

Staff Services Analyst Steven Moreno-Terrill gives a tour of the varietal groves.

## Site Interpreters

The California Citrus State Historic Park was founded to preserve and tell statewide stories of citrus. For 25 years, Park staff, docents, and volunteers have offered tours, public programs, and exhibits that interpret citrus from varying perspectives. They also reimagine how to engage audiences as new resources emerge. Even now, the staff is working on expansive projects such as opening visitation to the other side of the Park, where the recently restored Western Engine Water Pump is housed. To find out more about joining our team, contact Steven Moreno-Terrill at [steven.moreno-terrell@parks.ca.gov](mailto:steven.moreno-terrell@parks.ca.gov) or call (951) 689-8645.



### The Bannister House:

In 1995, the Bannister House was relocated to the Park. Half of the house served as the Park's first visitor center and the other half continues to serve as the permanent residence of the onsite caretaker. This 1920s remodel of an 1899 Victorian home fits with the Craftsman aesthetic of the nearby Sunkist Center, and conjures the experience visitors might have had upon entering a middle-class grove owner's estate.

The Visitor Center:  
The Park's central interpretive space is the visitor center and museum with exhibits tracing the beginnings of citrus cultivation until today. Although the permanent exhibition was created in 2003, a new exhibit "Finding Ourselves in the Groves" is on view in the center's entryway.



### Western Engine Water Pump:

Since 2013 Park staff and the Western Engine Restoration Team continue to restore the engine and prepare it for display. This engine pumped water at 2000 gallons per minute to thirsty groves in Highgrove, Grand Terrace, and Riverside between 1931-1961. The 17-ton gas powered engine is one of two in existence today.

