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MEDIA ALERT

**Northern California Natural History Museum
Announces Groundbreaking Event**

WHO Northern California Natural History Museum

WHAT The museum's groundbreaking event will take place at the site of the museum, north of Bidwell Mansion. Six parking spots will be reserved for media in the Bidwell Mansion parking lot. No additional spots will be available. They will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis. Please identify yourself to the parking attendants.

WHEN 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24

WHY The groundbreaking ceremony will encompass a variety of activities to commemorate the start of construction. The program will be highlighted by a Mechoopda blessing of the project. Additionally, music will be performed by the North State Symphony brass players.

Speakers will include Judy Sitton, president of the board of directors; James Houpis, dean of the College of Natural Sciences; Greg Liggett, the executive director of the museum; and Paul Zingg, president of California State University, Chico.

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