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Groundbreaking set for County Museum hall of wonders

A groundbreaking ceremony for the San Bernardino County Museum's new Hall of Geological Wonders is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 8. Following light refreshments at 9:30 a.m., the program will start at 10 a.m. The San Bernardino County Museum Association is hosting the event, to which public is invited.

The Hall of Geological Wonders will add 12,000 square feet of new exhibit space to the museum, with state-of-the-art exhibits focused on the region's geological and paleontological history. Rocks and minerals, fossils, "deep time," and the great San Andreas Fault will be explored through immersive displays that make the area's complex geological history meaningful and exciting to today's residents and visitors.

"We will be pleased to welcome dignitaries representing federal, state, and county government and from major corporations," said Museum Director Robert McKernan. "And we are equally pleased to invite the public to join us in the ground-breaking ceremony, because the hall was conceived and designed for our visitors, whether residents of inland Southern California, school and group tours, or visitors to our area. The Hall of Geological Wonders is the first step in realizing a major new vision for the museum and for the audience we serve."

The San Bernardino County Museum is at the California Street exit from Interstate 10 in Redlands. Parking is free and visitors coming for the groundbreaking ceremony will be admitted free. To assist the museum in planning for seating and refreshments, an RSVP is requested by telephoning (909) 307-2669 ext. 227 or by e-mailing museum@sbcounty.gov.

The museum is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids are needed in order to participate in museum exhibits or programs, requests should be made through Museum Visitor Services at least three business days prior to your visit. Visitor Services' telephone number is 909-307-2669 ext. 229 or (TDD) 909-792-1462. For more information, visit www.sbcountymuseum.org.