Appendix D

Cultural Resources Technical Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

To:	Michael Haberkorn, Gatzke Dillon & Ballance
From:	Keshia Montifolca, Archaeologist Dudek
Subject:	SDSU Brawley Sciences Building Project - Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources Technical Memo
Date:	August 24, 2023
cc:	Sarah Lozano, Kirsten Burrowes, Matthew DeCarlo, Dudek
Attachment(s):	A – Figures B – Site Photos C – Confidential SCIC Records Search Results D – NAHC Sacred Lands Search Results E – Assembly Bill 52 Outreach Letter Example F– Assembly Bill 52 Consultation Meeting Minutes

Dudek has conducted an evaluation pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code 21000, et seq., to determine the presence and potential impacts related to cultural resources and tribal cultural resources associated with the proposed California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) Imperial Valley Campus Brawley Lithium Research Hub/Brawley Sciences Building Project (project or proposed project), located east of Brawley, California. This technical memorandum provides the results of the cultural and tribal resources investigation.

1 Project Location and Setting

The project is located at 560 California State Route (SR) 78 (also referred to as Ben Hulse Highway) in Imperial County, east of the city of Brawley. Regional access to the campus is provided by SR 111 and SR 86 to the west and northwest, respectively, and SR 115 to the east (see Attachment A: Figure 1, Project Location). The proposed project site is surrounded by agricultural uses to the north, south, and west. Undeveloped land and a solar farm are located directly east of the proposed project site. The proposed lithium research hub/ Brawley Sciences building would be constructed northeast of existing campus Building 101, and the associated parking lot. Project construction staging areas would occupy the area of campus located southeast of the site and north of SR 78 (see Attachment A: Figure 2, Project Area).

2 Project Description

In September 2003, CSU certified an environmental impact report (EIR) and approved a Campus Master Plan for development of the SDSU Brawley Campus (Brawley campus or campus), which would serve as an extension of the existing SDSU Imperial Valley Campus (IVC) located in Imperial County. The IVC is an extension of SDSU's main campus located in San Diego and furthers the university's regional educational mission to provide additional educational opportunities to the outlying communities of Imperial County. The approved Campus Master Plan and certified EIR provided sufficient environmental analysis and authorization necessary for enrollment of up to 850

full-time equivalent (FTE) students and corresponding faculty and staff and provided a framework for development of the facilities necessary to serve the approved campus enrollment.

The Brawley campus is approximately 200 acres in size and is located east of the city of Brawley (city). Currently, the campus has been partially built out with educational and support facilities, although much of the campus remains undeveloped or used for active agriculture. As noted above, the environmental impacts associated with development of the Brawley campus, including a student enrollment up to 850 FTE, were evaluated at a program level of review in the previously certified 2003 SDSU Imperial Valley Campus Master Plan Project EIR (2003 EIR) (SCH 200251010). In CSU's effort to build out the IVC consistent with the previously approved Campus Master Plan, SDSU now proposes construction and operation of a sciences building, approximately 43,000 assignable square feet (sf) in size, that would be located on the Brawley campus.

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics building that would house teaching labs, lecture spaces, faculty/administration offices, research spaces, and conference rooms, as well as mechanical, electrical, and telecom support spaces. The proposed project does not include/propose any increase in the previously authorized and approved maximum student enrollment of 850 FTE.

The proposed project site is approximately 3.2-acres in size and the construction staging areas would occupy approximately 1-acre of campus located southeast of the site and north of SR 78. The project includes 61,119 sf of on-site landscaping, including the construction of bio-retention areas to capture stormwater runoff from stormwater drainages systems that will be located throughout the project site. Hardscape improvements will include 41,297 sf of sidewalks and pedestrian walkways, which will connect the project site to existing campus buildings and parking lot.

Additionally, the project will require new points of connection to domestic water, fire water, and sewer lines from existing utility lines to serve the new building, as well as new domestic water line infrastructure. Potable water will be provided by the city of Brawley, as well as sewer and wastewater collection services. New utility infrastructure will also be required to support electrical services for the building, as well as a back-up diesel operated generator.

