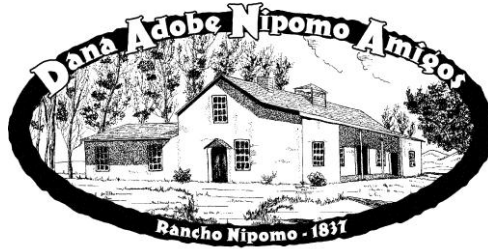


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Press Conference Scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 10 am
Special Guest: Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian
Will tour development site.

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Rancho Nipomo Dana Adobe Receives \$2.98 Million in Grant Money

Rancho Nipomo Dana Adobe Historic Park planned for development at the historic Dana Adobe in Nipomo, received major financial support with the award of a \$2,980,000 grant for the construction of a nature education facility provided by Proposition 84 - formally known as the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act - which was passed by California voters in 2006. Cedric Mitchell, director of California State Park's Office of Grants and Local Services said, "You had to be a strong program to get funded, and we believe we did fund the best that the state has to offer."

Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities committee awarded the grant to build a nature education center which will feature *The Stories of the Rancho: Culture, Ecology, Stewardship* including interactive exhibits featuring the cultural and natural resources of the Nipomo Creek watershed, a Chumash village, native habitat restoration area, indoor and outdoor exhibits,

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interpretive trails, support facilities, and signage.

The new facility to be built on the 29 acre parcel, owned by the Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos, will provide public access to view Nipomo's foothills and the Nipomo Creek, and to access the county owned 100 acre parcel leased by DANA as part of the interpretive trail system. The project will provide more opportunities for the public to access Nipomo's natural and historic places.

The facility which will have a seven year build-out, is planned as a destination for the community, school groups, families, neighbors and tourists. It is intended to further the goals of California's Education and the Environment Initiative to increase environmental knowledge for kindergarten through 12th-grade students by teaching science, history and social science within an environmental context. DANA believes facilities that educate visitors and inspire environmental stewardship are critically needed for the future health of California.

DANA is very proud that their project was one of forty-four selected out of over 300 state-wide applicants. *The Stories of the Rancho* project is the only award issued in the San Luis Obispo County.

"This award comes to us as the restoration of the Dana Adobe is being completed. DANA is looking forward to extending Rancho hospitality to all visitors and to tell the many stories of the many peoples who once occupied this land. We believe this project will increase public understanding and knowledge of California's resources - starting with our own backyard," said Executive Director, Marina Washburn. "We have many people to thank who helped us create the vision for this project. And we want to share our plans with the community and our partners. We will be holding informational workshops at the Nipomo Library on May 3, & 17, June 7 & 16 from 6pm to 8 pm. This is an opportunity for citizens and businesses to learn more about DANA,

to participate in the master site planning for this community project, and to understand what this vision means for the Central Coast.”

You can join Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos at their next fundraiser in partnership with PCPA, and attend a special pre-event reception before the production of *Pride and Prejudice* on April 29.

Also the second annual wine and art fair on the grounds will be on June 5th and a Dave Stamey concert is planned for July 30. See the DANA website www.danaadobe.org for more information.

The Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting understanding and enhancing knowledge of the multi-culturally rich Rancho Era via the restoration of the historic Dana Adobe and the preservation and development of a 129-acre Rancho Nipomo, Dana Adobe a living historical park. Visit www.danaadobe.org for more information.

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