



# *County of El Dorado*

## *Cemetery Advisory Committee*

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### **Cemetery Advisory Committee Report to the Board of Supervisors Fiscal Year 2010/2011**

On June 4, 2002, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 128-2002 establishing the El Dorado County Cemetery Advisory Committee. The eleven committee members include: one representative from each of the five Board of Supervisors Districts; one member representing a recognized fraternal organization; one member representing a recognized Native American organization; one member who is a trained professional archaeologist; one member of the Board of Supervisors; the County Coroner; and the County Cemetery Director. Staff to the Committee include: the County Historical Museum Director, County Counsel, and the County Planning Director, or their respective designees. Currently, staff to the Committee also includes a representative from the Department of Transportation, Maintenance Division. The Cemetery Advisory Committee normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m., except in December and June. Minutes and agenda are posted on the County Cemetery web page. The purpose of the Cemetery Advisory Committee is to:

- Advise the Board of Supervisors regarding issues, concerns and problems at cemeteries within the County.
- Serve as a liaison between County and interested community groups and citizens.
- Report to the Board of Supervisors on the status of cemeteries, make recommendations concerning future activities and projects, and report on findings resulting from the Committee's research.

This report includes the following summaries:

1. County Operated Cemeteries as of 2010, with number of burials and acreage.
2. Burial and Plot Sale Totals
3. Projects that have Enhanced County Operated Cemeteries. Additional detail for each cemetery is included in Exhibit A.
4. Cemetery Inspection Report by District. This report focuses on the condition of the property and includes all of the cemeteries in the County, private and public. A full list of the cemeteries and burial sites inspected is included in Exhibit B.

5. Summary of Title Research Conducted by County Staff. Assessor's Records were checked by staff to verify the currently listed property owner of each cemetery. More detailed information included in Exhibit C, "Title Research Details 2009/10".
6. Committee Recommendations for Alternative Funding and Increased Revenue for Cemeteries.
7. Committee Goals for the Cemetery Advisory Committee for 2011.
8. Cemeteries and Burial Sites added to list of Known Cemeteries: Continued research and reports from the public received since 2002 have revealed burial sites not previously listed in County records. A full list of all known cemeteries and burial sites is included in Exhibit D.
9. Exhibits:
  - Exhibit A: 2010 Report on Maintenance of County Cemeteries.
  - Exhibit B: Cemeteries and Burial Sites Listed by District
  - Exhibit C: Title Research Details 2009/10 - Alphabetical listing
  - Exhibit D: Known Cemeteries and Burial Sites within El Dorado County as of January 20, 2011.

**1. List of County-operated cemeteries**

Name	Location	Acres	Burials	Available Plots	Total Plots
Bryant	Shingle Springs	1.05	507	10	517
County Hospital/Pest House/ Spring Street	Placerville	2.00	1,000	0	1,000
Diamond Springs	Diamond Springs	.66	592	20	612
Fairplay	Fairplay	1.00	410	20	430
Georgetown Pioneer	Georgetown	4.21	2,111	152	2,263
Georgetown Renke Annex	Georgetown	1.80	19	119	299
Georgia Slide Cemetery	Georgetown	1.30	69	293	477
Grizzly Flats	Grizzly Flats	2.00	120	UNK	120
Latrobe	Latrobe	2.00	155	UNK	155
Middletown	Placerville	1.64	677	20	697
Mormon Island	El Dorado Hills	2.50	474	200	674
Placerville Union	Placerville	4.76	5,207	2,000	7,207
Pilot Hill	Pilot Hill	1.86	210	1,520	1,730
Shingle Springs	Shingle Springs	.53	94	0	94
Smith Flat	Smith Flat	.77	70	10	80
Spanish Dry Diggings	Greenwood	.23	160	10	170
St. Michael's	Rescue	.49	29	0	29
Uniontown	Lotus	.50	352	10	362
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>12,323</b>	<b>4,384</b>	<b>16,707</b>

**2. Burials and plot sales totals for FY 2007/2008 through FY 2009/2010:**

County Cemeteries	09/10		08/09		07/08	
	Burials	Plot Sales	Burials	Plot Sales	Burials	Plot Sales
Placerville Union	30	8	28	7	28	5
All Georgetown	14	5	6	6	17	10
Other Cemeteries*	10	0	13	0	8	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>*Other cemeteries are Fairplay, Mormon Island, Pilot Hill, and Spanish Dry Diggings</i>						

### **3. Projects that have enhanced County-operated cemeteries:**

Cemetery Administration is now under the supervision of the Department of Transportation, Maintenance Division. The transfer of authority has gone smoothly and much has been accomplished. The projects listed below were completed during 2009/2010. For detailed information, see Exhibit A, "Report on Maintenance of County Cemeteries."

- A year-round contract with Growlersburg Conservation Camp has greatly enhanced the continued maintenance of the County cemeteries by increasing the County's ability to remove dead trees, limbs, and brush at a minimum cost to the County. Much work has been done at ***Bryant, Mormon Island, Uniontown, and Placerville Union.***
- A new fence was installed at ***Diamond Springs*** (off of Locust Alley).
- ***Fairplay*** community volunteers, with the help of the local Lion's Club, have repaired the fence and are keeping the cemetery clear of weeds and debris. Several trees in danger of falling have been removed by County staff and outside contractors.
- The Fire Safe Counsel cleared brush at ***Grizzly Flats*** and community volunteers continue to oversee maintenance.
- A new wrought iron gate was installed in 2009 at the ***Georgetown-Renke Annex***, and the water system is in place. All Georgetown projects are funded through the Georgetown Cemetery Zone of Benefit Special Tax, not the General Fund.
- ***Middletown*** has been given a face lift with an Eagle Scout Project completed by Michael Rice in 2010. Light colored rocks have been laid out along the road to more clearly mark the drivable surface and to define a parking area. This project will hopefully keep people from driving off the road onto graves.
- ***Mormon Island*** has a new information sign kiosk, built by Eagle Scout candidate Josh Michael, and placed in 2010. The history of the many cemeteries relocated here and maps showing where the old cemeteries now lie under Folsom Lake will be installed by the Department of Transportation.
- ***Placerville Union*** also has a new kiosk for a map of the cemetery constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Cory Magone in 2010. An inventory of Sections 1 and 3 was also done as part of this project.
- Growlersburg Conservation Camp and community volunteers prepared ***Placerville Union, Pilot Hill, Georgetown, Georgia Slide, Greenwood, Kelsey, and Spanish Dry Diggings*** for Memorial Day. The Georgetown VFW visits many of these cemeteries, paying tribute to our veterans. The donation of the use of a side truck by the California Conservation Corp greatly aided this work. A California Conservation Corp crew also cleaned up the ***Georgetown-Renke Annex.***

- *Shingle Springs* has a new retaining wall along the walkway at the entrance along with a new sign installed in 2010, thanks to Eagle Scout Doug Lambert.
- The property owners at *Uniontown* have kept the public access open and clear and have helped with some of the maintenance.
- *Shingle Springs, Smith Flat, Spanish Dry Diggings, and St. Michael's* have been well maintained by the County Grounds Maintenance Department with help from Growlersburg and local volunteers.

#### **4. Cemetery inspection reports by CAC members during FY 2009/2010):**

This report covers the cemeteries in El Dorado County that Committee representatives were able to visit last year. These included public and private cemeteries and some burial sites. For the List of Cemeteries by District see Exhibit B. Note: Access to cemeteries on private property usually requires permission to enter the land and often there is a locked gate.

##### **District I - Reports from Suzi Mickus and Loretta Featherston - 4 cemeteries**

*Mormon Island Relocation Cemetery* needs more attention to make the cemetery look better generally. Signage is needed to inform the public as to which historic relocated cemetery is being viewed. Also a sign to inform the public about the operation of the cemetery is needed. Fencing needs to be repaired, the well pump structure is an eyesore, and there is a dead tree leaning on the front left fence. Several markers need repair and some of the fences around the graves need paint or repairs.

