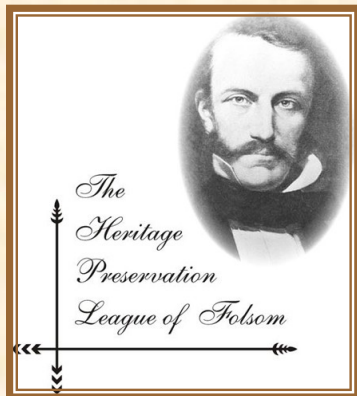


# Save the Chinese Diggings!

HPL ALERT!



For more information about the Chinese Diggings, photos, and HPL's objections to this project, visit HPL's Web site: [www.folsompreservation.org/Chinese\\_Diggings.htm](http://www.folsompreservation.org/Chinese_Diggings.htm)

Please attend the May 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and show your opposition to this flawed project. Before you head out to the City Council meeting, please ensure the item has not been continued by checking our Web site: [FolsomPreservation.org](http://FolsomPreservation.org)

HPL was founded in the summer of 2003 by a group of residents concerned about preserving Folsom's heritage and the ongoing need to identify and register those resources. Membership is open to anyone who shares our aims and purposes

To join us, go to [www.folsompreservation.org/membership.htm](http://www.folsompreservation.org/membership.htm)

On May 11th, a seriously flawed hotel development project is scheduled to go before Folsom's City Council. This project threatens the historic **Natoma Ground Sluice Diggings** (also known as the *Chinese Diggings*)—a unique Folsom site that has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1990.

The **Heritage Preservation League of Folsom** is asking for your support in its opposition to this particular project that fails to meet Folsom's regulations and its own high standards of quality.

Our main objections to the project:

- **Potential Damage to the Diggings:** Grading, excavation, and blasting have the potential to affect the stability of the trench walls and the underground drainage tunnel, which crosses under the hotel site to Folsom Boulevard. As do the 600-900 truckloads of dirt that will need to be trucked in for this project.
- **Faulty Environmental Review:** This project relies on a 20-plus-year-old Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Addendum that states there is no effect on the Scenic Corridor.
- **Parking:** Per the Development Agreement the project is required to provide parking for the Diggings site yet the current proposal barely provides for its own needs.
- **Visual:** Folsom Boulevard is a designated Scenic Corridor. The removal of the trees and lack of an acceptable landscaping plan fronting Folsom Boulevard does not meet Folsom's own standards.
- **Tree Preservation:** The project wipes out virtually all the trees and mass grades the slope along 1000 feet of Folsom Boulevard.
- **Bicycle Master Plan:** If this project is approved as designed, a critical link in the Folsom Boulevard bicycle route can not be built even though the Bicycle Master Plan was adopted prior to the design of this project.

For a detailed rundown of HPL's issues with this project, go to [www.folsompreservation.org/Chinese\\_Diggings.htm](http://www.folsompreservation.org/Chinese_Diggings.htm). And review the letter to the Planning Commission.