fortune.

There is a myriad of names for tack, some of which are regional or foreign. All horse people know the correct names............

The Singletree turns on a pin through the crosspiece and is looped at the ends, where leather traces connect to a breast or neck collar. The action of a singletree is to balance the pull from alternate shoulders while the animal walks, as this can rub the shoulders if the pull is uneven.

Check out the wagon exhibit in the Ostrom Stable and imagine a “quick trip” to Lake City in a snappy horse drawn Buggy. Bring a cushion.  Source: a myriad of horse people. L. Clark, editor
Copped Coreopsis

The beach parking lot was empty, save an idling, gray sedan in the center, about 50 ft. from a steep bank reaching up to the Coast Hwy. A spring bloom of giant sunflowers, *Coreopsis Gigantea* adorned that hillside in yellow as I drove over the dune road; just in time to observe Granny cut the stalk of a fine specimen.

Turning, she spied my ranger truck, and deftly switched hands, nonchantally putting the contriband behing her back. She waved as I passed by, the purloined plant sticking out like an extra appendage.

In my mirror I watched her do the Granny-Shuffle toward grand-pa in the waiting sedan. Whipping a U-turn and quickly accelerating, put my truck between her and the getaway car. Out the window, I greeted her, “Pretty Day”. “Yes, isn’t it”, she aswered. Nodding to the bank, I commented, “Aren’t the wildflowers beautiful?” --- “They’re so lovely.” She parried.

“They only bloom for a couple of months. We’re lucky they’re protected here in the park.” ----- “Oh, yes”, she smiled, switching hands behind her back. -----“Do you know we have to keep an eye on them or people try to steal them? ---“They do?” Spoken with both hands behind her back to keep her trophy from flopping around.

Sometimes we catch pickers and cite them them to appear in the Malibu Court! ----- ”I’m-m so glad”, she stuttered. Looking her in the eyes, I asked, “You haven’t seen anyone trying to cut them, have you?” A nervous reply of, “My goodness, no.”----- “If you do, please let us know.” A stammering promise extracted, I cruised on.

Granny showed unexpected agility, leaping into the car and stuffing her poached shrub onto the floor in one motion, while panic-stricken grand-pa appeared to verbally chastise her. The couple stared dead-ahead as they drove toward the park exit.

I noticed a brake light was out and considered turning on my red light to inform them, but thought better of it fearing some sort of connipion from within the sedan, and conjuring up a vision of grandpa hurling the car down the Coast Highway as granny tossed pieces of filched flora out the window. I know, I could have cited her. But maybe she was embarassed enough not to do it again. Besides, even if the plant survived the ride home, I wondered if grandpa would allow it on the premises.

Or, would he make her choose between him and the Copped Coreopsis?

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*Scientific classification*

**Kingdom:** Plantae  
(unranked): Angiosperms  
(unranked): Eudicots  
(unranked): Asterids  
**Order:** Asterales  
**Family:** Asteraceae  
**Genus:** Coreopsis  
**Species:** C. gigantea  
**Binomial name:** Coreopsis gigantea

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L. Clark, Editor
Gold Miner? “You Bet!”

Are you mining the Chalk Bluffs?
“You Bet”
Finding any color?
“You Bet”
Making wages?
“You Bet”
Is it rich?
“You Bet”
Want a partner?
“I Reckon Not”

“Slang was the language of the Gold Rush. It was hard to preach a sermon without it, and be understood. Such phrases as, “You bet”, “I reckon not”, and a hundred others, became so common as to fall from the lips of a speaker unconsciously.” (Mark Twain)

Often the phrase in-use acquired a new meaning and corrupted the word itself. “Totally” is an example of such a warped expression but “Awesome” could be the all-time champion of a word so commonly used, out of context, that many people today, who throw it around for a badge of conviction, probably could not articulate its actual meaning and would likely blurt out, “awesome is like… a totally awesome word”.

