



**County Museum at Bloomington**



**County Museum at Redlands**

*Your County Museum since 1976 has been Accredited by American Association of Museums: there are approximately 10,000 museums in the U.S., only 8% are accredited*

# **COUNTY MUSEUM MISSION**

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*The San Bernardino County Museum maintains and develops unique cultural and natural science collections related to our region and the greater Southwest.*

*Through responsible collection, preservation, exhibition, and education, we inspire the public to a deeper understanding of our cultural and natural history.*

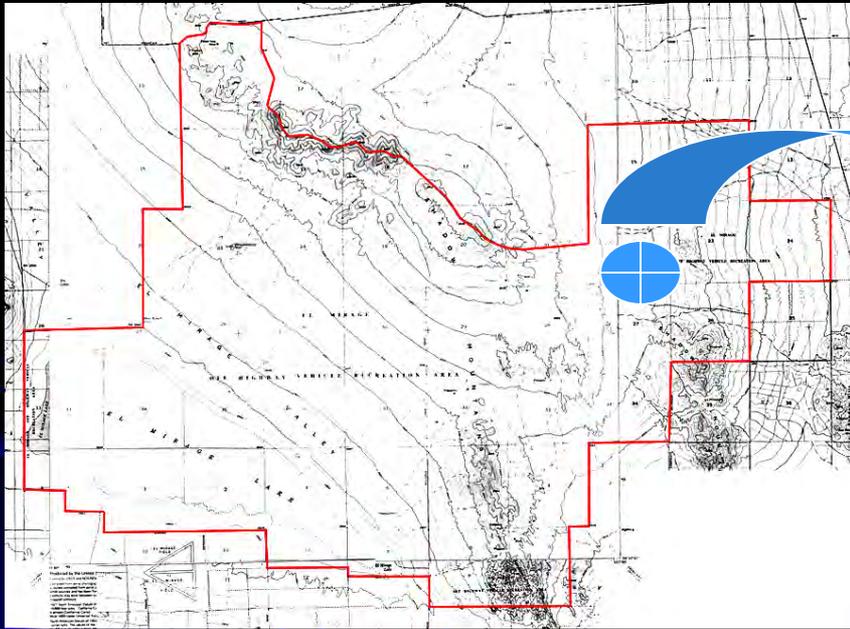
# San Bernardino County Museum

- The San Bernardino County Museum (SBCM) ranks among the top general regional museums in California and the Western United States.
- It contains an encyclopedic collection of cultural and natural heritage of over 2,300,000 objects, artifacts, and specimens. The County Museum is a recognized regional cultural and natural heritage repository for the Federal and State Government
- The main museum is housed in buildings consisting of 99,500 square foot of gross space located on 12 acres that comprise the Redlands Museum Campus.