*Morrison Family (American House), Rust Family, and Skinner Family* all have similar problems. All are on private property with development looming in the near future, and are all small cemeteries with family name identification. Access is difficult, weed control sporadic, and the *Skinner Cemetery* in particular has a serious vandalism problem.

##### **District II - Reports from Suzi Mickus, Loretta Featherston, Lynn Mizell, Bonnie Wurm, Doug Walker - 23 cemeteries**

There are over 33 cemeteries and burial sites listed in this District. Seven others are listed in Exhibit B that have from one to four individuals that can not be located exactly. Three small family cemeteries on private land were not inspected: *White, Andreason, and Fox Ranch (AKA Entenmans)*.

*Bryant, Fairplay, Grizzly Flats, and Shingle Springs* are County operated cemeteries and are generally well maintained. *Grizzly Flats* needs a new fence and signs. Community members have taken action to maintain *Fairplay* and *Grizzly Flats*. *French Town* and *Pleasant Valley* are in good condition being maintained and operated by Rural Cemetery Associations. Interments are still taking place in all of these except for *Shingle Springs*. All of these cemeteries lack signs identifying who to call regarding cemetery operation.

*Indian Diggins* is on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. Oral reports from persons not on the committee state that the cemetery is in bad shape. The BLM office will be notified regarding the poor maintenance.

**The following cemeteries are on private property; maintenance and operation are performed by volunteers or the property owner:**

*Latrobe* and *Clarksville (Mormon Tavern)* need weed abatement and signs. Access is through easements across private property. Both will be impacted by development soon. Burial of individuals with previously acquired plots are still allowed in these cemeteries.

*Newtown, Heusner, Tong (Railroad House)* and *Planter's House* are taken care of by the property owners or family members. All are in fair condition. *Planter's House* was just made more accessible by the Williams family and has recently been well maintained. The *Tong* cemetery needs the fencing moved out to encompass the graves currently outside the fence. It may also be impacted by development in the near future.

*McNeil (Duroc House)* is fully fenced and is in fair condition and can be accessed easily. *El Dorado House (Bentley-Parmeter Family)* is in serious danger from development. The property is for sale and the stone wall that once surrounded the graves has been partially destroyed. *Meyer-Zentgraf (Buckeye House)*; the fence does not include the entire cemetery. The Zentgraf descendants maintain this cemetery. This cemetery is also on private property.

The *Richmond/Hall* burial site is difficult to locate. The new Silva Valley Rd. over-crossing and Highway 50 interchange will probably seriously impact this cemetery. If so, any burials found will be relocated.

*Grizzly Flats Catholic ( St. Joseph's)* is on private land and is extremely hard to get to. It is in very bad condition. *Schneck-Bradshaw* is not fenced and needs weed control. It is also on private property with limited access. It is recommended that the County Cemetery Administrator contact the property owners of these two cemeteries to advise them to properly fence and maintain the cemeteries according to the State Health and Safety codes and the County Cemetery Ordinance.

*Blackwell-Tripp, Greenstone, Fanny Creek (Cinnabar),* and *Craig* are maintained by Native American families and are in good condition.

**District III - Reports from Fred Belt, Barney Noel, Bonnie Wurm, Elizabeth Zangari, and Suzi Mickus – 22 cemeteries**

Of the 22 cemeteries on this list, *Darlington* (on EID property), *Logtown*, and *Rupley* (both on private property), and *Webberville* (no longer visible) were not visited. Comments on the rest follow.

*El Dorado, Westwood Hills, St. Patrick's, Oak Hill, Mosquito#2 (Dickinson) and Methodist* cemeteries all are well-maintained and have good fencing and signage.

**Smith Flat, Placerville Union, El Dorado County Hospital, and Middletown** are County operated cemeteries. Except for **County Hospital** all are in good condition. However, all of these cemeteries need new signs with information about who to contact regarding the cemetery operation. **Smith Flat** and **Middletown** have some serious erosion problems. **Middletown's** entrance is dangerous when pulling out onto Cold Springs Road due to very limited visibility when leaving the cemetery. **El Dorado County Hospital** needs to be fenced, have signs posted, and regular weed and brush control scheduled. In addition to needing signs, **Placerville Union** has several headstones that should be stabilized and sunken graves and holes that pose a danger to the public. There is no fencing along south side and part of the east side. Some repairs to the fenced sides are needed.

