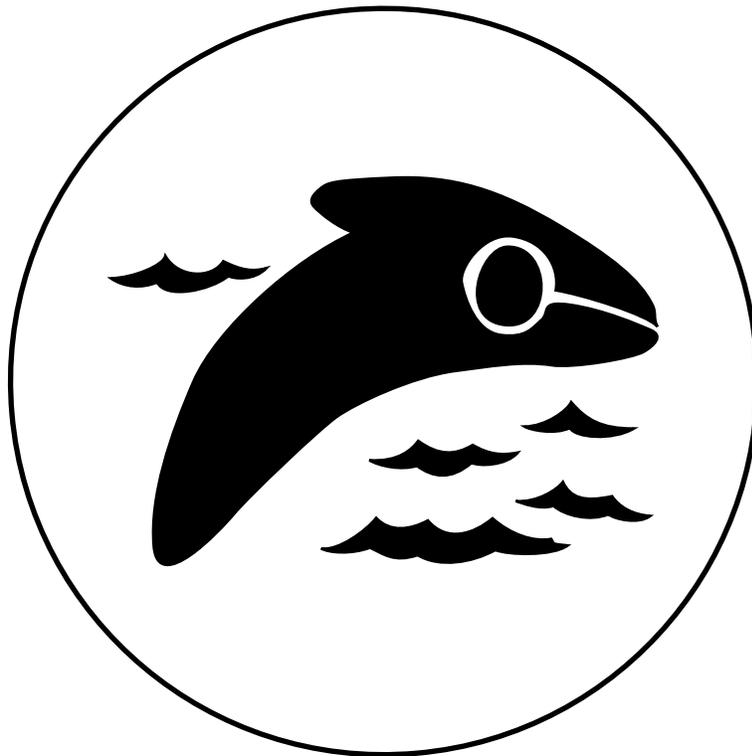


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Preface

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This publication of papers on Baja California archaeology forms the second set of contributions (with the exception of the Ritter-Burcell paper) from the Society for California Archaeology 1998 Annual Meeting session in San Diego on issues related to past peoples of Baja California. This writer and Dr. J. E. Molto chaired the session on *New Inquiries Regarding the Archaeology and Bioarchaeology of Baja California: A Symposium in Honor of William C. Massey*. The session brought together many of the active scholars involved in the fields of archaeology, bioarchaeology, history, ethnohistory and other specialties dealing with the peninsula. Researchers from Canada, Mexico and the United States were present and this international flavor is current in the articles published here. The Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia has been open, cooperative and influential in these international efforts. For this and other reasons, including a broadening of interest in the history and prehistory of the peninsula, there has been an upswing in research within the peninsula, both in the field and in the library.

While Baja California remains one of the least studied areas of North America in terms of archaeological research, peninsular scholastic contributions have less and less relied almost exclusively on studies regarding method, theory, technology, constructions of culture change and social process, etc. from neighboring areas and have begun to provide information that is, or should be, influential, perhaps seminal, for various archaeological inquiries in neighboring and more distant areas. Baja California's general isolation and geographic setting and configuration offer research venues unique in North America and the world. Papers in this issue demonstrate some of the diversity of the human record in the southern half of the peninsula and offer important data and approaches to meaningful archaeological and bioarchaeological study.

Through the *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly* and the publication of this issue, there continues to be a focused, scholarly outlet for contributions to Baja California's cultural past. The PCAS Board, publication committee and membership thus recognize not only the connectivity of the Californias but also the importance of scientific and humanistic contributions from peninsula researchers toward a greater understanding of western North American cultural developments.