



## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

This is the time of year to reflect and be thankful. I am grateful to have such an involved board that is working hard to look after our chapter members' best interests within the profession and provide relevant educational experiences for continuing education.

Our November meeting included an insightful presentation on cybersecurity, a very timely topic. If you didn't attend, you missed out on discovering how vulnerable much of our personal information can be without our knowledge. One of the examples that personally surprised me was an image that, Josh Chin the speaker, showed of a computer that was being surreptitiously accessed while connected to a phone recharging station in an airport waiting area. IF I choose to use one of these stations in the future, I definitely will have my phone or computer turned off!

We recently held a number of USPAP courses and will continue to provide these and other educational opportunities in 2013.



Paul E. Drooks, ASA  
President

Starting in January we are planning fun, inexpensive, and educational Saturday 'field trips'. The first will be held on January 19th at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach. ASA members and guests will be treated to a private tour. We will also kick off the year with a January 30th 2013 Economic Forecast evening program featuring Lee E. Ohanian Ph.D. Professor of Economics at UCLA. Additional education programs for the Winter and Spring will include Public Transit valuation issues, and our signature IRS Event in May. Take a look at the Event section of the newsletter or chapter website for upcoming educational opportunities.

These events are planned to benefit all of our members – we look forward to seeing more of you at some of our upcoming events!

On behalf of your ASA Los Angeles Chapter Board Members I extend our best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Best, Paul Drooks, ASA

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

see website for details  
[www.appraisersla.com](http://www.appraisersla.com)

Wednesday  
January 30, 2013

Economic Forecast at  
McCormick & Schmick's

See attached flyer.



Save The Date

May 16, 2013

2013 IRS  
Symposium

Downtown Los  
Angeles

Details to be  
announced!

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## WELCOME NEW CANDIDATE(S)

"After membership approval, applicants have 10 months to Pass the ASA Ethics exam (open book exam taken on ASA's Web site), Pass the 15-hour National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice USPAP) course and exam Real Property applicants may provide their current state license in lieu of the 15-hour USPAP requirement. Upon completion of these requirements, you will become a Candidate." \* The Los Angeles Chapter of ASA would like to welcome our new candidate(s):

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## ADVANCEMENTS

"Your advancement to Accredited Member (AM) or Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA) is complete once: The International Board of Examiners approves your full-time appraisal experience, educational background (i.e., college degree) and appraisal report(s), determines that you completed and passed the education requirements of your discipline and determines that you passed the comprehensive examination for your discipline (if applicable). When all the requirements have been approved, you will be awarded your designation and provided with your AM or ASA certificate (*this will be mailed to your chapter President within four to six weeks after your designation is awarded*). " \* The Los Angeles Chapter of ASA would like to congratulate the following Members in their advancement (s).

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## MUSEUM TOURS

***Saturday—January 19, 2013***

***Museum of Latin American  
Art (MOLAA) Long Beach***

***Details to be announced!***

***February 2013***

***Frederick R. Weisman  
Art Foundation!***

***Details to be announced.***

"True  
happiness  
involves the  
full use of  
one's power  
and talents."

- John W. Gardner

## Issues for Real Property Appraisers

By: Barry J. Alperin, ASA & MAI, Los Angeles Chapter ARM Chair

Real Property Appraisers who are members of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers should be aware of current and pending issues that may affect their practices. The following offers some highlights affecting California RP appraisers.

### OREA GOES AWAY

On March 30, 2012 Governor Brown submitted Reorganization Plan to the Little Hoover Commission. The 377 page plan is now law. The plan becomes operative on July 1, 2013. As a part of the plan, the Office of Real Estate Appraisers (OREA) will become the Bureau of Real Estate Appraisers (BREA). BREA will be a part of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

### OREA DIRECTOR / BREA CHIEF

Jim Martin was appointed director of the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers in August of 2012. In July 2013, he will become Chief of BREA. Mr. Martin has served in multiple positions at the Real Estate Services Division of the California Department of General Services since 2002, including chief of real property services, assistant section chief and senior real estate officer. He was a public land management specialist at the California State Lands Commission from 1996 to 2002 and an investigator and property appraiser in the Compliance Division of the California Office of Real Estate Appraisers from 1995 to 1996.

