



# Preservation and Restoration

CREF Funding Proposal by the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center

# The Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center

The purpose of the Dunes Center is to operate a community-based interpretive center that orients and educates residents and visitors.







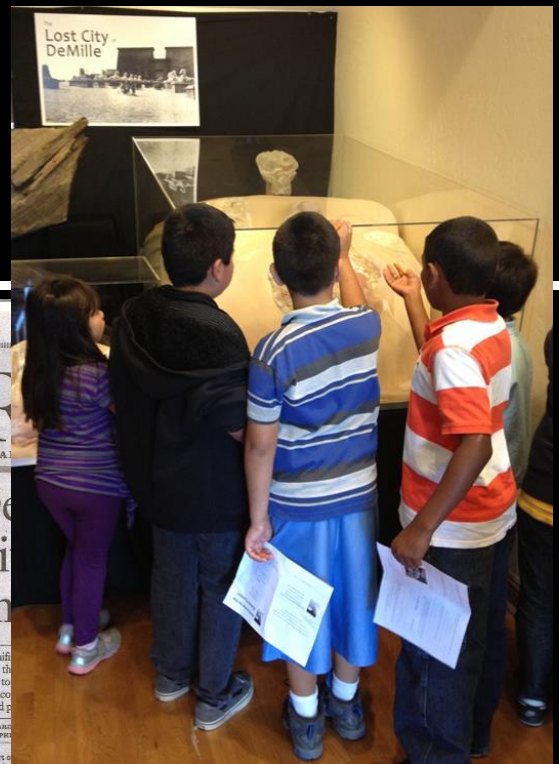
# CREF Criteria



1. Located in Coastal Area
2. Compensation for Sensitive Resources through Tourism
3. Broad Public Support
4. Priority (Capital Improvement)
5. In-Kind Services
6. Self-Supporting
7. Lack Viable Funding Mechanisms
8. High Probability of Success

# Why the project matters

- Promotes Tourism
- Positive PR
- Preserves Uniqueness of the Community and gives the public a reason to visit
- Increases Money in Local Economy



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Archaeologists unearth the body of a plaster sphinx left in coastal dunes after a 1923 Cecil B. DeMille silent film

By HALLEY BRANSON-POTTS

Buried beneath the shifting sands of the Chabodge-Nipomo Dunes is a story of biblical proportions. Cecil B. DeMille built an epic Egyptian extravaganza on California's Central Coast for the silent black-and-white movie "The Ten Commandments."

Twenty-one giant sphinxes lined a path to an 800-foot-wide temple. Legend has it that when the filming was done, the set was too expensive to move and too valuable to leave for film thieves to pawn — so DeMille had it pushed into a trench and buried.

And so there the sphinxes lay, entombed in grams of sand for nine decades just outside the small farming town of Chabodge, where they were mostly forgotten.

Until now.

Archaeologists this week unveiled a plaster sphinx from what has now been dubbed the Lost City of DeMille.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime kind of an historical archaeological find," said North Woods, the project director for the excavation. "I've worked on sites all over the country, and I think this one could only happen in California."

At the time the silent film was made, crew members built the sphinxes in Los Angeles and transported them piece by piece to Chabodge, where they were assembled on set, then buried.

The plaster of the sphinx had worn paper thin by the time archaeologists discovered the statue and worked to preserve its remains.

A sphinx was partially returned in 2011, when archeologist contracted by the Chabodge-Nipomo Dunes Center found fragile plaster pieces of its head, which have since been reassembled and put on display at the center.

But time and money ran out before the rest could be added to fiction.

L.A. city elections may sync with state, federal

Lawmakers hope the proposed shift would boost voter turnout, opponents are wary.

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

far voters, who could decide whether to change the election schedule in March.

Two separate citizen commissions have backed the idea of making local elections to even-numbered years, instead of keeping them in odd-numbered years between Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greathouse last year.

"Our turnout is embarrassing. It's dismal. We are in crisis. And something actually needs to be done," City Council President Herb Wesson said Friday.

He argued that every city

As part of this week's schools. Sgt. John Deasy of the Los Angeles Board of Education declared that it did not believe Deasy had done anything wrong in connection with the project to provide students with DeMille even though the district has an ongoing investigation into the propriety of the bidding process.

The unusual provision was one of the more striking elements of a separation agreement released Thursday by the L.A. Unified District. Under it, Deasy will remain on salary till the end of the year, worth more than \$70,000, and he will get extended benefits and a special fee unless he is ousted.

But the deal also included a confidentiality clause that Deasy wishes to state that at the time of the separation, he was not aware of any alleged violations or unlawful acts, the document reads in part.

It also made reference to the ongoing inquiry, adding that the Board anticipated that the Inspector General's report will confirm that Deasy acted appropriately.

The former schools officer came under scrutiny for his role in an \$1.8-billion project whose costs recently increased by \$100 million. Deasy had had communications with vendors that could have affected the bidding process, Deasy had denied any wrongdoing.

The Bay was one of several that added to fiction.

Nooses, graffiti at two schools probed

Police are deciding whether vandalism at one campus was a hate crime. Some students blame football rivalry.

By JENNIFER SERRA AND TAJAN BERRY

Two nooses that were found hanging at rival Los Angeles high schools this week, one of which was accompanied by racial graffiti, have sparked a hate crime investigation at one of the campuses.

The first noose was discovered Wednesday by students and faculty hanging from a tree at Maguire High School in Lakewood, which had just hosted its football rival, Bellflower High, 38-14.

The second noose was found hanging from a tree at Southview High School, along with racial graffiti scrawled in African American that had been spray-painted on the walls, officials said.

Both schools are in the Bellflower Unified School District. Officials did not return calls for comment Friday.

Because of the graffiti, Los Angeles County sheriff's officials are investigating whether the Bellflower buildings constitutes a hate crime, Sgt. Martin Avenda said.

The noose at Maguire High

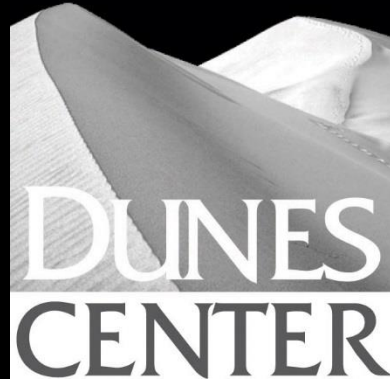
# Proposal in 2 Parts



- Excavation – hire archaeological firm to excavate and preserve sphinx body artifacts
- Restoration – hire art restoration expert to reassemble pieces







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