The proposed project building would have an area of 36,900 gross sf and would be approximately 35 feet in height. The project is projected to be built over the course of 19 months, with construction beginning in January 2024 and ending in approximately September 2025.Construction and equipment staging would require 1-acre of space within the campus, directly east of the existing building (Building 101) and parking lot. The project would involve site preparation, grading, and excavation associated with project construction. Excavation depths are anticipated to be 2 to 5 feet. Waste (i.e., excavated gravel/soil) generated during project construction would be balanced within the site.

3 Analysis Methodology

The analysis considers the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project relative to existing conditions. Establishment of the project site's existing cultural resource conditions has been prepared using information contained in the previously certified 2003 SDSU Imperial Valley Campus Master Plan Project EIR (SDSU 2003), with the information updated, as applicable, with recent California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS)

records search results, Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) sacred lands file (SLF) search results, pedestrian survey results, archival research, and information provided by culturally affiliated Tribal groups.

4 Cultural Resources

4.1 Existing Conditions and Methods

4.1.1 Records Search

Dudek conducted a California Historical Resources Information Search (CHRIS) records search at the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) for the project area and a 1-mile radius buffer around the project area on November 2, 2022. The records search revealed that 14 previous cultural resources studies have been completed within 1-mile of the project area; these 14 previous studies are listed in Table 1 below. Of the 14 studies, three of these previous studies intersect the current project area and are noted as such in Table 1. These three studies include one cultural resources inventory report, one historic property survey report, and one cultural resources identification study. Based on the previous studies, the entire project area has been studied and no cultural resources have been identified within the project area boundaries. The results of the records search are included in Confidential Attachment C.

Table 1. Previous Cultural Studies within 1-mile of the Project Area

Report Number	Year	Title	Author	Proximity
IM-00187	1979	CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF AREAS AFFECTED BY REJECT STREAM REPLACEMENT PROJECTS	ECKHARDT, WILLIAM T.	Outside
IM-00189	1979	CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY OF AREAS AFFECTED BY REJECT STREAM REPLACEMENT PROJECTS	ECKHARDT, WILLIAM	Outside
IM-00193	1979	ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHASE I SURVEY REPORT - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION DETOUR OF ALAMO RIVER BRIDGE 58-118 EAST OF BRAWLEY	GOLDBERG, DONNA	Outside
IM-00476	1993	CULTURAL RESOURCE RECORDS SEARCH FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY LINE 6902 SOUTH IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	SINGER, CLAY A., JOHN ATWOOD, and SHELLEY MARIE GOMES	Outside
IM-00545	1979	ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHASE I SURVEY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION DETOUR OF ALAMO BRIDGE 58-118 EAST OF BRAWLEY	GOLDBERG, DONNA	Outside
IM-00659	1998	A CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY OF THE M TRANSMISSION LINE POLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, IMPERIAL	DOLAN, CHRISTY C. V.	Intersects

Table 1. Previous Cultural Studies within 1-mile of the Project Area

Report Number	Year	Title	Author	Proximity
		IRRIGATION DISTRICT, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA		
IM-00671	1999	HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY FOR STATE ROUTE 78/111 BRAWLEY BIPASS	CRAFTS, KAREN C.	Outside
IM-00834	1998	NEGATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE ROUTE 78/111 BRAWLEY BYPASS	CRAFTS, KAREN C.	Outside
IM-00835	1998	HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY REPORT FOR THE BRAWLEY BY-PASS IMPERIAL COUNTY	FISHER, JIM	Outside
IM-00847	2003	NEGATIVE HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY REPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO SR-78 ASSOCIATED WITH EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN NORTHEASTERN IMPERIAL COUNTY	ROSEN, MARTIN	Intersects
IM-00848	2002	CULTURAL RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION STUDY FOR SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY IMPERIAL VALLEY CAMPUS, BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA	ECKHARDT, WILLIAM T.	Intersects
IM-01230	2006	SHANK ROAD-ALAMO RIVER WETLANDS (AR21) PROJECT	BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	Outside
IM-01231	2005	ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MONITORING OF EIGHT BORE HOLE LOCATIONS AT THE SHANK ROAD PILOT WETLAND PROJECT LOCATED NEAR ALAMORIO IN THE VICINITY OF BRAWLEY, IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	BUDINGER, FRED E.	Outside