### CALIFORNIA LICENSE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Effective January 1, 2013, Applicants shall fulfill continuing education requirements established pursuant to section 11360 of the California Business and Professions Code, Division 4, Part 3, and shall be required to take a minimum of four hours of Federal and California appraisal related statutory and regulatory law every four years. Therefore, if you are to renew for your continuing education re-

newal cycle after January 1, 2013, the required 56 units of education must include the following:

- Proof of two 7 hour National USPAP Update Course (one class each per two year license period)
- Proof of one 4 hour Federal and California statutory and regulatory law course (required for all application made after January 1, 2013)
- Proof of a minimum of 38 hours of any other acceptable continuing education

### CALIFORNIA REAL PROPERTY APPRAISER LICENSE RENEWALS

There are two types of renewals (USPAP Only & CE Cycle). The State is not presently mailing or e-mailing renewal notices. Each Licensee must submit renewal applications at least ninety days in advance.

### USPAP ONLY RENEWALS

A USPAP Renewal is the first renewal after the beginning of your CE Cycle. This renewal requires documentation of the seven-hour *National USPAP Update Course* taken sometime within the license term. This course applies towards the total number of continuing education hours required to renew in the subsequent license cycle.

A CE Renewal is the second renewal after the beginning of your CE Cycle. This renewal must not only include documentation of a seven-hour *National USPAP Update Course* taken in your USPAP only renewal (above) within the first 2 years of the license term, but also must have documentation of 49 additional hours (including an additional seven-hour National USPAP Update Course taken within the second 2 years of the license term) of continuing education taken within the CE Cycle. In

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"Ignorance, the root and stem of all evil."  
— Plato

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order to avoid a potential lapse in your license renewal applications should be submitted 90 days prior to your expiration date.

All acceptable continuing education must be taken within the licensee's CE Cycle. A licensee's original CE Cycle start date will begin with the issuance date of their initial license, and normally runs for a period of four years provided the USPAP Renewal is not renewed on a late basis. The ending date of a CE Cycle will be the expiration date of the CE Renewal. The CE Cycle then starts over and the licensee's new CE Cycle Start date will be the issuance date of the CE Renewal.

#### **CHANGES IN APPRAISER AQB REQUIREMENTS**

There will be changes in AQB requirements in 2015. Information about the changes can be found on the Appraisal Foundation or OREA web-sites. Search: AQB Summary of Changes 2015[1].pdf

#### **NATIONAL UNIFORM LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS**

Education and experience must be completed prior to taking the AQB-approved *National Uniform Licensing and Certification Examination*.

#### **BACKGROUND CHECKS**

All candidates for a real property appraiser credential must undergo background screening. State appraiser regulatory agencies are *strongly* encouraged to perform background checks on *existing* credential holders as well.

#### **COLLEGE DEGREE ACCEPTANCE AND CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

Credit towards qualifying education requirements may be obtained via the completion of a degree program in Real Estate from an accredited degree-granting college or university provided the college or university has had its curriculum reviewed and approved by the AQB.

#### **DELETION OF THE SEGMENTED APPROACH TO CRITERIA IMPLEMENTATION**

States had the option to implement the 2008 *Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria* via the "segmented approach." This implementation option will no longer be valid effective January 1, 2015.

#### **RESTRICTION ON CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS**

Aside from complying with the requirements to complete the *7-Hour National USPAP Update Course* (or its AQB approved equivalent), appraisers may not receive credit for completion of the same continuing education course offering within an appraiser's continuing education cycle.

#### **DISTANCE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

A *written, proctored* examination is required for all qualifying education distance course offerings. The term *written* refers to an examination that might be written on paper or administered electronically on a computer workstation or other device.

#### **REVISIONS TO SUBTOPICS IN GUIDE NOTE 1 AND CONTINUING EDUCATION TOPICS**

Added topics on green building (qualifying and continuing education), seller concessions (qualifying and continuing education) and developing opinions of real property value in appraisals that also include personal property

These requirements are effective for individuals seeking a real property appraiser credential *after* January 1, 2015. However, in some cases, the requirements may also apply to *existing* real property appraisers (for example, a state may require a credentialed appraiser to meet the new Criteria if he or she moves from a state that does not have reciprocity with that state).