**Diamond Springs Public** (on Main St and Georges Alley) is in good condition and is well maintained by the IOOF. There is, however, a need for the removal of some of the large lilac and “volunteer” Locust trees around some of the older graves in the upper area and signage is totally lacking. Also, the single plot that is on the adjoining parcel is in need of care. **Diamond Springs IOOF** on Lime Kiln Road is well maintained. A sign and some fence repair are needed however.

**Uppertown** and the **Old Placerville City Cemetery** are historic public cemeteries that the City of Placerville is responsible for. Unfortunately, maintenance has not been consistent. More frequent weed control and trash removal is needed plus more support from the City Police to discourage vagrants and inappropriate visitation in both cemeteries.

**Old City Cemetery** especially needs to be cleaned up, markers repaired and copings refitted. The side of the hill from the entrance gate off Chamberlain Street to the crest of was mowed and fairly well kept, maintained by a volunteer group. The balance of the Cemetery property is in danger of complete obliteration without better vegetation management in spring and early summer. The site is further at risk from fire and vandalism through use as a vagrant camp and/or party spot.

An obelisk marker was broken into three pieces, one of which was balanced precariously between the base and a tree stump. The north-northeast portion of the hill facing Main Street is completely overgrown with weeds and *vinca major*, except for a small barren patch that looks to be used as a makeshift camp site. Markers, copings and fencings that were observed and photographed in this section as late as 1998/1999 are not visible. An iron marker and fencing commemorating a grave have since been broken and partially toppled. Other marble markers that were visible from Main Street at Sacramento Street are no longer since the construction of the Fausel Center. It is possible they have become overgrown with *vinca major* and other vegetation. Empty beverage containers (beer cans, energy drink cans and liquor bottles) and cigarette butts appeared to have been recently deposited. Neighboring residents report that the Cemetery is often used as a party spot for high school students and as a vagrant camp. This use, combined with the over grown and dry conditions in late summer and autumn creates a high fire risk, which could easily spread to nearby residences, and could quickly move up Sacramento Hill, posing a significant fire danger to the community as a whole. More frequent patrols by law enforcement, particularly of Rector Street side of the cemetery are recommended. Signs with information regarding who to call to report problems are needed also.

The **Jewish** cemetery on Myrtle St. in Placerville needs more frequent maintenance and better

signage. This cemetery is a private religious cemetery and is not under the authority of the City of Placerville.

**Mosquito#1** (*Nelsonville, Summerfield*) lacks fencing, mapping, signage and regular maintenance. This cemetery currently is technically on private property but it is a historic “inactive” public cemetery. There are some volunteers from the Mosquito community that have been taking care of maintenance recently but this cemetery needs to be brought under the management of the County.

**District IV – Reports from Frank Clark, Fred Belt, Suzi Mickus, Lynn Mizell, Joan Wicklund and Bonnie Wurm – 41 sites**

District IV encompasses the highest number cemeteries of any of the districts. There are over 31 cemeteries with at least six single burials and two family burial sites on this list to be inspected. The territory is vast, and back in the late 1800’s through early 1900’s travel was difficult, so often burials occurred in the forest or along the river and not in cemeteries. Most of these have long been forgotten and lost. District IV also has the greatest number active cemeteries open to new interments, including one Cemetery District and a Cemetery Zone of Benefit which receive funds from special tax revenue separate from the general fund.

The *Litten McDonald, Barnes* and *Gilmore* family cemeteries were not visited. *Campana, Breedlove*, and *King’s Meadow* are not marked and their locations are questionable; they also were not surveyed.

*Kelsey District Cemetery* is well-maintained but needs signs with contact information. The Georgetown Zone of Benefit includes *Georgetown Pioneer, Renke Annex, Georgia Slide, Spanish Dry Diggings* and *Volcanoville # 1(Mt. Gregory)*. Until this 2009-2010 *Spanish Dry Diggings* and *Volcanoville #1* had not been included in the Zone of Benefit operations. *Volcanoville #2 (Ogle)* is under the ownership and management of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Georgetown. The Volcanoville sites have not been visited by the committee during the survey, however past visits revealed that they are fenced and minimally maintained.

