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**PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC TREASURES IS FOCUS OF FORUM**

**FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITIES**

**WHAT:** All-day Forum featuring presentations, panel and group discussions designed to reduce the potential loss of ’s valuable art works, artifacts and other items of historic and cultural significance in future earthquakes, fires, floods and other emergencies.

**WHO**: Experts from emergency management and the cultural heritage community, including:

**WHY:** The monuments, pieces of art, artifacts and historic records located in state parks, museums and libraries are priceless treasures that provide us with a link to our history and culture as Americans and . Unfortunately, these items are not immune to damage in earthquakes, floods, fires and other emergencies that occur frequently in . If first responders and emergency managers don’t know or understand the special handling required to protect and preserve these items, or if members of the cultural heritage community are unfamiliar with ’s emergency management system and protocols for accessing first responders, these valuables could be lost forever.

**HOW**: Presentations, a disaster-based panel discussion and group discussions involving first responders, emergency managers and members of the cultural heritage community regarding the special needs of museums, libraries and other centers that house art, artifacts and historic records, the systems and protocols, as well as the networks, already in place and to meet their needs.

**WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**WHERE:**

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