

Preface

Having just perused through an advanced copy of the *History of the CDF Archaeology Program 1970-2004* I am thrilled to see that this volume has been completed. It reminds me how important it is to record our history as it happens. What seems to us as just “ordinary day-to-day bureaucratic stuff” becomes to future generations the “contributions of our elders.” My husband Don has chronicled much of the history of Humboldt County through the lens of historic changes in environment and land use, so I can appreciate the importance of what the CDF Archaeology Program staff has created here for the legacy of this Department.

I believe that the *History of the CDF Archaeology Program 1970-2004* will be very much appreciated and recognized as important to CDF and the citizens of the state. Through our laws, regulations and sense of personal commitment we have recognized the dignity of our Native American cultures and early pioneers, and respect the meaning of their settlements and rituals as we conduct the business of today – whether during the critical few minutes before a wildfire sweeps through, or the more deliberate decisions on the construction of fire stations or sustainably managing our forests.

I express my personal sincere appreciation to Dan Foster and all of the many people that helped him complete this work. It will become part of CDF’s history, and is a wonderful reflection of past events that led to the creation of the CDF Archaeology program.

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