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## ASA-CA Quarterly Report

As Submitted by: Karen J. Mann, ASA, Chairman with assistance from David Eichner, ASA, Vice Chair

Greetings from the ASA-CA committee! The ASA-CA committed is the ASA legislative representatives for the ASA members located in the State of California. The committee consists of the Council; myself, David Eichner, ASA; Natasha Martinez (secretary), our former Treasurer was Jack Young, ASA and our Region 5 Governor, Gregory Ansel, ASA. In an effort to recognize that each ASA Chapter should be represented, we have a Liaison from each chapter. We typically hold 3 telephone conference meetings and one "in-person" meeting a year. The Liaison from each Chapter is to attend each meeting in order to report back to their chapter, the current information regarding ASA legislative representation. The ASA-CA Lobbyist is Don Reisner, who lives in the Sacramento area and has more than 40 years' experience in representing the valuation industry.

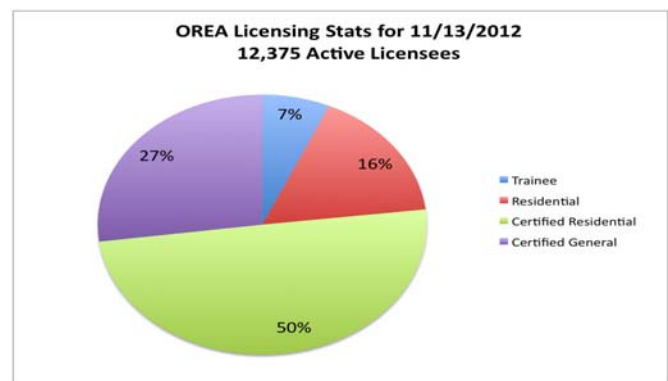
At our most recent meeting, the attendees were myself, David Eichner, ASA; Jack Young, ASA; Greg Ansel, ASA and Regional Governor; John Russell, ASA's Director of Government Relations in Headquarters attended via telephone, and Don Reisner, ASA lobbyist. Jack Young has resigned from the committee for personal reasons; there will be a new appointment for the treasurer in the next couple of weeks. We appreciate all Jack has contributed and he will be missed.

November 9, 2012 was the first "in person" meeting for 2012; it was informative and productive. We met at the Sutter House in Sacramento. Prior to the meeting, Don Reisner gave a 2-hour tour of the State Capitol. It was fascinating and we were able to meander our way through the building. The insight of the historical events and people who have made this great State what it is today was quite interesting; which set

the tone for our purpose for the day. Our Committee had a working lunch. Our agenda covered the minutes from the prior meeting, the treasurer's report, a discussion among ourselves, and Don Reisner regarding upcoming issues or items we should be aware of. With the most recent Presidential and State election, some of the elected officials are slated for change. That in mind we did not focus in on any particular area for immediate lobbying activities. Don is sensitive to the needs of the valuation profession and will continue to bring forth potential bills to our attention. Since ASA-CA is an extremely small group with lobbyist representation, we have to work with other entities on bills which would be for our members benefit (versus ASA-CA drafting new bills). The most recent effort was recent passage of SB-1266 (Conservation Easement assignments may now utilize the services any qualified appraiser for the bidding/selection process). The committee recommitted to the submittal of the quarterly report to the chapters, to augment the liaison's normal report to their chapter.

As the most recent appointee to this committee, I look forward to serving and communicating. Should your chapter want me or another committee member to attend your meeting or seminar as a representative of ASA-CA we or I would be happy to do so. In conclusion, it's my honor to serve ASA in State legislative affairs. I look forward to working with our Lobbyist to sniff out bills, which could affect ASA members of all disciplines. The ASA-CA committee aspires to be productive, aware and successful in our efforts. Thank you for your support.

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*Issues for Real Property Appraisers*



### Abstract Changes In AQB Education

License Level	Current Requirements	Effective January 2015
Trainee	None	None
Licensed Residential Appraiser	None	30 hours of college level / AA
Certified Residential Appraiser	21 hours of college level / AA	Bachelor's Degree
Certified General Appraiser	30 hours of college level / BA	Bachelor's Degree

### Cybersecurity— What you need to know . . .

On November 14, 2012, ASA-LA held its monthly general meeting at Luminarias, a hilltop restaurant in Monterey Park, which overlooks the San Gabriel Valley. The evening proceeded with an hour plus presentation given by Cyber Security Analyst, **Joshua Chin, Executive Director of Net Force**- a Los Angeles based-firm, experts in various areas, including: Information Systems Auditing, Risk Management, Computer Forensics Acquisition, Computer Forensics, Project Management, and Cyber Security. Mr. Chin focused on Cyber Security. He stressed the value of information. Mr. Chin explained, through social Engineering (Twitter, Facebook) attackers, or as he put it 'the bad guys', manipulate, persuade, or deceive a human to reveal sensitive and confidential information. He explored security issues related to network devices, firewalls, security appliances, web servers, and email servers. And, as stated, 'the bad guys' are increasingly using simple methods for finding flaws in various networks and applications: *they Google them*. Joshua Chin demonstrated how technology and information are abused. He delivered an informative presentation. *Will you be prepared if you are attacked?* Special Thanks to Analee McClellan, Sr. Vice President of ASA-LA, for putting together an informative and successful event for our Members!



