

2018 PSSAC Annual Meeting, Field Tour & Soil Judging Event

Focusing on Butte
County
March 1-3, 2018

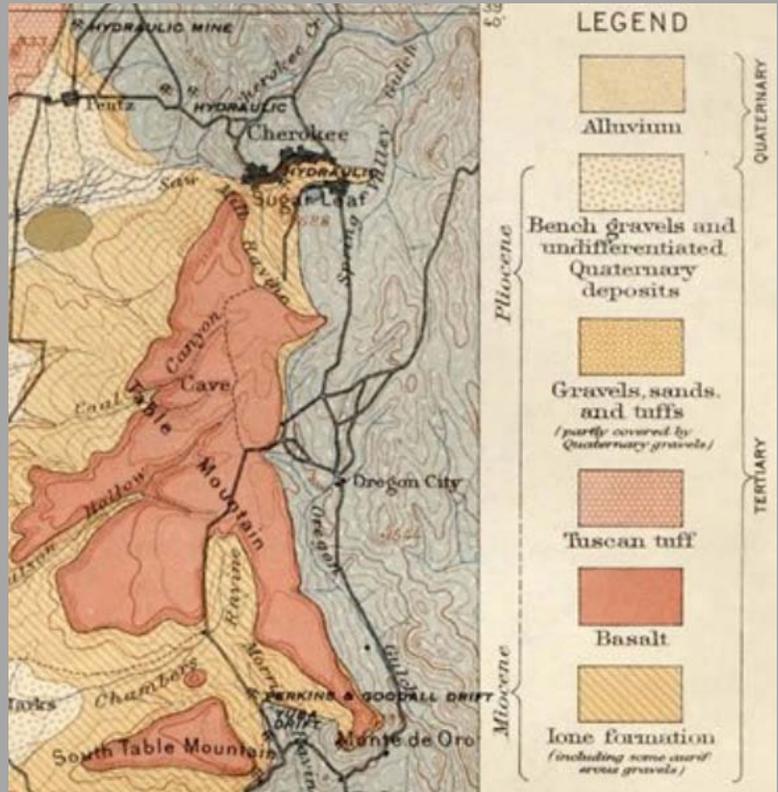


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The **PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA** is pleased to announce that they are now accepting registrations for the March 1-3, 2018 Annual Meeting and Field Tour. This year's meeting goals are to provide opportunities to interact with colleagues and students while engaging with diverse and interesting soils!

The meeting will be based out of Chico, California, and will focus on soils, students, and building community. We invite the soil science community to come together to talk about upcoming projects, shared goals, and the future. This will include a technical meeting, a healthy dose of exploring soils and land use in the field, and interacting with university students interested in soil and land judging (aka the future of our profession).

The meeting will start off on Thursday, March 1st with a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cooperator's Roundtable that will be held on the CSU Chico campus. All attending the PSSAC meeting are welcome.

On Friday, March 2nd there will be a co-hosted field tour (CSU Chico Soils + Professional Soil Scientists Association of California + NRCS) exploring the former Cherokee Mine, Cherokee Strip (anthropogenic mudflows from placer gold and diamond mining in Butte County), and various associated soils. A group dinner with guest speakers will be held that evening.

We'll wrap up on Saturday with the California Collegiate soil/land judging event that will be held at Butte College. Meeting participants will help facilitate the event and mentor the students.

We hope you will join us!

Garrett Liles, David Kelley, Joel Butterworth, Meagan Hynes & Mary Reed, Organizing Committee

AGENDA OVERVIEW

Thursday Morning and Afternoon: (9:00—4:00 pm) The USDA NRCS Collaborators' Roundtable will be held on the CSU Chico campus in [Colusa Hall](#). Park in [Parking Structure II](#), and be sure to buy a parking permit (\$1.00/hour) at the dispenser and place it on your vehicle's dashboard. *Lunch is on-your-own; and a no-host social event/dinner will follow the roundtable.*

Thursday Evening: PSSAC Board of Director's Meeting (4:00-5:00 p.m.) will congregate in Colusa Hall after the NRCS Collaborator's meeting wraps up. *All are welcome.*

Friday Morning and Afternoon: (8:15—4:30) Meet at the Oxford Suites' rear parking lot at 8:15 am, located at 2035 Business Lane in Chico. We will carpool to various stops in Butte County, including the Cherokee Mine, and the Cherokee Strip. *Box lunches, waters, and snacks will be provided.*