Previously Recorded Resources

The SCIC records search revealed that no cultural resources have been recorded within the project area. The records search results did identify three cultural resources within 1-mile of the project area (Table 2). All three resources identified in the 1-mile search radius are historical and consist of a ranch complex and two isolates. The results of the records search and all Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms are included in Confidential Attachment C.

Table 2. Previously Recorded Cultural Resources Within 1-Mile of the Project Area

Primary Number	Trinomial	Age	Description	Proximity
P-13-008011	-	Historic	Best Property/Johnson Ranch	Outside
P-13-008344	-	Historic	Isolate: glass fragment	Outside

P-13-008345	-	Historic	Isolate: earthenware plate	Outside

4.1.2 Archival Research

Dudek consulted historic maps and aerial photographs to understand the development of the project area. Historic aerial photographs of the project were available for 1953, 1984, 1985, 1996, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020 (NETR 2022). The 1953 historic photograph shows the project area as agricultural fields. In the 1984 aerial, the agricultural fields have been cleared. No substantial changes occur in the 1985 aerial. In the 1996 aerial, the vegetation has been cleared and no changes are observed in the 2002 aerial. In the 2005 aerial, the Brawley campus area has been cleared and buildings are in construction. The southern half of the Brawley Sciences building project area is graded, and the northern half consists of agricultural fields. The proposed staging area also consists of agricultural fields. By 2009, the campus is developed with a paved parking lot. The southern half of the Brawley Sciences building project area includes a shaded seating area and the northern half remains unchanged. In the 2010 aerial, the vegetation has been cleared. In the 2012 aerial, some clearing is observed to the east of the SDSU campus. In the 2014 aerial, two structures are observed to the west of the SDSU campus, and panels are observed in the eastern section of the project area. Additionally, the vegetation in the northern section of the project area has been cleared. No substantial changes are observed in the 2016 aerial. In the 2018 aerial, the two structures east of the SDSU campus have been removed, and 16 panels are observed. The vegetation has also been cleared throughout the project area and surrounding area. In the 2020 aerial, conditions look similar to present day conditions. This review of the historic aerial images demonstrates that the project Area has undergone substantial earth movement from the construction of the campus and agricultural activities. There are no historic-age structures present in the project area or staging area.

Historic topographic maps were also reviewed (earliest available is 1945). None of the topography maps show any structures located within the project area.

4.1.3 Review of Geomorphological Context

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services (USDA 2023), one soil type is mapped in the project area, including Imperial silty clay, wet, located within the project area. The Imperial soil series generally occur in settings with basin floors at elevations ranging from -230 to 200 feet and are comprised of clayey alluvium derived from mixed and/or clayey lacustrine deposits (USDA 2023). Reoccurring alluvial action and flooding serve to support the development and presence of cultural deposits in the area. Since there are alluvial soils present throughout the project area, there is moderate potential for subsurface cultural resources.

4.1.4 NAHC and Tribal Correspondence

Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File Search

Dudek requested a NAHC search of the SLF on December 14, 2022 for the project area. The SLF consists of a database of known Native American resources. These resources may not be included in the SCIC database. The NAHC replied on December 27, 2022, with results indicating the potential presence of relevant resources within the geographic area. The NAHC additionally provided a list of Native American Tribes and individuals/organizations with traditional geographic associations that might have knowledge of cultural resources in this area. Outreach

