

Amynodontopsis

This is a replica, in resin and plaster, of an American Rhino that was found in Carlsbad, near the corner of Park and Neblina. It happened when earth movers were getting ready the development of new homes overlooking the Agua Hedionda Lagoon. Initially San Diego State University and the Natural History Museum were involved in processing it. Eventually it made its way to the storage facility at the University of California, Berkeley.

<https://ucmpdb.berkeley.edu/> data base of paleontology

Its full name is **Amynodontopsis bodei** and it is estimated to be older than 33 Million years old. This puts it at the limit of the Eocene era, 56 to 34 Million years ago. Eocene means new dawn, and this was when most current fauna appeared. The Eocene-Oligocene extinction event (grande coupur) occurred between 33.9 to 33.4 Million years ago, and it wiped out a large number of species around the world.

Amynodontopsis lived in North America and Eurasia. It is a Perissodactyl or hoofed mammal, having and odd number of toes: one or three. Horses, asses, zebras, tapirs and rhinoceros belong to this group.

Family: Amynodontidae ("defensive tooth")

Replica donated by Marti Rombotis.