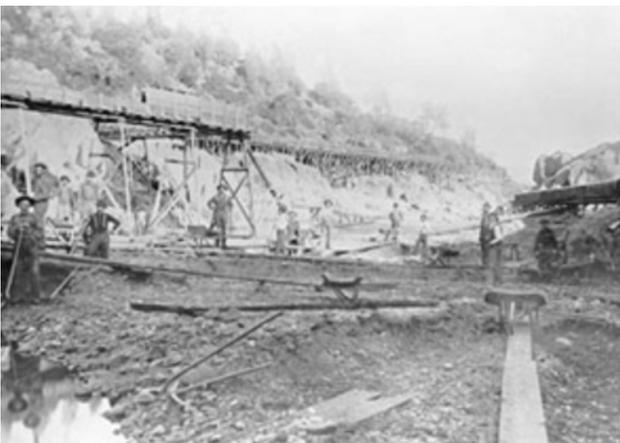
Friday Evening: (5:30-8:30) PSSAC's Annual Dinner will be held at Roots Catering (3221 Esplanade, Chico). We will have a delicious dinner and enjoy presentations with a general theme of debris, sediment, and soil reclamation.

Saturday Morning: (9:00-12:00) Meet at 8:15 at the Oxford Suites' rear parking lot (2035 Business Lane) and carpool (if desired) to Butte College for the California Collegiate Soil/Land Judging event. Park in the small lot found on Butte Campus Drive, about 2/10 mile west of Clark Road (Hwy. 191).

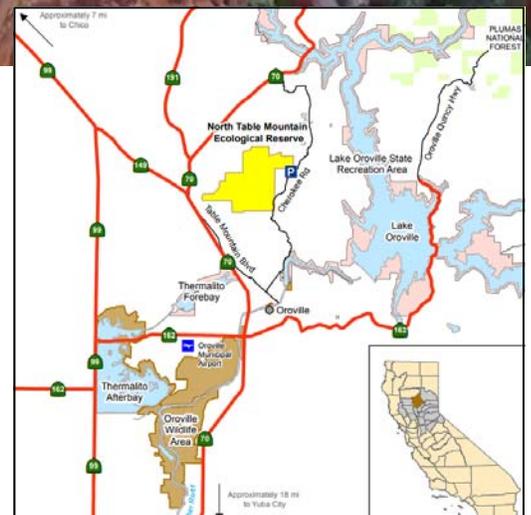
PSSAC members will assist with the scoring and function of the competition. *Box lunches, waters and snacks will be provided.*

Saturday Afternoon: (12:30-2:00) Go to each soil pit and review the individual soils and discuss the broader landscape in which they are found. This will provide a great opportunity to mentor the next generation of soils scientists!

A **Guide Book** will be included in the registration fee.



CSUC Meriam Library. Cherokee hydraulic mining (1870)



MORE ABOUT THE MEETING!

Lodging: We have worked with Oxford Suites (2035 Business Lane in Chico) and have been offered a limited time discounted “Chico State Meeting” rate of \$90/night (not including tax). You just need to mention you are attending a co-sponsored “Chico State Meeting.” Call 530-899-9090 to reserve your room. Visit their website <https://www.oxfordsuiteschico.com/> for additional information. Participants are also welcome to stay at other nearby hotels.

Included in the \$180 Registration Fee: Friday’s box lunch and afternoon snacks, a Catered Dinner with guest speakers at Roots Catering event venue, Saturday’s Box Lunch and Snacks/water. Transportation to the various field tour sites will be by carpool. A printed Field Tour Guide is also included.

Mailing Address: Mail your registration, check made payable to “PSSAC”:

PSSAC 2018 Meeting
 P.O. Box 5972
 Vacaville, CA 95696

Online Registration is available using PayPal at <http://www.pssac.org/meetings/2018-annual-meeting>

Discount University Enrollment Fee Provided by Scholarship Funds are Available! PSSAC will offer up to 20 discounted University Student registrations (with priority given to those participating in the soil/land judging event). See the website (pssac.org) for qualification information. Please pass the word along to university students about this great opportunity!

2018 PSSAC ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

- _____ Yes, I want to attend the March 1-3, 2018 PSSAC Annual Meeting, and I am registering on or before February 15th, please give me the discounted **early registration fee** \$ 165.00
- _____ Yes, I want to attend the March 1-3, 2018 PSSAC Annual Meeting, and I am registering after February 15th, I will pay the **full registration fee** \$ 180.00
- _____ I am an enrolled University student at _____, and would like to take advantage of the special PSSAC Scholarship discount (first 20 student registrations received). -\$ 125.00
- _____ I am a PSSAC member with dues in good standing, please give me my “member’s discount” - \$10.00
- _____ I would like to bring a guest to the Annual Dinner by Roots Catering (Name)_____ \$ 50.00
- _____ In addition to my registration fee, I would also like to contribute to support the scholarship fund _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Please make check payable to “PSSAC”) _____

I have the following dietary requests: _____ For logistics purposes, I will attend Thursday Friday Saturday

Name _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 C/S/Z _____

Work Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Email _____
 (Students must provide university email address.)
 I am part of a university soil/land judging team.

We hope you can join us, and look forward to seeing you in Chico!



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