CITY OF COLTON
CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE

COMMUNITY MEETING

December 7, 2022, 6-8pm | Hutton Center, 660 Colton Avenue, Colton

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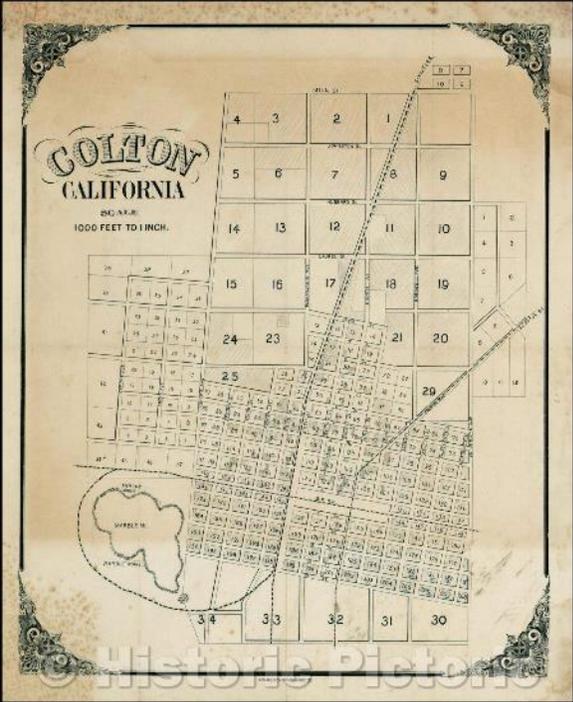Mark Tomich, AICP | Director, Development Services Department

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Q: Why Is the City Updating the Cultural Resources Element?

- Colton's Cultural Resources Element turned 22 years old this year!
    - Adopted in 2000
    - Time for an update to reflect current best professional practices

- Element updates give us the chance to make sure our Goals, Policies, and Action Items reflect **present-day** conditions, challenges, and issues

Q: What Is a "Cultural Resource"?

"Cultural Resource" = umbrella for three resource types

#1: Historical Resources

Buildings, Structures, Objects, Sites, Historic Districts, & Cultural Landscapes

#2: Archaeological Resources

Typically Objects, Sites, Historic Districts, and Cultural Landscapes

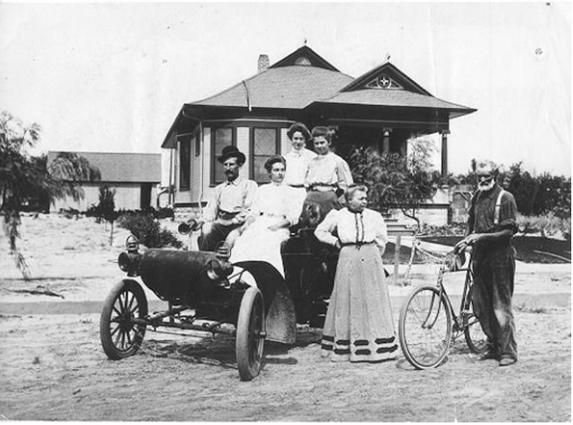## #3: Tribal Cultural Resources

Tribal Cultural Properties and Landscapes

Q: What Is a Cultural Resource Element?

- A General Plan chapter
  - Not part of zoning code
  - Optional chapter in the General Plan
    - **But if included**, the Cultural Resources Element carries the same weight as other General Plan chapters

- An opportunity for the City and the community to establish priorities and set the course for the management of Cultural Resources
  - This can include Policies and Action Items revolving around Preservation Planning Initiatives, Policy Updates, and Community Partnerships
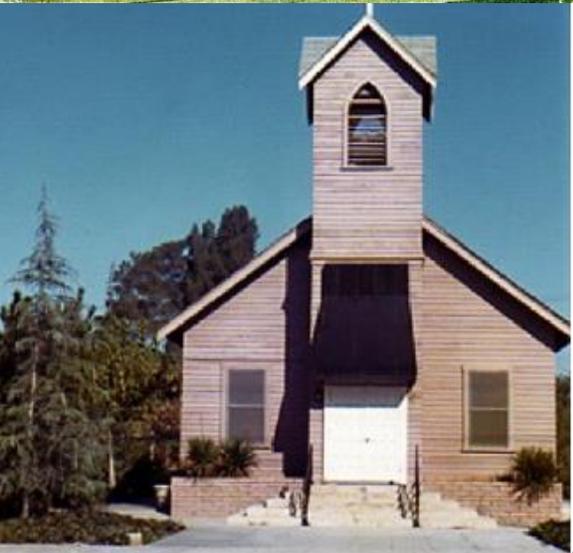
What Will the Cultural Resources Element Include?