letters were mailed on February 21, 2023, to all Native American group representatives included on the NAHC contact list. These letters sought to solicit additional information relating to Native American resources that may be impacted by the project. Native American representatives were requested to define a general area where known resources intersect the project area. Follow up emails were sent on March 7, 2023. Three responses have been received to date. The Quechan Indian Tribe responded on March 2, 2023, stating that they do not wish to comment on this project. The Jamul Indian Village responded on March 8, 2023, stating that they would like to defer to Tribes located closer to the project. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians responded on March 8, 2023, asking for the project description and ground disturbance Dudek provided the requested information to the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians on March 10, 2023), and on March 10, 2023, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians responded that the project has cultural significance or ties to Viejas, that cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the area of potential effect – direct effect (APE-DE) of the proposed project, and a request that a Kumeyaay Cultural Monitor be on site for ground disturbing activities, to be informed of any new developments, and would defer to Tribes closer to the project if they would like to conduct cultural monitoring. The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians responded on April 18, 2023 to Dudek's information request letter, stating that the project is not within the boundaries of the San Pasqual Indian Reservation, however, it is within the boundaries of the territory that the tribe considers its Traditional Use Area (TUA), and that they would like to engage in government-to-government consultation under CEQA. The NAHC correspondence is included in Attachment D.

Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation

The project is subject to compliance with AB 52 (California Public Resources Code [PRC], Section 21074), which requires consideration of impacts to tribal cultural resources as part of the CEQA process, and that the lead agency notify California Native American Tribal representatives (that have requested notification) who are traditionally or culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. Although no tribes previously requested such notice, CSU/SDSU, as lead agency, sent letters on March 14, 2023 to all tribes included on the previously referenced NAHC list. The letters contained the following information: a project description and location description; a request for input relative to tribal cultural resources in the area; an outline of timing relative to the AB 52 process; an opportunity for consultation; and, contact information for the appropriate lead agency representative. A copy of a representative AB 52 letter is included in Attachment E.

To date, one response to the letters was received. The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation responded on April 4, 2023 and determined that the project is not within the boundaries of the recognized Sycuan Indian Reservation, however, it is within the boundaries of the Kumeyaay Nation's traditional territory. The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians' letter stated it would like to consult on the project and would like the records for sacred land sites within a one-mile buffer, any known archaeological site records within a one-mile buffer, and cultural and environmental studies/report of the project area. Sycuan also recommended to contact other Kumeyaay Tribes such as Viejas, Barona, Campo, Manzanita, La Posta, and Jamul; each of these Tribes was included in the AB 52 notification mailing.

Thus, in response to the initial outreach letter and the separate AB 52 letter, two tribes requested AB 52 consultation: the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians.

On July 31, 2023, a meeting was held between representatives of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and CSU/SDSU. During the meeting, SDSU representatives provided an overview of the proposed project and explained the findings of the cultural resources technical memo prepared by Dudek; relevant excerpts of the technical memo

also were provided to San Pasqual Band in advance of the meeting. In response, the San Pasqual Band asked if the site was monitored by tribes when the existing building was first constructed, and SDSU responded that there was no record of any such monitoring. The San Pasqual Band requested an opportunity to monitor construction activities during project-related ground-disturbing activities associated with the current project and SDSU explained that the request could be accommodated based on a rotating schedule with other tribes that also requested to monitor the project.

On August 4, 2023, a meeting between representatives of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians and CSU/SDSU was held. As with the San Pasqual meeting, SDSU representatives provided an overview of the proposed project and explained the findings of the cultural resources technical memo prepared by Dudek; relevant excerpts of the technical memo also were provided to the Sycuan Band in advance of the meeting. In response, the Sycuan Band asked if artifacts were found on site during past projects and SDSU replied not to its knowledge. The Sycuan Band requested a site visit, along with an opportunity to conduct tribal monitoring during project-related ground-disturbing activities. SDSU responded that the site visit would be arranged and tribal monitoring could be accommodated based on a rotating schedule with other tribes that also requested to monitor project construction.

Meeting minutes of both tribal consultation meetings are included in Appendix F.

