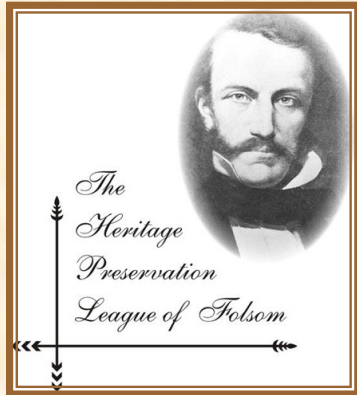


# Save the Chinese Diggings!

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)

At this time, the Hotel project is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Folsom City Council on April 27.

*Before you head out for the meeting, check the city's web site to ensure this item has not been continued. Go to:*

[www.folsom.ca.us](http://www.folsom.ca.us)  
and click on the link:

"Council Agendas" in the upper left hand column

On April 27th, a seriously flawed hotel project is tentatively scheduled to go before the Folsom City Council.

This project threatens the historic **Natoma Ground Sluice Diggings** (also known as the Chinese Diggings)—a site 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 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.
- **Access:** The project prevents or severely constrains the city's ability to allow use of the Diggings site by tourists, scholars, and residents as the 4.9-acre Diggings site is a landlocked parcel and this project does not provide access.
- **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.*