Goals

Policies

Action Items

What Goals Have Been Identified So Far?

GOAL #1: **IDENTIFY**
CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL #2: **DOCUMENT**
CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL #3: **PRESERVE & PROTECT**
CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL #4: **EDUCATE**
re: CULTURAL RESOURCES

GOAL #5: **CELEBRATE**
OUR CITY'S CULTURAL RESOURCES

Goal #1: Identify Historical Resources

Policy #1:
Proactively identify Colton's significant historical resources

Policy #2:
Recognize resources reflecting all of Colton's historic eras (from founding years, through Mid-Century Modern era, and recent past)
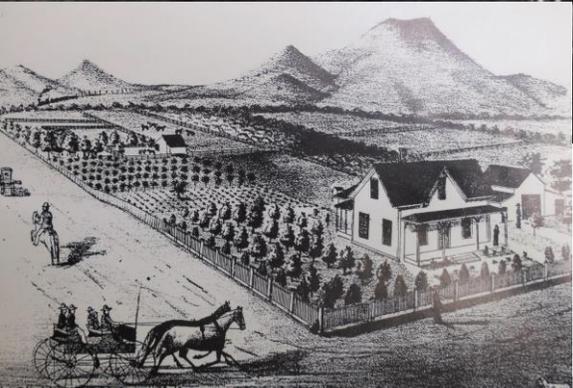
Policy #3:
Ensure that historical resources survey and evaluations consider potential social-cultural importance as well as architectural style

Policy #4:
Expand designation for those resources presently under-represented on Register

Policy #5:
Encourage an innovative, inclusive preservation program

Goal #2: Document
Historical Resources

Policy #1:
Foster appreciation and knowledge of Colton's history and cultural resources program among other City agencies and departments

Policy #2:
Create opportunities for research partnerships with schools, historical societies, local scholars, and the media

Policy #3:
Explore ways to honor and document the history of Colton's diverse communities

Policy #4:
Ensure that the City's Register of Landmarks and Inventory of Historical Resources are readily accessible and transparent to the public

Goal #3: Preserve & Protect
Historical Resources

Policy #1:
Encourage retention of historical resources

Policy #2:
Expand and enhance preservation incentives

Policy #3:
Provide guidance to the public on how to sensitively upgrade and change historic properties

Policy #4:
Promote designation of historic districts and landmarks

Policy #5:
As a City, set an example for sound stewardship by retaining and protecting City-owned historical resources

Goal #4: Educate
re: Historical Resources

Policy #1:
Facilitate broad public understanding of Colton's historic preservation program, best practices, policies, and zoning code

Policy #2:
Build public awareness of and appreciation for Colton's rich history and heritage, both sociocultural as well as architectural

Policy #3:
Leverage Colton's status as a Certified Local Government to expand public awareness of our historic preservation program and policies
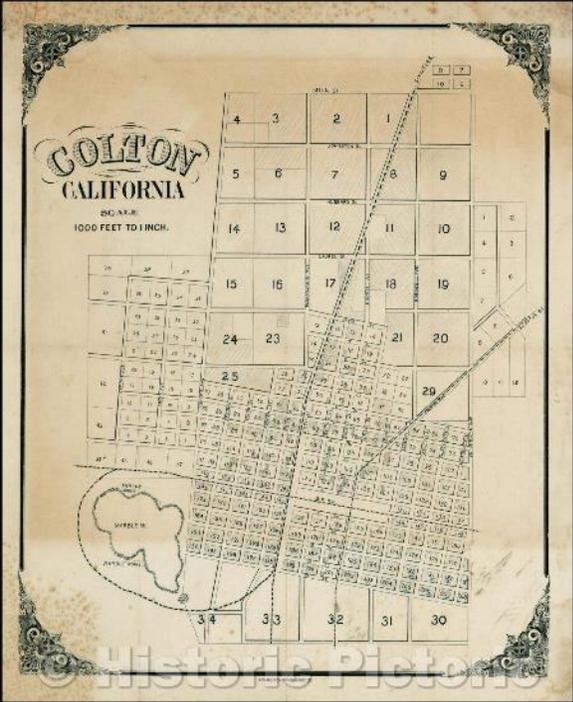
Goal #5: Celebrate
Historical Resources