4.1.5 Intensive Pedestrian Survey

Dudek archaeologist Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA, conducted an intensive-level pedestrian survey of the project area on February 22, 2023. All survey work was conducted employing standard archaeological procedures and techniques consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. The ground surface was examined for prehistoric artifacts (e.g., flaked stone tools, tool-making debris, stone milling tools, ceramics, fire-affected rock), soil discoloration that might indicate the presence of a cultural midden, soil depressions, features indicative of the current or former presence of structures or buildings (e.g., standing exterior walls, post holes, foundations), and historic artifacts (e.g., metal, glass, ceramics, building materials). Ground disturbances such as burrows, cut banks, and drainages were also visually inspected for exposed subsurface materials.

The project area is flat and has been previously disturbed from the construction of the existing campus structures, parking lot, shaded seating area, earthen irrigation ditches, access dirt roads, storage area, and active agricultural field. Little to no vegetation was observed within the southern section of the project area and staging area and ground visibility was excellent (100%). The northern section of the project area consists of an active agricultural field and ground visibility was fair at (60-70%). Within the project area, a chain-linked fence separates the southern portion from the active agricultural field. A shaded seating area with gravel shows evidence of disturbance from vehicle tire tracks (Attachment B: Photo 1). North of the chain-linked fence is a graded dirt access road (Attachment B: Photo 2), with an earthen irrigation ditch and culvert pipe to the north of the road (Attachment B: Photo 3). North of the ditch is another dirt access road, and plastic pipes are observed within the cut of the access road and the agricultural field (Attachment B: Photo 4). The northern half of the project area consists of an active agricultural field (Attachment B: Photo 5).

The proposed staging area is located southeast of the proposed project area. The area is flat, mostly unvegetated, and shows evidence of disturbance from vehicle tire tracks and a chain-linked fence surrounds the perimeter of the area (Attachment B: Photo 6). Pieces of modern glass, irrigation pipes, and guywire are observed throughout the staging area (Attachment B: Photo 7). More evidence of disturbance can be observed throughout the staging area

in the form of bioturbation, erosion, and buried irrigation pipes (Attachment B: Photo 8). No artifacts or features were identified during this survey.

4.1.6 Summary of Research and Conclusion

The current cultural resources inventory was completed to satisfy the requirements of CEQA. *Dudek's cultural resources inventory of the project indicates that there is low sensitivity for identifying intact subsurface cultural resource deposits during project implementation.* A records search from the SCIC did not identify any cultural resources within the project area. Additionally, an intensive pedestrian survey did not identify any cultural resources within the project area. The project area has been disturbed from the shaded seating area, adjacent parking lot and existing campus structures, graded access roads, irrigation ditches, and active agricultural field. No cultural resources are present within the project area. The review of aerial photographs reveals that a majority of the project area has been heavily disturbed by construction of the existing campus structures and agricultural activities. Any intact subsurface archaeological deposits that were present would have been disturbed by years of continuous agricultural activities and would no longer remain intact.

Specific to Native American resources, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians stated that cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the APE-DE of the proposed project, though the exact locations were not specified. As such, Viejas requests that a Kumeyaay Cultural Monitor be on site for ground disturbing activities. *Dudek's assessment, however, found no evidence of cultural resources within the project area and determines that no historical resources, as defined under CEQA, would be impacted by the project.* This includes no direct, indirect, or cumulative impacts. *In consideration of the negative results of the intensive-level survey and archival research, Dudek recommends no further archaeological efforts or mitigation, including cultural construction monitoring, to be necessary in support of implementation of the project.*

In compliance with AB 52, SDSU, as lead agency, is responsible for conducting government to government consultation with pertinent tribal entities relative to tribal cultural resources. To date, as discussed above, one request for consultation was received in response to SDSU's initial outreach letter and a second consultation request was received in response to SDSU's AB 52 notification letters. The two tribes requesting AB 52 consultation were: the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians.