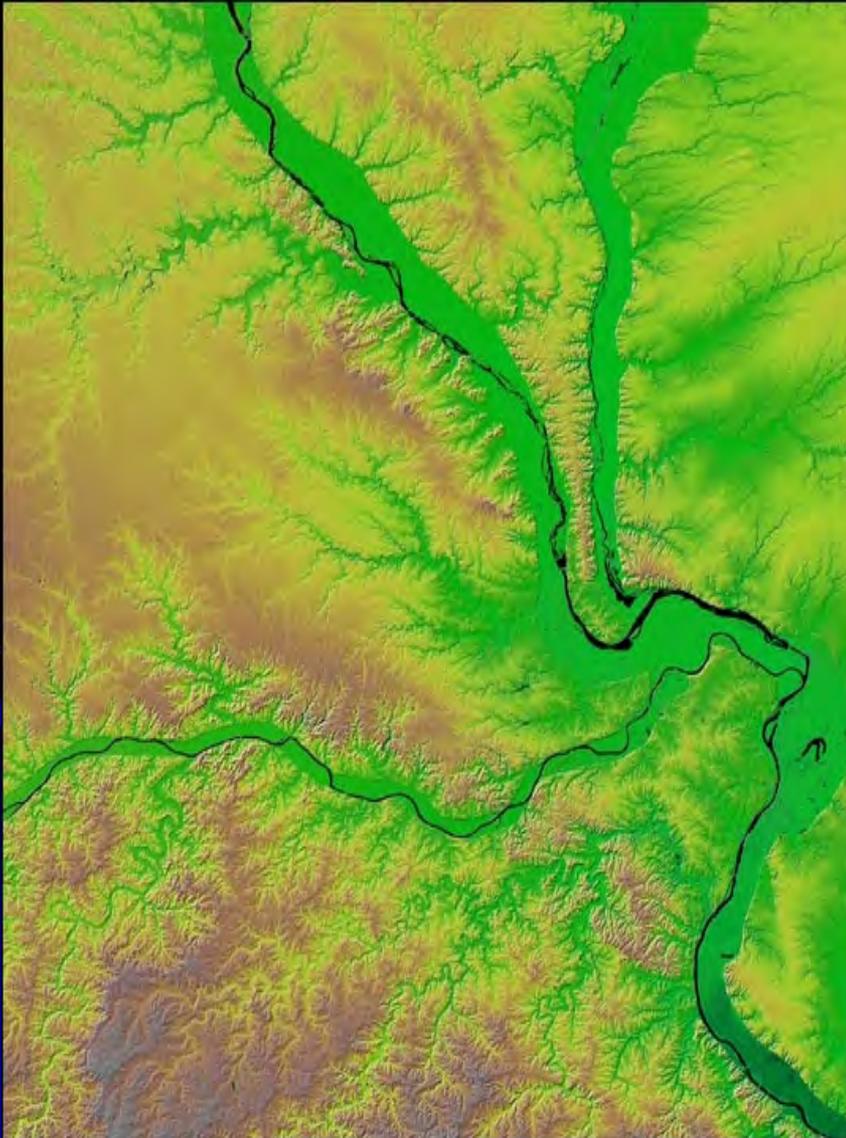




# The Importance of Museum Collections



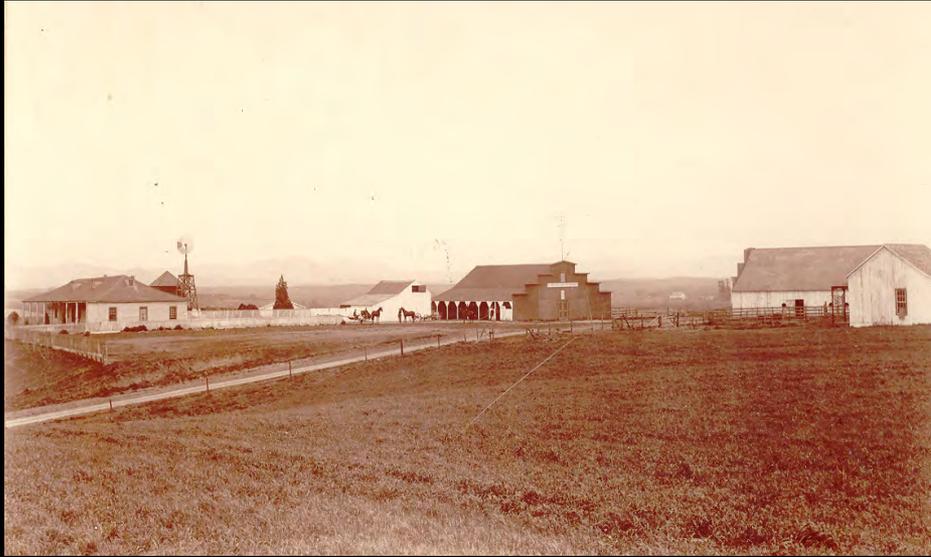
# Museum Collections are Libraries of Information



# San Bernardino County Museum System

- The County Museum manages six historic museums and Victor Valley Museum that are part of the San Bernardino County Museum.
- **Asistencia (1830's ranch outpost for Mission San Gabriel), Redlands**
- **Yucaipa Adobe (1850s adobe home) Yucaipa**
- **Agua Mansa Cemetery (oldest remaining cemetery in the county, 1854) Colton**
- **Yorba-Slaughter Adobe (1852 adobe home) Chino**
- **John Rains House (1860 brick home) Rancho Cucamonga**
- **Daggett Stone Hotel (1880s) Daggett**
- **Victor Valley Museum, Apple Valley**
- Six natural resource landscape properties are a part of the educational and research components of the San Bernardino County Museum:
  - **Cajon Pass site, 28.25 acres (archaeology, biology, and geology)**
  - **Mojave River Footprint site, 2 acres (archaeology and biology)**
  - **Mojave River Vollmer site, 74 acres, (biology)**
  - **Calico Mountains site, 80 acres is of (geology and biology)**
  - **Mountain Pass (Mescal Mine), 5 acres (archaeology, biology, and geology)**
  - **Twentynine Palms (Baywood Dunes), 80 acres (archaeology, biology, and geology)**