Cybersecurity Expert, Joshua Chin, addresses Vice-President Analee McClellan, ASA and Personal Property Candidates Nancy Lear and Joann Tortarolo, along with Brad Holtz, ASA and William May, ASA at the November 14th program.

*By: Christine Thomson Lee, ASA*

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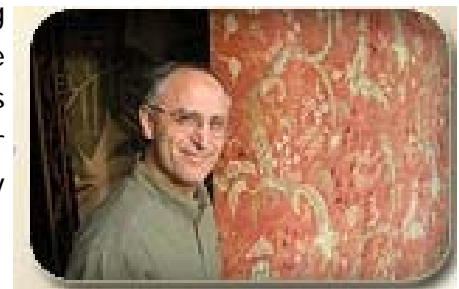
### Barry Amiri, ASA

In August of 2012 Los Angeles Magazine awarded **Barry Amiri, ASA** and his company, The Rug Affair & Antique Rug Company with the award of **Best Oriental Rug Repair** in the Los Angeles area.

The Rug Affair & Antique Rug Co. is a Los Angeles rug showroom and workshop specializing in antique Persian and Oriental rugs and variety of contemporary, modern and custom area rugs; services include Oriental and Persian rug cleaning, repair and appraisal. They have been serving the public and interior design industry since 1980. All appraisals are done by Barry Amiri, ASA, one of 7 accredited senior appraisers in the US specializing in oriental rugs certified by American Society of Appraisers.

See the link:

<http://www.lamag.com/guides/bola/Details.aspx?id=10500>



Barry Amiri, ASA

*By: Analee McClellan, ASA*

**Summary of the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Seminar "Dealing with Ivory and other Restricted Goods" November 11, 2012**

I attended the seminar on the current issues related to ivory and other parts and products from protected species which are protected under the Federal and California state regulations. This was a three hour seminar which was organized and hosted by the Appraisers National Association (ANA) and was held at the Holiday Inn in Anaheim on November 11, 2012. I commend ANA for arranging this seminar and attempting to seek education and understanding on this timely topic.

The primary trigger issue and purpose of this seminar was the recent 2012 enforcement activity and ivory confiscations by California Fish and Game ("CA F&G") representatives. Unfortunately, there was no representative from the State of California present, even though they had been invited. Instead, Walter (Mike) Osborn and Juan Ramirez from the Torrance office of the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service ("Federal F&W") attended and carried on the talk. The primary speaker was Mike Osborn, who did a great job explaining their federal role.

### 1 U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BACKGROUND

There are 150 Federal F&W members across U.S. (not many). Their offices are located in major ports. Los Angeles is the second largest port nationally. Los Angeles and Long Beach combined represents the 4th largest port in the world.

The federal purpose and goal: Stop the commercialization of endangered species.

The Federal F&W deals primarily with import and export issues. They do not get involved with State laws. The Federal F&W deals with imports and exports from other countries and occasionally a federal matter that involves two or more states, i.e., a federal law violation that crosses state lines under the Lacey Act, another federal statute.

Mr. Osborn briefly commented on the fact that neither he nor his Federal agency had known about, let alone participated in, the recent California raids this year. He thought there were a lot of internet blogs with inaccurate information.

### 2 IVORY TYPES AND IDENTIFICATION

Mr. Osborn led an interesting talk on the identification of

ivory, which he said was a crucial issue for agents of the Federal F&W in ascertaining whether or not certain objects were from an endangered species or not. Here is a brief summary of some of the identification features they look for:

**Types of ivory** Elephant. Primarily African, some Asian. Differentiated between extinct ivory and modern ivory by screen lines. Over a 120 degree angle is considered modern, under 90 degree angle is considered extinct.

Walrus Tooth. Differentiated by lines, size and shape and its "oatmeal" dentin.

Whales tooth. From Killer Whales and Sperm Whales. Used in Scrimshaw. Differentiated by rings like tree rings, small dentin, large ring around dentin.