As previously described, a consultation meeting with the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians was held on July 31, 2023, and a consultation meeting with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians was held on August 4, 2023. Neither tribe identified the location of any tribal cultural resources within the project area during the meetings. However, in response to a request by each tribe, SDSU will accommodate cultural resources monitoring during project-related ground-disturbing activities.

4.2 Regulatory Framework

The California Register of Historic Resources (Public Resources Code section 5020 et seq.)

Under CEQA, the term "historical resource" includes but is not limited to "any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript which is historically or archaeologically significant, or is significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California" (California Public Resources Code section 5020.1(j)). In 1992, the California legislature

established the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) "to be used by state and local agencies, private groups, and citizens to identify the state's historical resources and to indicate what properties are to be protected, to the extent prudent and feasible, from substantial adverse change" (California Public Resources Code section 5024.1(a)). A resource is eligible for listing in the CRHR if the State Historical Resources Commission determines that it is a significant resource and that it meets any of the following National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) criteria:

- Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage.
- Associated with the lives of persons important in our past.
- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values.
- Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

(California Public Resources Code section 5024.1(c).) Resources less than 50 years old are not considered for listing in the CRHR but may be considered if it can be demonstrated that sufficient time has passed to understand the historical importance of the resource (see 14 CCR, section 4852(d)(2)).

The CRHR protects cultural resources by requiring evaluations of the significance of prehistoric and historic resources. The criteria for the CRHR are nearly identical to those for the NRHP, and properties listed or formally designated as eligible for listing on the NRHP are automatically listed on the CRHR, as are the state landmarks and points of interest. The CRHR also includes properties designated under local ordinances or identified through local historical resource surveys. The State Historic Preservation Officer maintains the CRHR.

Native American Historic Cultural Sites (California Public Resources Code section 5097 et seq.)

State law addresses the disposition of Native American burials in archaeological sites and protects such remains from disturbance, vandalism, or inadvertent destruction; establishes procedures to be implemented if Native American skeletal remains are discovered during construction of a project; and establishes the NAHC to resolve disputes regarding the disposition of such remains. In addition, the Native American Historic Resource Protection Act makes it a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail to deface or destroy an Indian historic or cultural site that is listed or may be eligible for listing in the CRHR.

California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

The California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (California Repatriation Act), enacted in 2001, required all state agencies and museums that receive state funding and that have possession or control over collections of human remains or cultural items, as defined, to complete an inventory and summary of these remains and items on or before January 1, 2003, with certain exceptions. The California Repatriation Act also provides a process for the identification and repatriation of these items to the appropriate tribes.

California Environmental Quality Act

As described further below, the following CEQA statutes and CEQA Guidelines are of relevance to the analysis of archaeological and historic resources:

1. California Public Resources Code section 21083.2(g): Defines "unique archaeological resource."
2. California Public Resources Code section 21084.1 and CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(a): Define historical resources. In addition, CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(b) defines the phrase "substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource;" it also defines the circumstances when a project would materially impair the significance of a historical resource.
3. California Public Resources Code section 5097.98 and CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(e): Set forth standards and steps to be employed following the accidental discovery of human remains in any location other than a dedicated ceremony.
4. California Public Resources Code sections 21083.2(b)-(c) and CEQA Guidelines section 15126.4: Provide information regarding the mitigation framework for archaeological and historic resources, including options of preservation-in-place mitigation measures; preservation-in-place is the preferred manner of mitigating impacts to significant archaeological sites because it maintains the relationship between artifacts and the archaeological context, and may also help avoid conflict with religious or cultural values of groups associated with the archaeological site(s).

Under CEQA, a project may have a significant effect on the environment if it may cause "a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource" (California Public Resources Code section 21084.1; CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(b)). If a site is either listed or eligible for listing in the CRHR, or if it is included in a local register of historic resources, or identified as significant in a historical resources survey (meeting the requirements of California Public Resources Code section 5024.1(q)), it is a "historical resource" and is presumed to be historically or culturally significant for purposes of CEQA (California Public Resources Code section 21084.1; CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(a)). The lead agency is not precluded from determining that a resource is a historical resource even if it does not fall within this presumption (California Public Resources Code section 21084.1; CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(a)).