# Historic buildings





SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE AREA  
MANAGED BY  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM  
**NO TRESPASSING**  
PENAL CODE 602  
**WARNING/DANGER**  
VIOLATORS ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR RISK OR INJURY  
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.  
760-256-1796





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# Paleontologic Site Stewardship on Federal Land in Nevada; a model for promoting citizen science

In 2008, the San Bernardino County Museum (SBCM) was awarded a Federal Assistance Agreement from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) entitled “Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) -Treatment, Protection, and Interpretation of Heritage Paleontologic Resources through Public Involvement”. The CTA comprises ~5,000 acres and protects ~500 fossil sites.. Public advocacy has endorsed this area as a future “fossil beds” type national monument.



# VICTOR VALLEY MUSEUM

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San Bernardino  
County Museum



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backyard!



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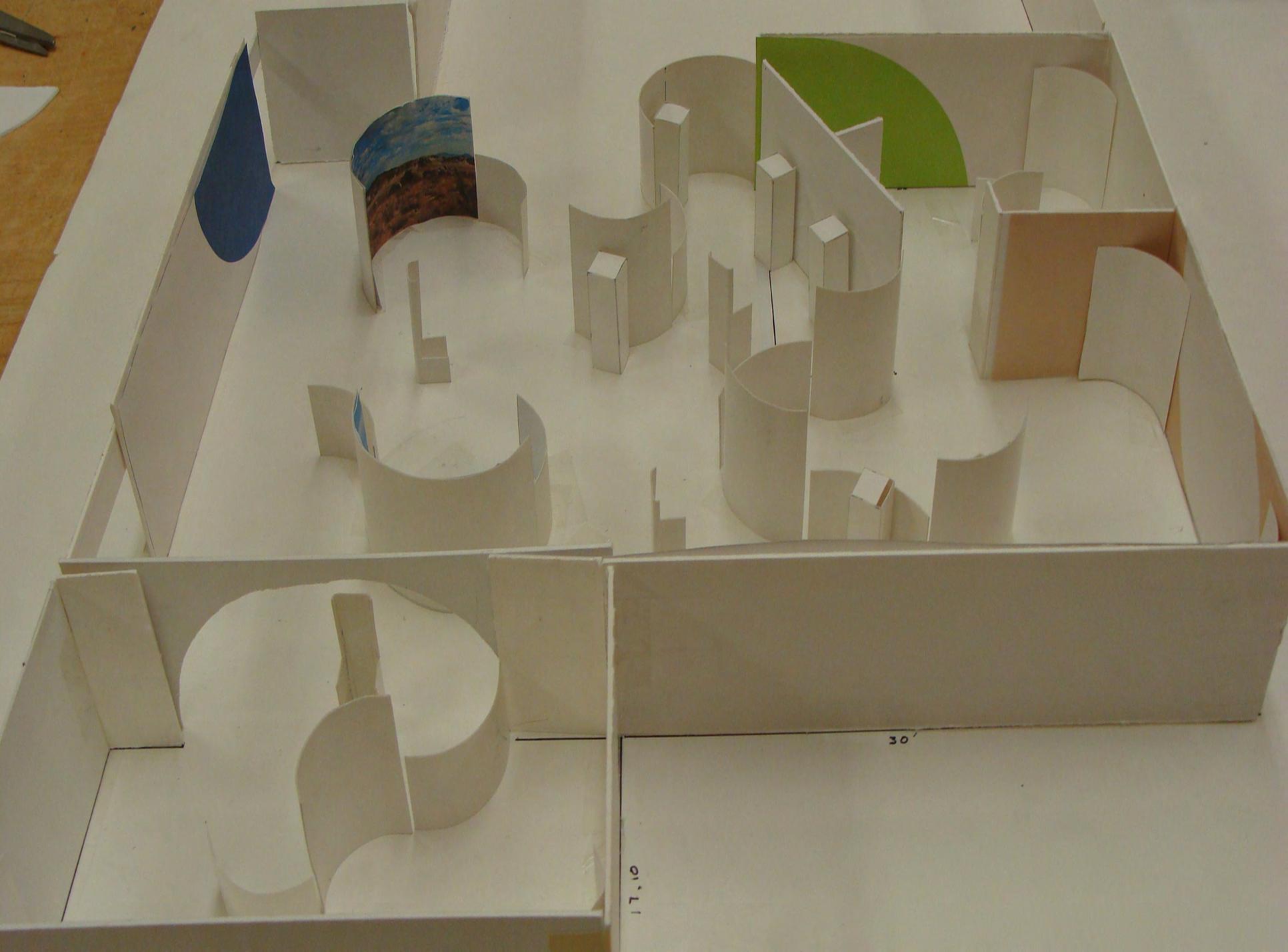
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# The San Bernardino County Museum Major Goal for Victor Valley Museum

- Currently the Victor Valley Museum (VVM) does not meet the current American Association of Museums (AAM) accreditation standards.
- The County Museum was re-accredited in April 2003 and was a heralded event since only nine percent (9%) of the U.S. museums have been accredited.
- Pursuant to the AAM accreditation standards the San Bernardino County Museum will achieve this status with VVM.
- The accreditation criteria for museum include: demonstrate professional standards regarding governance, administration, budgetary commitment, sustainability, collection care, mission determined exhibitions, ethics, and alignment with AAM standards for museums.





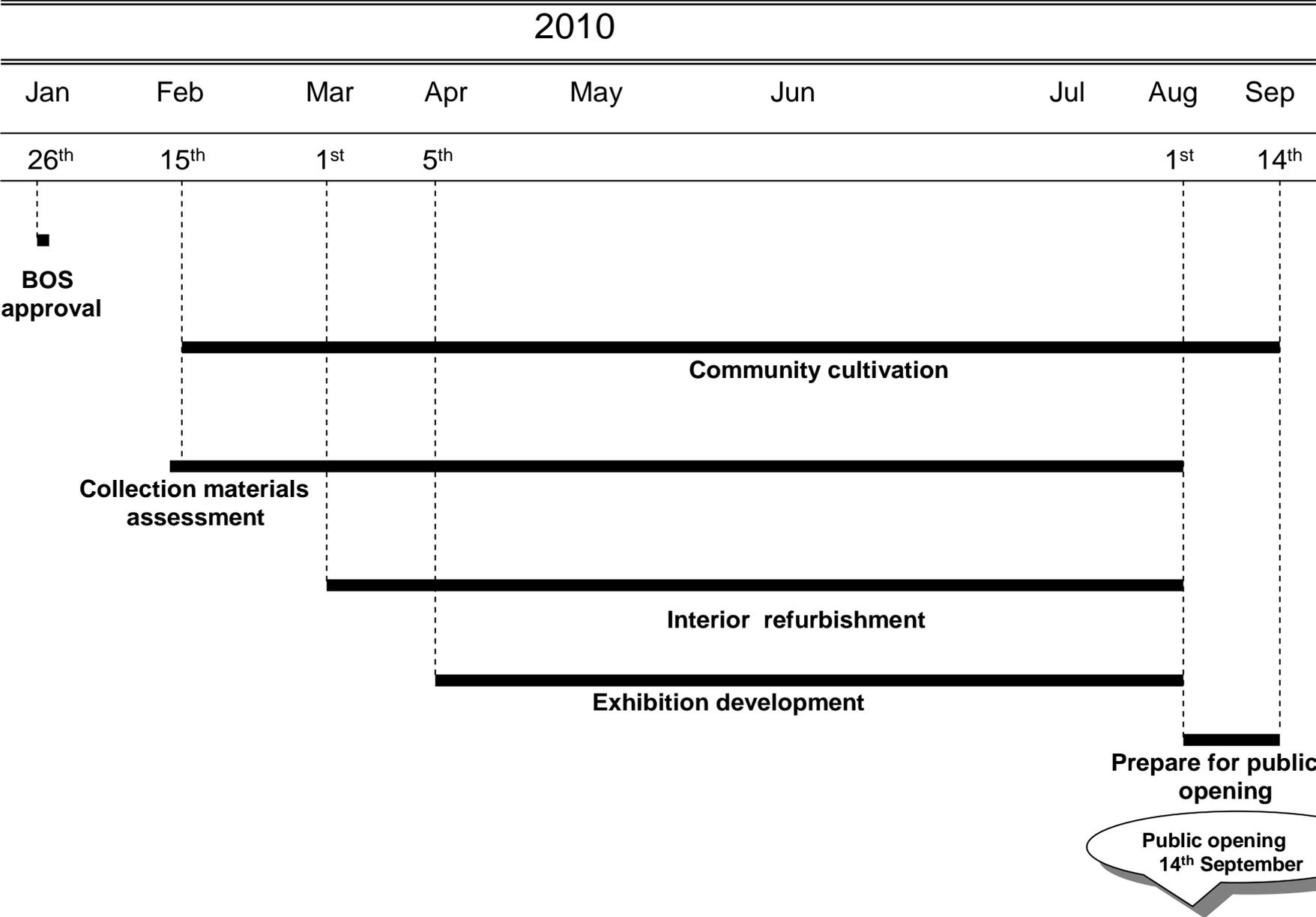
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# Tentative Victor Valley Museum Timeline

2010



# Victor Valley Museum Exhibitions and Programs

*"Discover Your Backyard"*

**Cultural and Natural Heritage of the Mojave Desert**

**The importance of the Old Spanish Trail**

**It's a desert: where does your water come from?**

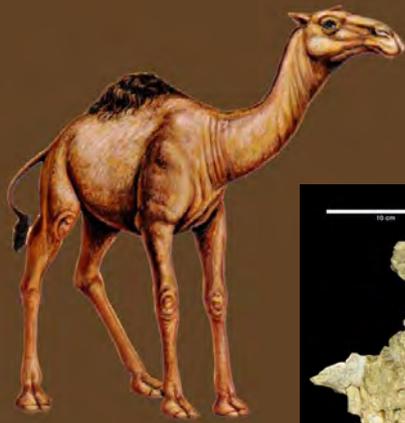
**What do the Mojave Desert dry lakes tell us about past climates**

**Earthquakes and the Mojave Desert: science and preparedness**

**Adaptations to extreme environments: fauna comparisons**

**Who was here first: the Native Americas' of the Mojave Desert**

**Life-Long Learning and the Mojave Desert**



# Ice Age fossils are all over Southern California



Glendale

Las Vegas Valley

Las Vegas

Gypsum Cave

Pahrump Valley

Lake Tecopa

Devil Peak

China Lake

Searles Lake

Antelope Cave Valley  
Kokoweef Cave Wells

Bitter Springs Playa

Dove Spring Wash

Rogers Lake

Barstow

Lake Manix

Calico Lakes

Mitchell Caverns

Piute Valley

Newberry Cave

Schulling Cave

Victorville

Cadiz Lake

Rancho La Brea

SBCM

Twentynine Palms

Pinto Basin

Los Angeles

San Pedro

Diamond Valley Lake

Costeau Pit

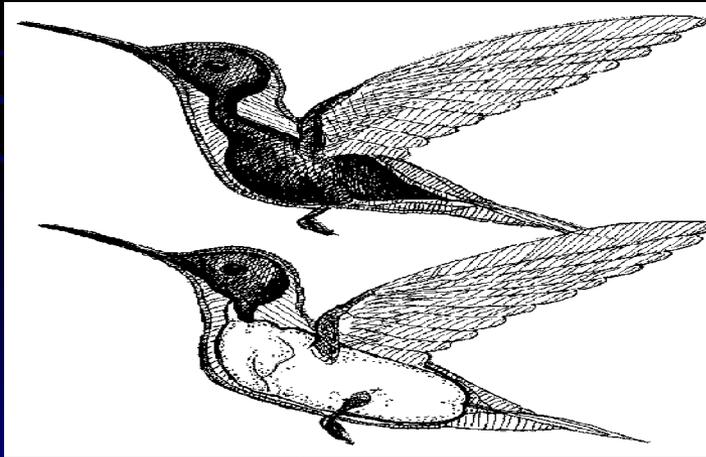
# ***RECONSTRUCTING ANCIENT ENVIRONMENTS***



# Ongoing SBCM Field Research



# The Importance of Riparian and Microphyll Woodlands to Migratory Birds





NWS Radar Mosaic  
2348 UTC 05/01/2008



## SPRING MIGRATION TRAFFIC RATES (MTR)

SITE	MEAN	PEAK
COAST	491	1,329 (4/18/84)
TEJON PASS	9,218	29,567 (4/26/85)
CAJON PASS	13,768	48,000 (4/28/85)
COACHELLA V.	19,985	92,000 (4/27/84)
CHUCHWALLA	4,656	16,345 (4/21/84)
COLORADO RIV.	7,765	19,565 (4/17/85)

















# Developing High Desert Partnerships for Programs

## Examples of stakeholders for VVM

The High Desert Community

Mojave Air Quality Management District

Mojave Water Agency

Victor Valley College

Barstow College

Mitsubishi Cement Corp (other Mining Corporations)

High Desert School Districts

Department of Interior

Department of Defense

California State Parks

Historical Societies

Native America Tribes



**Let the Partnership Begin!**