Hippopotamus Tooth. These teeth are usually lower canine. Curved, cross section is triangular and hollow. Warthogs. These teeth are usually from Africa, section has a figure 8 shape, large cementum and dental rings.

**Ivory substitutes:** bone, shell, helmeted hornbill from New Guinea, tagua (vegetable ivory) from Brazil.

Bone has rough surface visible to the eye. Test can be done using 10% hydrochloride - bone creates bubbles, no bubbles on ivory.

Helmeted hornbill has reddish or brownish tint.

Once the Federal F&W agents have confiscated allegedly illegally imported or exported protected species parts and/or products, it is then the Regional Solicitor who determines whether or not to assert federal violations against the individuals involved.

### 3 EXEMPTION - DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IVORY AND OTHER PARTS AND PRODUCTS PROTECTED UNDER FEDERAL STATUTES ARE EXEMPT BECAUSE THEY WERE ACQUIRED BEFORE THE VARIOUS FEDERAL ACTS.

Objects that are now under various federal protective statutes may be exempt from protection under federal law. Such objects may include antiques over 100 years old, as defined under the Federal Endangered Species Act, and with no repairs or rehabilitation after 12/28/73.

**Documentary evidence to substantiate pre**

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**1975/76 Acts legal ownership:** Documentary evidence includes affidavits, letters, invoices, markings, punch die marks, lip marks, bills of sale, pictures, declarations, permits related to US, ESA, MMPA, CITES. All documentary evidence available, or required by an Act, helps in determining 3 whether any Act applies or does not apply, and if an Act does apply, whether or not exemptions exist based on status such as antiques or date of ownership.

**Scientific evidence to substantiate pre 1975/76 Acts legal ownership:** The Federal F&W owns and uses its own laboratory which is located in Oregon. The laboratory can use DNA to determine species. Very well written Identification Guidelines are available online at [www.lab.fws.gov/ivory.php](http://www.lab.fws.gov/ivory.php). This laboratory allows certain other users to use this lab, however the Federal F&W takes precedent in obtaining results first.

**Applying the Guidelines:** The identification process was broken down in the following outline form: Species Age When, How, Where acquired History Documents Does any Federal/State law apply?

**The Federal Acts that may apply to Ivory:**

- Endangered Species Act 1973
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act 1989
- CITES treaty 1974 - started with 25 countries, now over 170 Appendixes 1, 2, 3
- Lacey Act - illegal hunting transfers between states, currently applicable in Philippines coral
- 50 CFR, Parts 14, 17 Endangered Species Act, (17.40(e),
- Africa Elephant Conservation Act,
- 18 Marine Mammal Protection Act, 23 CITES

**Declarations produced to show exemption** Declarations in writing from the owner must be produced as the first step in requesting an exemption under many of the Acts. A brief outline of some of the declaration requirements per statute were discussed:

- Endangered Species Act pre Act status:
- Written declaration - Acquired before 12/28/73 Held for no commercial purpose 4
- CITES pre convention - Acquired before first date of listing in CITES (CITES is an international convention where countries all list their protective statutes and all other countries that are a member of this convention agree to uphold and enforce each others' statutes, returning objects where necessary, etc.

- Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)
- MMPA pre Act status
- Declaration
- Written declaration stating the mammal object was taken prior to 12/21/72

**4 CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 653o**

The last issue discussed was the issue that most attendees had been asking questions about, the recent confiscations in California of ivory. Unfortunately, as stated above, no representative from the CA F&G came to the seminar. Instead, Mr. Osborne had to fend for himself with several printouts taken from the State of California Department of Fish and Game website. These are listed as follows and are attached to this article for the reader's reference:

[Information Regarding CA Penal Code Section 653o](#)

[Sale of Elephant Ivory in California](#)

[Joint Article from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Dept of Fish and Game on the sale of wildlife items](#)

Mr. Osborne reiterated that this was not a federal matter under his jurisdiction or experience. He clarified again the misunderstanding that the recent confiscations in California were done by CA F&G agents, not federal agents.

The second misunderstanding that had to be clarified was that this was a California law, not a federal law matter. Specifically, California Penal Code Section 653o. This statute was originally enacted in 1970, before any of the federal protective acts cited above were born...hence the problem. This has been amended many times, including four times in the last five years.

(Since a full copy of California Penal Code Section 653o was not provided by the CA F&G to Mr. Osborne, or discussed, I have attached a full copy of both the current and effective Penal Code 653o, which terminates on January 1, 2016, see 653o(f), and the newly amended Penal Code 653o which will take effect on January 1, 2016, see 653o(e).)

