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California Alliance for Response- Protecting California's heritage for future generations

The California Alliance for Response (Cal AFR) has successfully conducted 8 forums in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco in the fall of 2006 and the spring of 2007. In addition, in October of 2007, Cal AFR was asked to present a 1-day workshop for the Western Museum Association. In all, over 1,000 cultural institutions leaders, first responders and emergency managers have been trained.

In January of 2008, key steering committee members came together to create a strategic plan for the sustainment of the forums in California. This meeting resulted in a clear mission and vision for Cal AFR:

Mission: Put in place the necessary processes, resources and people to ensure preservation of the cultural property, libraries, and archives in California in the event of major emergencies, including earthquakes, floods, fires, or terrorist attacks.

Vision: Protecting California's heritage for future generations.

The steering committee is now focusing on the development of a stakeholders meeting in the spring of 2008. The information gathered at the stakeholders meeting will assist in shaping the agenda for the proposed fall 2008 forums. Although the theme was introduced at the 2007 forums, Cal AFR has adopted the concept of hazard mitigation as a key component of all its future activities. For updated information on the Cal AFR forums, please visit the website at www.calafr.org, or contact the forum coordinator, Victoria LaMar-Haas, at (916) 845-8531.

The Cal AFR is a partnership between the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), the California Preservation Program, the Heritage Emergency National Task Force, the Cultural Property Protection Group, NARA, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), UC San Diego, and Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories.