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California State Archives Receives Prestigious Grant from the National Archives

*Division under Secretary of State Bruce McPherson receives
national recognition and funding*

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office, has been awarded \$221,000 from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the grant-funding arm of the National Archives.

"I am proud that the State Archives competed successfully for this prestigious national award," said Secretary McPherson. "This milestone will lay the foundation for further development of our Electronic Records Program and will continue California's tradition of leading-edge technology."

The two-year project, which will begin in April 2006, will test standards developed by the San Diego Supercomputer Center for long-term preservation of geospatial records and will create procedures for the management of the records at the State Archives. Project staff will focus specifically on several large databases maintained by the California Resources Agency and will be directed by an advisory board that includes many of the top experts in the field nationally.

Secretary of State McPherson also announced \$100,000 in NHPRC funding for the California Historical Records Advisory Board (CHRAB). The CHRAB, which serves as the statewide coordinator for historical records planning, will use the award to fund projects for local governments and historical record repositories that focus on the management and preservation of local historical collections. The two-year project will begin in March 2006.

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