

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Skorpanich, Vice-Chair Richonne, and Commissioners Gossett, Harrell, Johannes, Moodian, Sarkis, and Yauger were present. Commissioners Brown, Chinn, Maahs, Senft, and Thoms were absent.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in today's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING

*Motion: Commissioner Sarkis
2nd: Commissioner Gossett
Approved 8–0*

IV. STAFF UPDATE (ITEM(S) A)

A. CULTURAL RESOURCES OPERATIONS FACILITY UPDATE

Staff will give an update on the recent happenings within the Cultural Resources Operations at historical facilities.

Dennis Shaffer, OC Parks Operations Manager, provided an update on current projects at the historical facilities and answered the Commissioners' questions.

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–C)

A. COMMISSION'S ANNUAL NETWORKING EVENT PREPARATION

Review plans for the upcoming Annual Networking event, including venue options, budget considerations, scheduling and timeline. Identify any upcoming needs and outline next steps to ensure timely preparation.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

B. COMMISSION'S 2027 MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE PREPARATIONS

Identify and review new locations to include in the 2027 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule. This discussion will allow staff sufficient time to arrange field trips.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Receive and file.

Item was received and filed.

C. COMMISSIONER ROLES AND REPORTS

Commissioners will provide updates on the latest developments or request input from the Commission in their roles.

1. Brown – Oral Histories
2. Chinn – Historic Preservation
3. Harrell – Arden: Helena Modjeska Historic House and Gardens
4. Johannes – Public Events
5. Moodian – Oral Histories
6. Richonne – Website & Publications
7. Sarkis – Networking Event
8. Senft – Finance & Website
9. Skorpanich—Website
10. Thoms – Cooper Center
11. Yauger – Networking Event
12. Gossett – OC Archives

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Commissioners provided updates for their roles if they had information to provide.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

VII. ADJOURNMENT 10:59 a.m.

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Dennis Shaffer, Executive Officer

DATE: October 1, 2026

SUBJECT: OC Historical Commission's Proposed 2026 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule

A proposed schedule of 2026 meeting and field trip dates is provided below for the Commission's review. The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Seasonal field trips provide the Commission with valuable onsite experiences at various historical sites within the County. The locations and dates of these field trips have been tentatively scheduled for 2026, as noted below.

Please note that meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, or moved at the Chair's discretion.

January 6	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
February 3	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
March 3	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
April 7	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
May 5	Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park (Field Trip)
June 2	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
July 7	No Meeting
August 4	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting) Heritage Museum of Orange County (Field Trip)
September 1	The Village of Putuidem (San Juan Capistrano) (Field Trip) Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
October 6	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
November 3	The Mission San Juan Capistrano (Field Trip) Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
December 1	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
January 7, 2027	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Commission's 2026 meeting and field trip schedule.


Dennis Shaffer

ORANGE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

FROM: Dennis Shaffer, Executive Officer

DATE: October 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed OC Historical Commission's 2027 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule

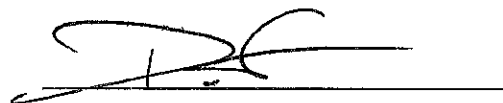
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January 5	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
February 2	Ralph B. Clark Regional Park Interpretive Center (Field Trip)
March 2	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
April 6	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
May 4	San Juan Capistrano Mission Cemetery (Field Trip)
June 1	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
July 6	No Meeting
August 3	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
September 7	Irvine Historical Museum (Field Trip)
October 5	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
November 2	Crystal Cove State Park (Field Trip)
December 7	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)
January 4, 2028	Irvine Ranch Historic Park (Regular Meeting)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the Orange County Historical Commission's 2027 Meeting and Field Trip Schedule.



Dennis Shaffer



Arden – Retaining Wall Project Update

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Project Detail

Purpose:

- Replace historic wall with new structurally engineered wall
- Protect the home from potential slope collapse during inclement weather
- Maintain the historic character of the grounds

Duration:

- May 2026 – September 2026

Contractor:

