

Political Activity

The following are historical activities supported by the Arizona Archaeological Society previously regarding archaeology and conservation.

- 1976 Harry Potter, Maricopa Co. Sheriffs Dept. asks for help to amend state & federal Antiquities Acts to make penalties felonies, not misdemeanors
- 1976 Phoenix chapter passes resolution opposing Orme Dam construction
- 1979 Support for ARPA
- 1978 Desert Foothills Chapter begins work to nominate Cave Creek Archarchaeology District to National Register
- 1978 SB 1232, Arizona Antiquities Act requiring ASM permit to dig on private land. Not passed
- 1978 Support for reauthorization of funding from PL 93-291, Archaeology & Historic Preservation Act of 1974
- 1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- 1985 Papago Freeway, Orme Dam
- 1985 Arizona Conservation Easement
- 1985 Cerro Prieto & Pan Quemado to protect from adjacent development
- 1986 Support for Cerro, Pan Quemado, Empire Ranch, Quibiri, and Homolovi as State Parks
- 1986 Rehabilitation Grants Bill through State Parks
- 1988 City of Phoenix Bond Bill for \$2.2 million for museum expansion & stabilize Pueblo Grande
- 1990 Arizona Graves Protection Bill
- 1990 Establish a heritage fund from State Lottery funds to provide \$10 million per year for State Parks
- 1991 Archaeology Ordinance for subdivision developments in Prescott by Yavapai Chapter
- 1992 Helped stop Legislature from raiding Heritage Fund
- 1993 Another attack on Heritage fund
- 1993 Amicus curiae brief in James Teague case. Did he "knowingly" realize he was on state land? Appellate & Supreme Court agreed. Refused to hear the case. Weakness in state law.
- 1994 SB 1140 proposed to correct deficiency in state law, changing "knowingly" to simply having permission from land owner. Defeated!

- 1995 Arizona Preservation Initiative to identify areas of state land for preservation versus sale
- 1997 Resolution opposing HR1127 "National Monument Fairness Act", limiting authority of President to establish National Monuments and write Senators. This would weaken Antiquities Act.
- 1997 Resolution supporting use of LWCF to buy land for Spur Cross Ranch, Bar T-Bar Ranch (CNF), and Hancock Ranch
- 1997 Unsuccessful effort to have developers preserve part of Agave House site
- 1999 Opposed HB 2397 that would rewrite Arizona Antiquities Act and give more responsibilities to SHPO with no additional funding
- 1999 Opposed closure of Homolovi State Park
- 2001 Support proposal to reclassify 16,600 acres of State land in North Scottsdale for conservation purposes
- 2002 Opposed Proposition 100 to transfer state land
- 2003 Discuss bills to protect sites on private land
- 2006 Support for HR1019 to expand Casa Grande National Monument
- 2008 Support designation of Santa Cruz Valley as a National Heritage Area, but the bill was dropped
- 2009 Oppose State Parks closure of Tubac and Homolovi State Park due to lack of funds, but parks closed in 2010
- 2013 Support for HR 1348 to form Great Bend of the Gila Nat Mon, and HR 1799 Sonoran Desert Heritage Initiative, introduced by Grijalva - failed