

# PATRICK MAXON, M.A., RPA

Director | Cultural Resources



## EDUCATION

1994/MA/Anthropology/California State University, Fullerton  
1987/BA/Psychology/Sociology/Towson State University, Towson, MD

**VCS TEAM MEMBER SINCE 2017**

## CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

Riverside County  
Transportation and Land  
Management Agency Certified  
Archaeologist/Riverside County

California Energy Commission  
Cultural Resources Specialist/

Registered Professional  
Archaeologist (National)/No.  
11468/Register of Professional  
Archaeologists

Orange County Certified  
Archaeologist/Orange County

National Historic Preservation  
Act Section 106 Compliance  
Advanced Certification, 2002/

Principal Investigator, Southern  
California/Bureau of Land  
Management

Qualified Archaeologist-  
Secretary of Interior Standards  
and Guidelines of Professional  
Qualification & Standards for  
Archeology, as per Title 36,  
Code of Federal Regulations,  
Part 61/

## ABOUT

Patrick Maxon M.A., RPA is a Registered Professional Archaeologist who meets the Secretary of Interior's standards for historic preservation programs for archaeology and who has a permit to perform work on Bureau of Land Management land. Patrick has 23 years of experience in all aspects of cultural resources management, including prehistoric and historic archaeology, paleontology, ethnography, and tribal consultation. He has expertise in compliance with NEPA, CEQA, the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and the Clean Water Act, among others. Patrick has completed hundreds of cultural resources projects that have involved (1) agency, client, Native American, and subcontractor coordination; (2) treatment plans and research design development; (3) archival research; (4) field reconnaissance; (5) site testing; (6) data recovery excavation; (7) construction monitoring; (8) site recordation; (9) site protection/preservation; (10) mapping/cartography; (11) laboratory analysis; and (12) report production. He has managed a number of projects within the jurisdiction of the USACE, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and other federal agencies that require compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA. He has also completed projects throughout Southern California under CEQA for State and local governments and municipalities, including Caltrans, the Department of General Services (DGS), the California Energy Commission, the California Department of Water Resources, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and others.

## SELECT EXPERIENCE/PROJECTS

**Baker Ranch Development Project Archaeological and Paleontological Investigations, Lake Forest, CA:** Cultural Resources Manager for the Baker Ranch Development Project. After completing a Phase I reconnaissance study and Phase II testing of two archaeological sites on the project site, Patrick managed the implementation of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted for the project. It includes archaeological, Native American, and paleontological monitoring programs to be instituted during grading of the project site. Hundreds of fossil localities (including various bones associated with whales, a seal, sharks, and fishes, as well as plant remains and invertebrates) were found, as well as several burnt rock features interpreted as hearths.

**Newport Banning Ranch Cultural Resources Services, Newport Beach, CA:** Cultural Resources Manager for the Project which would allow for the development of 1,375 residential dwelling units; 75,000 square feet (sf) of commercial uses; a 75-room resort inn; and approximately 51 acres of public parks on the 401-acre site. Approximately 252 acres (approximately 63 percent) of the site are proposed for permanent open space including restored habitat, public trails, and consolidated oil production facilities (the latter comprising approximately 16.5 acres on 2 sites). Pat conducted archaeological, historical, and paleontological investigations to support the project's EIR. The investigation consisted of (1) a Phase II test-level excavation of eight prehistoric and three historic archaeological sites present on the site; (2) an assessment and evaluation of the built-environment resources associated with the West Newport Oil Company development on site; and (3) a paleontological assessment of the project site's potential for the presence of sensitive rock formations and fossil resources.

## Professional Affiliations

Pacific Coast Archaeological Society

Society for California Archaeology

Society for American Archaeology

Association of Environmental Professionals

American Cultural Resources Association

**I-10/Avenue 50 Interchange Project, Riverside County:** Cultural Resources Manager for the Project. Mr. Maxon assisted in the preparation of the cultural resources technical reports, per Caltrans District 8 standards, to support the environmental review of the project. Mr. Maxon prepared an Area of Potential Effects (APE) map, reviewed and approved by Caltrans. He then completed a cultural resources literature review of the APE at the Eastern Information Center (EIC) located at the University of California, Riverside. The results of this research were used to help guide the subsequent field survey by a team of archaeologists and an architectural historian. Mr. Maxon contacted the California Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for a review of its Sacred Lands File, obtained a list of Native American contacts for the project area, and sent Section 106 compliant letters to all the NAHC-listed contacts requesting consultation. Because federal money from FHWA partially funded the project, Caltrans acted as the federal lead agency and the project was processed using the Caltrans Local Assistance Manual procedures. In coordination with Caltrans, Mr. Maxon defined the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE), managed the preparation of a Historic Resources Evaluation Report (HRER), Paleontological Investigation/Evaluation Report (PIR/PER), and a Paleontological Mitigation Plan (PMP) and prepared an Archaeological Survey Report (ASR) and Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) to support the NEPA environmental document. Extensive interaction with Caltrans District 8 cultural resources staff was undertaken in review of the technical documents.

**State Route 73 Northbound Widening Project Biological and Cultural Resources Monitoring, Orange County, CA:** Pat was the Project Manager for the archaeological and paleontological compliance monitoring. Monitoring occurred when native sediments, potentially sensitive for cultural and/or paleontological resources, were expected to be encountered, and continued on an as-needed basis throughout project-related ground-disturbing activities. Daily logs of all monitoring activities were maintained and provided to the client and TCA on a weekly basis. One fossil locality consisting of sand dollar fossil impressions was collected, cleaned, bagged, and given to the TCA. Pat recommended that the fossils be prepared for curation by a qualified Invertebrate Paleontologist and submitted to an appropriate storage facility.

**Prado Basin Mitigation Sites, Orange County, CA:** Project Manager for several water related projects in the Prado Basin including (1) a Pilot Study to determine the optimal location to remove accumulated sediment from behind the dam and retrain it back into the Santa Ana River south of the dam. This includes four revegetation sites-the three-acre Pigeon Hill Mitigation site, the three-acre Demonstration Garden Extension Mitigation site, the nine-acre Pheasant Field Mitigation site, and the nine-acre Yorba Slaughter Adobe site-that mitigate for the loss of vegetation during the sediment removal; (2) the Deviation project that is considering increasing the level of held water behind the dam from 498 feet to 505 feet during the flood season; (3) a Feasibility study that evaluated the viability of four locations-Chino Creek, Alternative D, Mill Creek, and Weir Canyon locations-for sediment removal; and (4) the Gabion/Sunnyslope project that entailed the placement of riprap to protect an existing waterline and mitigate for the loss of vegetation. For these projects, Pat conducted records searches and literature reviews; completed Native American scoping through a request for a Sacred Lands File Search and tribal contacts list at the Native American Heritage Commission and an offer of consultation with listed tribes; surveyed all of the sites for archaeological materials; and prepared technical reports for each study following the guidelines contained in Archaeological Resource Management Reports (ARMR): Recommended Contents and Format (Office of Historic Preservation 1990).