- KEC Engineering



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Before Photo



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Work In Progress



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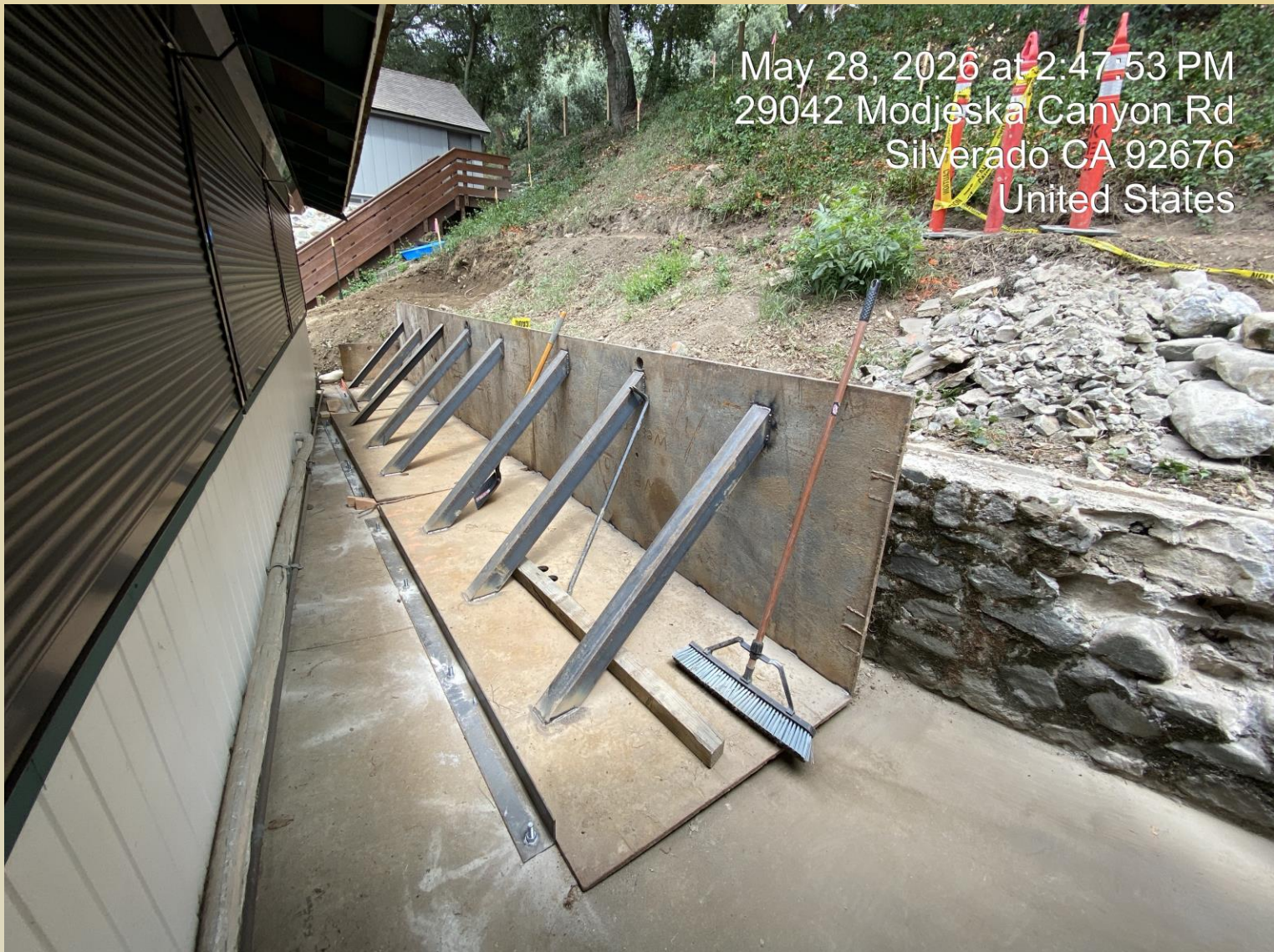
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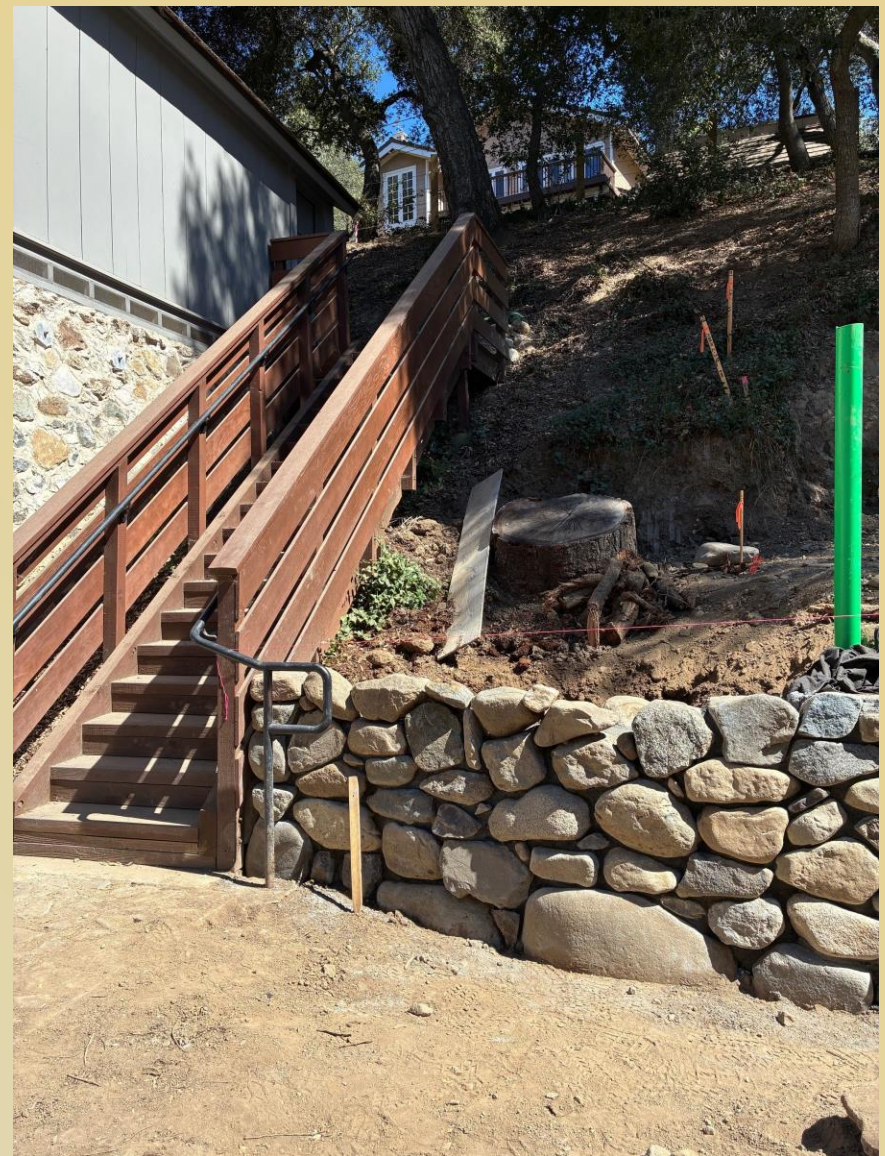
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Before and After



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Questions or Comments?

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