

County of Orange Paleontology and Archaeology (COPA) Collection



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- **Paleontology**
 - The study of ancient life through examination of fossil specimens.
- **Archaeology**
 - The study of human past through artifacts.
- **More than 6 million materials in collection.**



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Definitions

- **Curation**
 - Taking care of everything.
- **Accession**
 - Transfer of ownership.



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Where Do These Materials Come From?



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Curation Process



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Curation Storage



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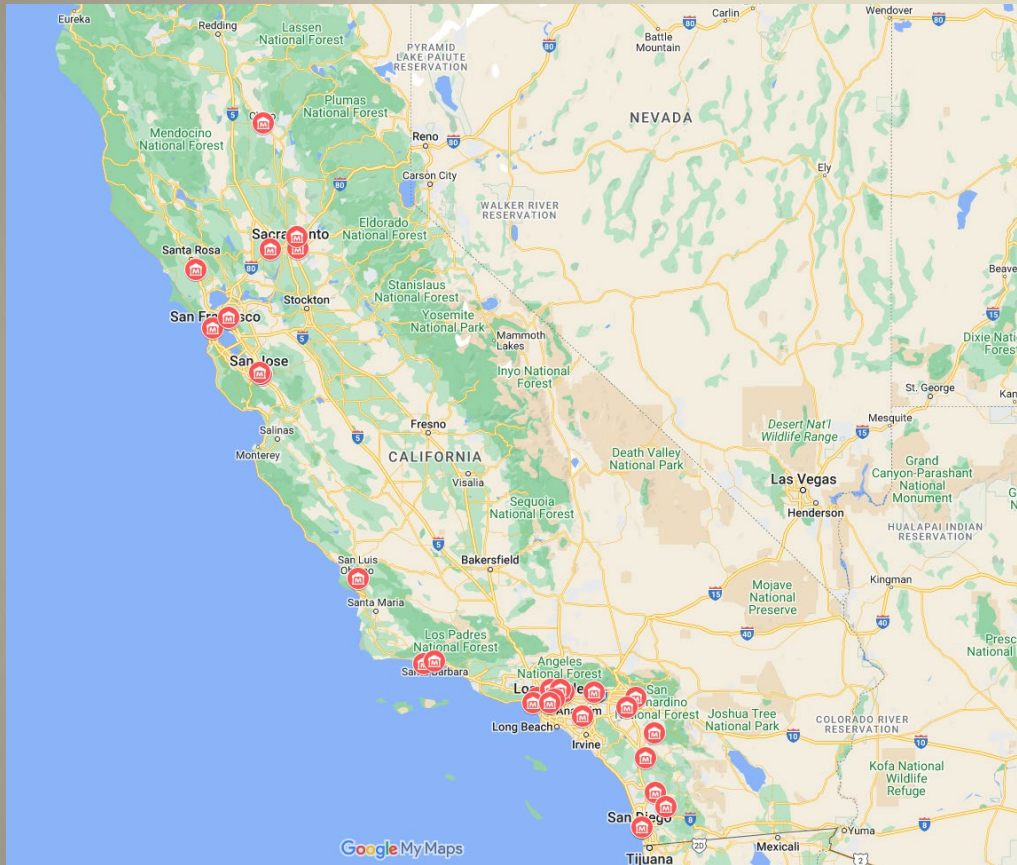
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Fee Study

- Auditor-Controller conducted a fee study review of OC Parks' costs to curate archaeological and paleontological materials:
 - Usable storage volume
 - Facility maintenance
 - Equipment
 - Staff time
- Concluded that proposed accession fee of \$2,657.05 per 1.3 cubic foot of archaeological and paleontological material is reasonable.

Fee Study



Institutions in California which charge accession fees

- The proposed accession fee was compared with other institutions throughout California.
 - Industry standard practice.
 - Comparable to San Bernardino County's accession fee.

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Recommended Action

- Recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed revised OC Parks Fee Schedule.



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