The *Georgetown Cemeteries* are maintained through a professional services contract and with volunteers. They are in good condition and have good fencing, new signs are needed stating that the County of El Dorado manages these cemeteries. Adjacent to the *Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery* are the *Georgetown IOOF* and *Masonic Cemeteries*. These also need separate signs that indicate that the fraternal organizations should be contacted for interment information. The *Renke Annex* is adjacent to the *Pioneer Public Cemetery* but it has separate requirements. *Renke* is a new section and is designated a “green” cemetery, meaning it is watered during the summer. The rows need to be marked and better defined and signs are needed here as well. *Georgia Slide*, also, needs better row markers. Generally the maintenance is good at both.

*Spanish Dry Diggings, Pilot Hill*, and *Uniontown* are County managed and operated cemeteries. However, funding to maintain and operate these cemeteries in the past has come from the General Fund. These cemeteries are all in fair condition. Again, the only note made was that they all need signs that have contact information. *Pilot Hill* also needs a sign at the Pedro Hill Road entrance so that people can find the cemetery, as it is not visible from the road.

Some fencing repairs are needed at *St. Michael's* and the *vinca major* needs to be trimmed. There are also minor repairs needed on the fence. *Green Valley Cemetery*, which is managed by a private corporation, is in excellent condition and actively sells ground plots, crypts and niches. *Jayhawk* had especially good comments regarding the care of the cemetery by their Rural Cemetery Association. *Greenwood* is also very well maintained. However, signs that give contact information are needed.

*Camino (Nine Mile House)* is surrounded by houses that constitute the fencing for the cemetery. There are several maintenance and security issues here. Some type of security gate is needed. It is impossible to drive into the cemetery without driving on graves. The map has not been recorded and there is no sign.

*Coloma St. John's Catholic* and *Coloma Pioneer* are part of the State Park system. The *Coloma Pioneer* cemetery is in good condition. *St. John's Catholic* is not; serious erosion problems exist due to high foot traffic through the center of the cemetery. A trail should be routed around the cemetery and fencing is definitely needed. The Coloma cemeteries are managed by the James Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

The *Bayley House* cemetery is under the management of the Georgetown Divide Recreation District. The cemetery no longer has any headstones; however, the location is known and protected. The site was not inspected. It is recommended, however, that the site should be fenced and have some type of sign installed.

*Cold Springs*, *Hogg's Diggings*, and *Blair-Winkelman (AKA, Johnson Ranch or Whiterock)* are currently considered inactive private cemeteries, although originally they were considered to be public cemeteries and in the 1970's were maintained by the County. All have serious problems. There is very little supervision of these cemeteries. *Cold Springs* is a fire hazard as routine maintenance is not done and it is surrounded by private homes. *Blair-Winkelman* and *Hogg's Diggings* are in the middle of fields where animals graze. Neither cemetery is fenced; only small sections or individual graves. The recordation of these cemeteries is non-existent. It is recommended that some action be taken to protect these cemeteries. Fencing, signage, mapping, and recordation are needed even though these are inactive cemeteries. There are living relatives of the Winkelman family who may have burial rights in that cemetery.

*Indian Creek (BOB Ranch)*, *Gold Hill*, *Rose Springs*, and *Garden Valley (Johnstown)* cemeteries are also all inactive public cemeteries on private property. They are not accessible by the public so they are in little danger from vandalism. They are maintained by the property owners. *Indian Creek* will soon be fenced and access opened to the public. *Rose Springs* needs to be fenced. Since these are not active cemeteries, signs are not necessary but are recommended.

*Wakamatsu and Hoboken House* have memorials on the side of the road. The burials themselves are not accessible. They appear to be well taken care of and supervised. *Andre (Inspiration Point)* is well-maintained and supervised. The new owners of the property are putting up a fence. Again, this is on private property and is not open to the public.