You Bet, near Red Dog, east of Grass Valley, sometimes is known as Chalk Bluffs, was first placer-mined in 1848 or 1849 and later hydraulic mined. The name “You Bet” is supposed to have originated in 1857 from saloon keeper Lazarus Beard’s (among many others) favorite expression. Red Dog was named by Charley Wilson after his former home, Red Dog Hill, Illinois. Butt Me (Light my cigarette), I Reckon, Decently, Cool, Sorry ‘bout that, Rad, etc. all had their day. But the slang that endures is, “You Bet”, mine, road and townsite. There seems to be no listing for an, Awesome mine. Editor

The district was hydraulicked on a large scale from 1855 until the 1880s. There was some drift mining. Later, the area was mined on a moderate scale, chiefly by Chinese. It was intermittently active until about 1935. The total output is valued at more than $3 million. Lindgren (1911) estimated 47 million yards were removed and 100 million remained. Gold Districts of California California / Division of Mines and Geology

Mark Twain gave a lecture in You Bet (five miles northeast of today’s Chicago Park) on October 25, 1866. On the 27th he was headed for Virginia City to give another lecture and he crossed Donner Summit. The night of the 26th Twain spent in Meadow Lake which was above and north of Cisco. Upper Cisco, which today is gone and sat up the hill from the gas station on the north side of I-80, was the jumping off point for travel to Meadow Lake. Meadow Lake was a boom/bust gold town. Donner Summit Historical Society
California State Park Categories

Recently, my interest and curiosity were stoked with regard to the Historical (District) Designation of Bridgeport as opposed to what qualifies a State Park to carry the designation of a 'State Historic Park' such as Empire Mine State Historic Park and Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. By virtue of the astute tutelage by Robert Coats and Dan Youngren, the items below serve as a complete clarification of the "technicalities" between the two aforementioned designations...

Dave Anderson, Executive Committee

By Robert Coats, Executive Committee:

The Bridgeport Historic District, a relatively small portion of South Yuba River State Park, was the subject of an application approved by DPR's Office of Historic Preservation. Although the bridge was designated an historic landmark in 1947, this application defines the Bridgeport Historic District as the portion of the South Yuba River State Park bounded by Pleasant Valley Road, Kentucky Creek to its confluence with the South Yuba River, thence directly north to the Point Defiance Trail, east along the Point Defiance Trail to the north side of the original Virginia Turnpike to the intersection with Pleasant Valley Road. This includes the key historic features of the Bridgeport Historic District including the Kneebone Ranch area, the Kneebone Family Cemetery, the Bridgeport Covered Bridge, a portion of the original Virginia Turnpike, and the historic barn.

In addition there are various categories of state parks;
State Recreation Area
State Beach
State Marine Preserve
State Natural Reserve
State Park
State Historic Park
State Memorial Park

cont.
The category, determines the rules applicable to the park and how the park is managed. For example, it is my understanding that the rules governing a state historic park are more restrictive than the rules governing a state park, which may explain in part the benefit of obtaining the historic district designation within the park to ensure an additional level of protection for the features within the district.

And the following by Dan Youngren:
Supervising State Park Ranger

In a nutshell, when the State acquires land for use as State Parks, it is the State Parks Commission’s responsibility of classifying what type of park it will be. Once the Commission has approved the classification, this will establish a very broad road map of how the land will be developed and used.

One of the many responsibilities of the State Historical Resource Commission is approving permits in establishing features within public lands as state historic landmarks. They also assist with getting established state landmarks federally recognized as well. Dave Anderson would be the person to get more detailed information on this process since he spearheaded the Bridgeport project.

As we know with the bridge and Malakoff, projects large and small must pass a process (project evaluation) prior to being approved since any work must keep the designated area in a “period correct” state. Example: Using modern roof shakes instead of “period” cedar.
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- help preserve, protect and enhance the man made and natural resources of Malakoff Diggins SHP
- support interpretation of the park’s rich biological diversity, geologic features, historic and cultural resources
- provide you with a quarterly newsletter and other notices of Park activities
- include a 10% discount on purchases from the Malakoff Park Store.

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- ☐ Annual Senior/Student ($15)
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- ☐ Lifetime individual membership ($150)
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☐ other

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