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**New monument to be dedicated October 10 at Patton State Hospital
in memory of people with disabilities who died there**

All are invited to the memorial dedication

The California Memorial Project (CMP) is recognized by the State of California as a way to respectfully remember the thousands of people with disabilities who died in institutions. "Working together to remember" is the theme of this special ceremony at Patton where a monument will be dedicated in memory of the many people with disabilities who died there over the course of its history. As an example, generations of one local family will attend to honor a mother and grandmother who died there in 1923. Family members, a poet and members of the CMP restoration team will present brief readings and comments.

The CMP project is a collaboration of three advocacy groups: Disability Rights California, People First of California and the California Network of Mental Health Clients. The program appears below.

CMP Memorial Monument Dedication Service

“Working Together To Remember”

**Monday, October 10th, 2011
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Patton State Hospital Cemetery

- Welcome** Garnet Magnus- CMP Restoration Team
Member, PSA Disability Rights California
- Purpose of Ceremony** Sheryl Bradford-CMP Restoration Team
Member, PSA Disability Rights California
- Poem Reading** “Design for Living”, by Bobbie J. Bowen
- Monument Reveal/
Dedication Comment**..... Patton State Hospital Administration Representative
- Monument Dedication
Ceremony** Patton State Hospital Chaplain Representative
- Open Mike Session**..... Public Comments Are Welcomed
- Moment of silence** 11:45 AM to 11:47 AM
- Refreshments** 11:47 to 12:00 PM