

Historic Resources Commission Goals for 2019-2020

1. Discuss applications for demolition and partial demolition of historic resources, including a review code requirements, scope of HRC authority, and how best to describe projects involving demolition to the public.
Status: Goal Complete. Application submittal list of requirements for demolition of a historic resource has been updated as recommended by the HRC at the April 2019 HRC meeting.
2. Investigate ways to clean up the Historic Resources Inventory, including identify buildings whose condition may have changed since the last inventory update, to correct information in the Inventory. Identify resources available to the Commission to review properties in Inventory.
Status: Commissioners have provided recommendations for inventory clean-up. At the July 1 HRC meeting, staff will provide information regarding clean-ups that can be completed by staff, and updates or corrections that require review by a professional meeting the Secretary of the Interior Standards.
3. Continue to work on the HRC Watch List of properties that are not designated as historic but warrant further historic evaluation under CEQA when discretionary applications are submitted.
Status: Ongoing. The Watch List is being maintained and continues to be updated as the Commission identifies properties to be included.
4. Discuss potential approaches to addressing demolition by neglect on the October 2018 agenda, including evaluating incentive-based approaches.
Status: Staff to report back at the October 2019 meeting.
5. Revisit idea of implementing a Mills Act program, considering previous research provided by Commissioner Merriam, and evaluating feasibility of the county implementing a Mills Act program considering costs to the county staff time required to develop and implement program.
Status: Consider in October 2019
6. Consider training opportunities for the Commission for 2019.
Status: Training on the Secretary of the Interior Standards and Design Review provided at the Special Meeting on June 24, 2019.
7. Discuss participating in Santa Cruz History Day on May 18, 2019 at Jade Street Park in Capitola.
Status: Discussed at the April 2019 HRC meeting. Decision to consider participation in 2020.