#### District V - Report from Joan Wicklund - 3 cemeteries.

There is one District cemetery and one historic public cemetery included in this District report. The *Camp Richardson (Lukin)* site was not surveyed, as there is some question regarding its location.

*Happy Homestead District Cemetery* is in excellent condition, beautifully landscaped and well managed. *Al Tahoe* is in poor condition and is overgrown with native plants. The fencing needs to be repaired or totally replaced in some places. The City of South Lake Tahoe is responsible for the care of *Al Tahoe*. Signage is needed.

## **5. Summary of title research completed by CAC members:**

Staff conducted preliminary title research for most of the cemeteries with six or more burials to determine property ownership, use, and status classifications as recorded by the Assessor's Office (See Exhibit C). Not all cemeteries are included. There are several issues that need to be addressed. For example, several cemeteries that the County maintains have the title vested with a private individual or trust rather than the County. Several have inappropriate status and/or use codes assigned by the Assessor's Office. Cemeteries should have specific use codes and be exempted from property taxes.

### Key to the following lists:

*PMP 1973 and/or 1992: Certain cemeteries were declared Pioneer Memorial Parks (PMP) by resolutions of the Board of Supervisors in 1973 and 1992. However, County Counsel opined in 1996 that the PMP designation was not valid because the proper procedures were not followed.*

*\*Inactive cemetery: Cemeteries where interments are no longer taking place.*

### County holds title:

Diamond Springs Public, PMP1973 and 1992. County has title but the Local IOOF acts as the Cemetery Authority.

Georgetown Pioneer with Renke Annex (Georgetown Zone of Benefit)

Georgia Slide (Georgetown Zone of Benefit)

\*EDC County Hospital/Pest House

Middletown

Mormon Island Relocation, PMP1992

Pilot Hill

Placerville Union, acquired by County in 2006

Shingle Springs, PMP1992

Smith Flat, PMP1973 and 1992

Spanish Dry Diggings, PMP1973 (Georgetown Zone of Benefit)

### County does not hold title but is responsible for interments and sometimes maintenance:

Bryant, County also handles maintenance

Fairplay, community does much of the maintenance

Grizzly Flats, PMP 1973, Fire Safe Counsel does maintenance

Latrobe, IOOF does maintenance

\*St. Michael's, PMP 1973, Catholic Church, but the County maintains the cemetery

Uniontown

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District Board of Trustees holds title:

Happy Homestead  
Kelsey

Title is held by incorporated city:

\*Old Placerville City, City of Placerville, PMP1973  
\*Uppertown, City of Placerville  
\*Al Tahoe, City of South Lake Tahoe

Title held by other government agencies:

\*Darlington, EID, PMP1992  
\*Indian Diggins, BLM, PMP1973  
\*Bayley House, Georgetown Divide Parks and Recreation District  
Coloma Protestant, State of California Parks and Recreation  
Coloma Catholic, St John's, State of California Parks and Recreation

Title held by religious organization:

St. Patrick's  
Methodist, Federated Church  
\*Jewish

Title held by fraternal organization:

Diamond Springs on Lime Kiln Rd., IOOF  
\*Volcanoville #2, NSGW, PMP1973  
Georgetown Masonic - New  
Georgetown Masonic - Old  
Georgetown, IOOF

Title is in name of the cemetery or cemetery association (*cared for by a Rural Cemetery Association, trustee, or sexton*):

El Dorado, RCA, George Forni, sexton  
Frenchtown, RCA, Turnboo family  
Greenwood, Advisory Committee appointed by BOS; Frank Clark, chair  
Jayhawk, RCA, Dorothy Franklin  
Oak Hill, RCA, Fred Dean & Louisa Boeding  
Pleasant Valley, RCA, Rob Avery

Title is mixed (*Native American Representatives act as cemetery authority*):

Greenstone, PMP1973 and 1992, title in name of cemetery  
Blackwell/Tripp/Nashville, PMP 1973, title in name of private property owner  
Fanny Creek (aka Cinnabar/Chinese), title in name of private property owner  
Craig Ranch, title in name of private property owner

Title in private property owner's name (cemetery is on private property, and is supervised and maintained by property owner):