The first two paragraphs only read as follows in the current Penal Code Section 653o:

*"(a) It is unlawful to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product*



thereof, of any polar bear, leopard, ocelot, tiger, cheetah, jaguar, sable antelope, wolf (*Canis lupus*), zebra, whale, cobra, python, sea turtle, colobus monkey, kangaroo, vicuna, sea otter, free-roaming feral horse, dolphin or porpoise (*Delphinidae*), Spanish lynx, or elephant.

(b) (1) Commencing January 1, 2015, it shall be unlawful to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any crocodile or alligator."

Penal Code 653o goes on with several other important provisions that can be read in their entirety in the attachment. Also, the Penal Code 653o that becomes effective January 1, 2016 should be reviewed. I will not go into Penal Code 653p, which is another important statute, as it goes beyond the scope of this seminar. Suffice to say that to truly understand the current California Penal Code 653o law both "now" and "later" both versions should be read, and also 653p.

As a Federal F&W agent Mr. Osborn could not comment any further or specifically on California law other than to refer to the attached articles he was given. He gave as much information as he could and did a wonderful job in general as someone with over approximately 25 years history with the Federal F&W.

He referred to an old cite, *Man Hing Ivory & Imports Inc. v. Deukmejian* 702 F.2d 760 (9th Cir. 1983), which is referenced in the attached article "Sale of Elephant Ivory in California: which explores the issue of when federal law "trumps" a state law that conflicts with the federal law. The problem with this federal 9th circuit case and the facts and law regarding our current California Penal Code 653o is that that this case does not necessarily apply. A state can make and enforce a state law that is "stronger" than a similar federal statute as long as it does not conflict or interfere with the federal statute. In this case, Penal Code 653o does not really interfere with, diminish or reduce the federal protective statutes currently in effect regarding the sale of items in the State of California. Therefore, Penal Code 653o, if challenged in federal court, could most likely be held to not be in conflict with federal protective statue.

So where does that leave owners of these objects such as ivory in the State of California? The bad news

is that California Penal Code 653o is the law and is in effect (see the two versions attached to this article.) The confusing news as to whether or not the CA F&G agents are going to continue to enforce this law is that they have "punted" it to the local District Attorney in each county. In the attached "Sale of Elephant Ivory in California" handout (attached) note the following statement in the fourth paragraph:

*"Penal Code provisions are typically prosecuted by the offices of locally elected District Attorneys. The Penal Code may be enforced by police officers and sheriff deputies as well as other peace officers throughout the state. Neither the California Fish and Game Code nor state wildlife regulations enforced by the Department of Fish and Game (Department) reference elephants or elephant products. Elephants are not native to California, nor do they reside in the state in the wild. Although the Department expects investigations related to the possession and/or sale of elephant ivory to be led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department's (State) Law Enforcement Division may provide assistance to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service when requested by their Special Agents."...*

What this means is that the CA F&G Department is saying Penal Code 653o is not there problem that they are responsible for enforcing, and it is a state penal code matter that is enforced by local district attorneys. So, if you want to know if this will be enforced, ask the local district attorney, not the CA F&G. Obviously this does not help anyone. It does appear that there is a "stand down" on

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the part of the CA F&G on this law now, but that does not help the California owner of ivory and other protected species parts and products under Penal Code 653o, because as long as Penal Code 653o is in effect it is "illegal" to hold for sale or sell elephant ivory and other named species parts and products.

The answer is to amend the California penal code to mirror the related federal protected species law. Until then, as they say in England, "...and there you have it."

Footnote: If you would like to receive the attachments mentioned in this article (current CA Penal Code 653o and its replacement that goes into effect 1/1/16), click on the links below or copy and paste to your Internet browser:

<http://www.appraisersla.com/?c=filedownload&id=83&h=6KSQptAus1JaFW>  
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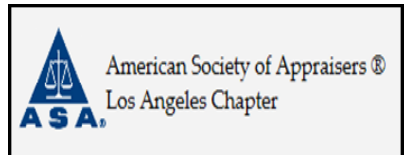
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Mr. Ohanian has been an advisor on economic policy to the U.S. Senate as well as the California State legislator and has been called upon to consult with numerous political leaders, international central banks, and the Federal Reserve System. He is a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research, and co-directs the NBER research group "Macroeconomics Across Time and Space."

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