

Update for the Sikes Adobe Historic Farmhouse

The San Dieguito River Park plans to rebuild the Sikes Adobe and has entered into discussions with both the City of San Diego and representatives from the Office of Emergency Services and FEMA to secure funding for this effort. An emergency stabilization plan is underway to stabilize the surviving adobe walls, which represent the oldest portion of the structure. The San Dieguito River Park has retained the services of the Mark Sauer Construction Company to stabilize the adobe. Mr. Sauer's construction firm completed the restoration of the Sikes Adobe in 2004, and is well versed in the treatment of historic adobe structures in southern California.

Upon completion of stabilization efforts, archaeological testing will be conducted on a limited basis within those parts of the structure's footprint which were not previously exposed, due to the presence of existing historic floors. Debris from the burn will be removed, after a salvage of items which could either be used in the replication or in future interpretation of the Sikes Adobe are removed.

All work will be conducted in compliance with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995."