Clarksville, John Renwick, PMP1973)

\*McNeil, Norman McNeil

Mosquito#2, Dickinson, Peter Chapman

\*Newtown, John & Judith Hall, PMP1973

\*Planter's House, Shingle Springs #2

\*Skinner Burying Ground, Elva Ryan, PMP1973

Tong/Railroad House, Tong family

\*Volcanoville #1, PMP1973

Title in private property owner's name (public cemeteries on private property):

*These cemeteries have maintenance problems and need to be mapped, recorded and/or fenced.*

Blair-Winkelman, Richard Winkelman, allows pre-needs

Camino, Gene Larsen, allows pre-needs

\*Cold Springs, EDC Pioneer Cemetery Commission, PMP1973

\*Grizzly Flat Catholic, Charles Vidmar, PMP1973

\*Hogg's Diggings, George Niegel, PMP1973

\*Missouri Flat, currently uncared for

\*Rose Springs, Smothers (we have a map that shows this was originally one acre)

\*Mosquito#1/Summerfield/Nelsonville, Unknown, PMP1973

\*El Dorado House/Parmeter, Karen Ledford

## **6. Committee recommendations for alternative funding and increased revenue:**

The following are potential funding sources and labor sources to help defray the cost for the maintenance and preservation of our historic cemeteries:

- Explore grant opportunities through State and Federal sources through designation of cemeteries as "historic landmarks or points of interest" and preservation of same as historic sites through nomination for the "Registry of Historical Places" or the National Park Service "Historic American Landscape Survey."
- Develop a list of volunteer projects available to Veterans organizations, Scouts, churches, and other service clubs. Engage in active outreach to these types of organizations. Research small grants or gifts from large companies.
- Explore State Cemetery Renovation Grants for bringing irrigation systems up to new conservation standards set by "The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006." This bill applies directly to County cemeteries that have irrigation systems, such as Placerville Union and the Georgetown Pioneer-Renke Annex.
- Expand the use of the California Conservation Corp, Growlersburg Conservation Camp, and County inmate work release programs at cemeteries for large maintenance and fencing projects.
- Develop Rural Cemetery Associations or additional County Service Area Zones of Benefit to help finance cemetery operations.
- Install new niche walls at active cemeteries to increase revenue.

- Increase prices on the County fee schedules for cemetery plot sales and endowment. The Committee will be recommending revisions to the fee schedule to the Board of Supervisors in FY10/11.

## **7. Committee goals for Fiscal Year 2010/2011:**

1. Submit to the Board of Supervisors revisions to the *Cemetery Ordinance, Management and Operations Plan for County Cemeteries*, with revised fee schedules.
2. Pursue funding for cemetery maintenance and preservation projects.
3. Engage volunteer organizations for cemetery preservation actions.
4. Continue yearly inspections of cemeteries and follow up on recommendations for improvements and repairs to cemeteries made in this report.
5. Research, collect and continue compiling information on existing burial sites and include newly discovered cemeteries on cemetery list.

## **8. Cemeteries and Burial Sites added to total list of cemeteries:**

Research conducted since the formation of the Cemetery Advisory Committee in 2002 has revealed several burial sites and cemeteries that are not included on previous listings. Methodologies included review of historical journals and newspapers for death notices, funeral announcements and news articles, as well as review of the *California State Unlicensed List of 1988*, and the writings of local historian George Peabody. A large portion of the research was conducted by Bonnie Wurm, Suzi Mikus, Sue Silver, and Annie and Doug Walker. The sites are included in Exhibit D (Known Cemeteries and Burial Sites in El Dorado County)

## **9. Exhibits:**

**Exhibit A:** 2010 Report on Maintenance of County Cemeteries.

**Exhibit B:** Cemeteries and Burial Sites Listed by District

**Exhibit C:** Title Research Details 2009/10 - Alphabetical listing

**Exhibit D:** Known Cemeteries and Burial Sites with El Dorado County, as of January 20, 2011, by Activity Status.

This original report was approved by the El Dorado County Cemetery Advisory Committee on October 25, 2010.

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