



# Ellen Joslin Johnck, RPA

Environmental and Cultural Resources Permitting, Planning and Management

## Education

--M.A. Cultural Resources Management, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA

-- B.A., Political Science, Elmira College, Elmira, NY

--Master's Certificate studies in urban and regional planning, University of California, Berkeley

**Credentials** *Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)*  
SF Mayoral appointee, Historic Preservation Commission

Appointee of CA Governors to the California Coastal Commission, North Central Region (1972-1983) and elected Chairman (1982-83)

Candidate for the Nomination of Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Army for Civil Works (Senator Dianne Feinstein) (2005;2009)

Instructor, University of California at Berkeley Ext, Landscape Architecture,

## Affiliations

-PIANC; AAPA, Natl Academy of Sciences' TRB Ports and Channels and Marine Environment; CMANC; Co-Chair SF Port Maritime Committee; S. F. Bay Trail Board Member; Society California Archaeology; Calif. Preservation Foundation

## Certifications

Women-Owned Small Business Concern (CCR, OBSCR, S.F.City)

**Years' Experience:** 50

## Professional Profile

Ellen Joslin Johnck, RPA is a sole proprietor firm providing project consultant services for environmental and cultural resources planning, permitting and management. These services also include government and community relations and political, legislative and funding strategies. Prior to establishing her business in 2009, Ellen was the founding executive director of the Bay Planning Coalition (1983-2011) and served the dual roles as chief executive officer and also consultant to the Coalition's 200 S. F. Bay business and industry members' for environmental permitting in-water and landside projects.

Her project consulting experience is in the areas of marine and shoreside construction; dredging and dredged material beneficial reuse; air and water quality compliance; flood risk management and climate change adaptation; fish and wildlife habitat restoration; water and shoreside recreation facilities', e.g. marinas, parks and trails; and environmental stewardship.

With the award of a Master's Degree in Cultural Resources Management (CRM) in 2008, Ellen's consulting practice also includes cultural resources management archaeology covering historic resources' surveys, archaeological site and materials recording, monitoring, documentation, and analysis; cultural landscape reports and treatments.

Ellen's work has also involved the creation of stakeholder organizations to achieve collaboration and partnerships and a consensus-based approach for needed infrastructure projects linked to environmental improvements.

Over the course of her 50-year career, Ellen has written new and shaped existing, California and federal environmental laws and policy related to Bay fill; public access, water and air quality; dredging and dredged material disposal and beneficial reuse, parks and recreation, fish and wildlife habitat restoration. She has assisted to secure over \$500 million in federal civil works funding for recent projects.





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Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA)

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Instructor, University of California at Berkeley Ext, Department of Landscape Architecture, "The Cultural Landscape: Preservation and Sustainable Practice"

## Certifications

WBE-LBE in Federal CCR, State of CA. OSBCR Women Owned Small Business; City/County S.F.  
**Years' Experience:** 50

## Professional Profile in Cultural Resources Management (CRM) Archaeology

Ellen Johnck, principal of Ellen Joslin Johnck, RPA, a sole proprietor, provides project consultant services for environmental and cultural resources permitting, planning and management. These services also include government and community relations and integrate political, legislative and project funding strategies. She is a mayoral appointee to the City of S.F.'s Historic Preservation Commission.

As a U. S. Registered Professional Archaeologist, Ellen is authorized by the U. S. Secretary of the Interior to practice archaeology with a specialty in cultural resources management (CRM). Her qualifications include knowledge of and implementation of the requirements for cultural resources identification, evaluation, and mitigation (Phases I, II and III) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

In addition these qualifications cover knowledge of the other primary laws governing cultural resources evaluation and compliance, e.g. the National Environmental Quality Act (NEPA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), and the U. S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service's Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) programs, and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and other local, state and federal laws and regulations mandating related environmental evaluations including mitigation.

Her academic, intern and practical experience in CRM since award of a master's degree in 2008, is in analysis of historic cultural materials and report writing; cultural landscape studies; project excavation and survey team member; and cultural resources' research tasks and surveys in the projects and settings listed below.





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- **City of Larkspur Sanitation District and Kennedy-Jenks/ Integral Consulting remediation project. December, 2016-ongoing:** Johnck is a subconsultant performing tasks for the CEQA-required cultural resources documentation and evaluation. This includes confirmation of cultural, historical and archaeological findings in previous records and new research as needed; convene tribal consultation, and provide content for the Initial Study and mitigation measures as needed. The archaeological site under investigation in the Study area is a midden CA-MRN-255h as well as a few other pre-historic sites including an historic site the Remillard Brick yard.
- **CA-MRN-67 (September-October, 2012):** This site in Marin County is one of the 400+ shell middens in San Francisco Bay first identified by archaeologist, Nels Nelson, in 1900. I was an employee on the historic resources' documentation team of Holman & Associates. Work involved excavation and documentation of the Native American Miwok habitation site under the supervision of the tribe's descendants, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.
- **Historical American Landscape Survey (HALS) documentation for China Camp Heritage Village, China Camp State Park, San Rafael, CA (2012-present)** is, the last remaining Chinese shrimp harvesting village in San Francisco Bay and in California. This is a volunteer project supported by HALS of Northern California ([halsncc.org](http://halsncc.org)); California Department of Parks and Recreation and Friends of China Camp.
- **South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project: South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project (SBSRP)** California, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties (2004-present): The SBSRP is a 15,100 acre restoration project and is the largest tidal wetland restoration project on the West Coast. SBSRP was initiated in 2002 with the announcement by the property owner, Cargill, of its intent to sell the property to the state and federal government for wetland restoration purposes. For the SBSRP's cultural resources evaluation tasks (NHPA, NEPA and CEQA compliance), Ellen's tasks were:
  - Conducted the Cultural Resources Survey, cultural assessment and mitigation recommendations for the Resource Management Plan with the EDAW team.
  - Wrote Master's Thesis: "The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project: A Cultural Landscape Approach to the Resource Management Plan" which is a primary document for the cultural resources inventory, historic context, significance statement and landscape treatment recommendations.





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- Invited to consult with the USFWS regarding master's thesis recommendations for the cultural landscape treatment plan which has formed the basis for the USFWS' submission to State Historic Preservation Office for determination of eligibility of portions of the 15,100 acres to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Compiled the material for and was the interviewee for an historical interpretive audio tour which is now featured on the website for the San Francisco Bay Wetland Joint Venture: [www.sfbjv.org](http://www.sfbjv.org).
- **A Cultural Resource Study and Supplemental Recording for CA-LAK 1260 and 286. UC Davis' McLaughlin Reserve at Lake, Napa and Solano counties, California (2005-06).**

Ellen was Project Coordinator as a member of the Anthropological Studies Center team based at Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA for CA-LAK 1260 and 286.

Ellen performed surveying and recording tasks for petroglyphs and other cultural materials now stored and recorded in the Archaeological Studies Center and Northwest Information Center, respectively.

- **Benton District Historic Resources Survey and Inventory in Santa Rosa, CA. (2005-06)** Ellen was a member of the survey team led by Diana Painter, Architectural Historian, and Ph.D. Tasks included conducting the Historic District survey plus writing the nomination for Benton District's eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Sites.

### Publications

2008 Johnck, Ellen The South San Francisco Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project: A Cultural Landscape Approach to the Resource Management Plan, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA

2014 Laura A. Watt and Ellen Joslin Johnck, "The Bay Area's Solar Salt Industry--An Unintended Conservationist", In *California History*, Vol. 91, Number 2, pp. 40-47 ISSN 2327-1485, Regents of the University of California