Policy #1:
Raise awareness of Colton's rich social, cultural and architectural heritage

Policy #2:
Identify ways to honor and reward successful preservation projects and stakeholder partnerships in Colton

Goal #1: Identify
Archaeological Resources

Policy #1:
Proactively identify and conserve Colton's significant archaeological resources

Policy #2:
Update City-wide inventory of archaeological resources on a regular basis

Goal #1: Identify
Tribal Cultural Resources

Policy #1:
Proactively identify and conserve Colton's tribal cultural resources

Policy #2:
Engage in meaningful consultation with local Native American groups regarding tribal cultural resources

Goal #2: Document
Archaeological Resources

Policy #1:
Ensure best-practice based documentation of significant archaeological resources

Policy #2:
Create opportunities for research partnerships with schools, scholars, and media

Goal #2: Document
Tribal Cultural Resources

Policy #1:
Document significant tribal cultural resources in a culturally sensitive manner

Policy #2:
Create and maintain an archive of local Native American connections to the City and its environs

Goal #3: Preserve & Protect
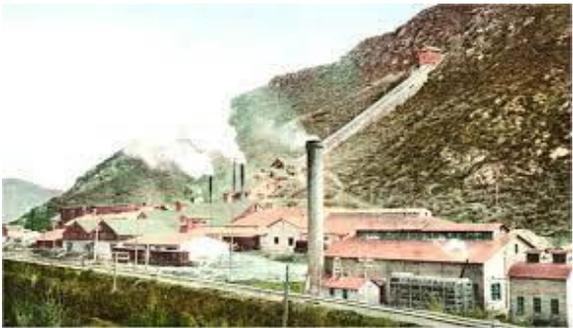## Archaeological Resources

Policy #1:
Enhance public policy for the proactive protection of Colton's archaeological resources

Policy #2:
Ensure the conservation of significant archaeological resources

Goal #3: Preserve & Protect
Tribal Cultural Resources

Policy #1:

Develop public policy for the proactive protection of Colton's tribal cultural resources
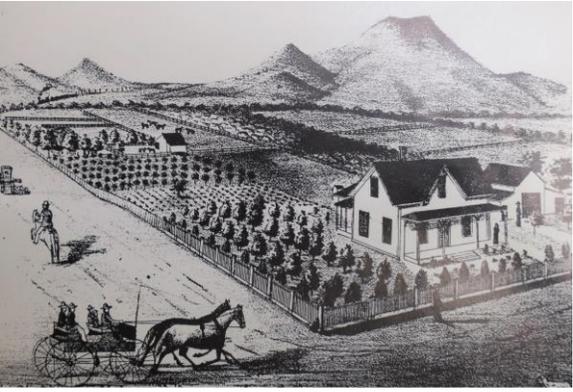
Policy #2:

Ensure the conservation of significant tribal cultural resources and other places significant to local Native American tribes

Policy #3:

Coordinate with local Native American tribes to provide stewardship, access and protection to tribal cultural resources in the City

Goal #4: Educate
re: Archaeological Resources

Policy #1:
Build public understanding of and support for Colton's cultural resource policies and code requirements

Policy #2:
Raise public awareness of and appreciation for Colton's archaeological heritage

Goal #4: Educate
re: Tribal Cultural Resources

Policy #1:
Build public understanding of and support for Colton's tribal cultural resource policies and code requirements

Policy #2:
Raise public awareness of and appreciation for Colton's Native American heritage

Goal #5: Celebrate
Archaeological Resources

Policy #1:
Raise awareness of Colton's rich cultural heritage

Policy #2:
Identify ways to honor and reward successful preservation projects and stakeholder partnerships in Colton

Goal #5: Celebrate
Tribal Cultural Resources

Policy #1:
Acknowledge and celebrate contributions of Native Americans to the community, past and present

Questions & Answers Session

- **Any and all questions are welcomed!**

    - Feedback on Goals and Policies

    - Questions about the CR Element review process

    - Your ideas for the most pressing issues and challenges facing the City in the management of Cultural Resources

Next Steps for Providing Community Input

- **December 2022-Early 2023:**
  The City will continue gathering input from community on the City planning department website, through an interactive questionnaire, and via email

- **Early 2023:**
  An additional workshop will be held for the Planning Commission, which will be open to the public

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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