

Placer Website

Cookies

To help improve this site we place small files, known as cookies, onto your computer.

Our cookies are there to make the site work better for you, and to allow you to use services while logged in. They do this by:

- measuring how you use the website so we can improve it to meet your needs
- ensuring the website works properly
- remember the notifications you've seen so that we don't show them to you again
- identifying you once you've logged in to the site

You can manage these small files as you wish. You can even decide to stop any site from using them.

To learn more about cookies and how to manage them visit [AboutCookies.org](https://www.aboutcookies.org).

How we use cookies

We use cookies for several purposes on this website – we've listed each of them below with more details about why we use them and how long they'll last.

Measuring website usage (Google Analytics)

We use Google Analytics to collect information about how people use our site, and rough demographics as to what groups of people are using our site. We do this to make sure it's meeting your needs and to understand how we could improve it. You can [opt out of Google Analytics tracking](#).

Google Analytics stores information about:

- the pages you visit
- how long you spend on each page
- how you got to the site
- what you click on while you're here
- your broad demographic profile (age range, gender, interests)

We do not collect or store your personal information (e.g. your name or address) so this information cannot be used to identify who you are.

The following cookies are set by Google Analytics:

Name	Purpose	Expires
_ga	This helps us count how many people visit the site by tracking if you've visited before	2 years
_utma	Like _ga, this lets us know if you've visited before, so we can count how many of our visitors are new to the site or to a certain page	2 years
_utmb	This works with _utmc to calculate the average length of time you spend on the site	30 minutes
_utmc	This works with _utmb to calculate when you close your browser	when you close your browser
_utmz	This tells us how you reached the site (like from another website or a search engine)	6 months
_gat_UA-376728-1	This is used by Google Analytics to ensure its work doesn't have a big impact on the site's performance	1 day

Website operation

The system that runs our website sets cookies to allow it to run smoothly.

Name	Purpose	Expires
has_js	This tells the site whether you're using JavaScript or not	when you close your browser
visitedPreviously	randomly generated number	60 days
ssex	Allow the page to provide you with content	
adaptiveLibraryDefaultState	Used to remember your display preferences	

Logged in access

Our system uses cookies to allow you to log into the site, and access restricted content and services.

Name	Purpose	Expires
_saml_idp	Allow our identity provide to identify you	six months after last visiting the site
shibsession<number>	Allow the page to provide you with restricted content	when you close your browser
authcache drupal_user drupal_uid	Used to improve the performane of the site for logged-in users	when you close your browser