A "substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource" reflecting a significant effect under CEQA means "physical demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration of the resource or its immediate surroundings such that the significance of an historical resource would be materially impaired" (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(b)(1); California Public Resources Code section 5020.1(q)). In turn, the significance of a historical resource is materially impaired when a project:

1. Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of an historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its inclusion in, or eligibility for, inclusion in the California Register; or
2. Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics that account for its inclusion in a local register of historical resources pursuant to section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code or its identification in an historical resources survey meeting the requirements of section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code, unless the public agency reviewing the effects of the project establishes by a preponderance of evidence that the resource is not historically or culturally significant; or

3. Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of a historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its eligibility for inclusion in the California Register as determined by a lead agency for purposes of CEQA.

See Section 7.1, below for a discussion of the CEQA guidelines for determining significance and mitigating impacts to unique archaeological resources.

Assembly Bill 52

California AB 52, which took effect July 1, 2015, establishes a consultation process between California Native American Tribes and lead agencies, to be conducted as part of the CEQA process, to address tribal concerns regarding project impacts and mitigation to "tribal cultural resources" (TCR). Public Resources Code section 21074(a) defines TCRs and states that a project that has the potential to cause a substantial adverse change to a TCR is a project that may have an adverse effect on the environment. A TCR is defined as a site, feature, place, cultural landscape, sacred place, and object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that is either:

1. listed or eligible for listing in the CRHR or a local register of historical resources, or
2. determined by a lead agency to be a TCR.

Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98

CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 assigns special importance to human remains and specifies procedures to be used when Native American remains are discovered. As described below, these procedures are detailed in California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Section 5097.98.

California law protects Native American burials, skeletal remains, and associated grave goods, regardless of their antiquity, and provides for the sensitive treatment and disposition of those remains. Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires that if human remains are discovered in any place other than a dedicated cemetery, no further disturbance or excavation of the site or nearby area reasonably suspected to contain human remains shall occur until the County coroner has examined the remains (California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5[b]). If the coroner determines or has reason to believe the remains are those of a Native American, the coroner must contact the NAHC within 24 hours (California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5[c]). In accordance with California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98(a), the NAHC will notify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner, the MLD may inspect the site of discovery. Within 48 hours of being granted access to the site, the MLD may recommend means of treatment or disposition, with appropriate dignity, of the human remains and associated grave goods.

5 Impact Analysis and Conclusions for Cultural Resources

5.1 Thresholds of Significance

The significance criteria used to evaluate the project impacts to cultural resources are based on Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Chptr. 3, sections 15000-15387.). A significant impact under CEQA would occur if the project would:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?

5.2 Impact Analysis

a) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?

Impacts to historical resources pursuant to §15064.5 were evaluated in the IS prepared for the 2003 Campus Master Plan EIR, which concluded that no significant impacts to historical resources would occur.

Dudek's cultural resources inventory of the project indicates that there is low sensitivity for identifying intact subsurface historical resource deposits during project implementation. A records search from the SCIC did not identify any historical resources within the project area. Additionally, an intensive pedestrian survey did not identify any historical resources within the project area. The project area has been disturbed from the shaded seating area, adjacent parking lot and existing campus structures, graded access roads, irrigation ditches, and active agricultural field. No historical resources pursuant to §15064.5 were identified within the project area. Aerial photographs show that the project area has been disturbed by active agricultural fields since 1953, and structures only appeared within the project area in 2009. There are no historic-era (greater than 45 years old) structures within the project area. Therefore, the project would not result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5 and potential impacts to historic resources as a result of project implementation would be **less than significant**.

b) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?

Impacts to archaeological resources pursuant to §15064.5 were evaluated in Section 3.5 Cultural Resources of the Campus Master Plan 2003 EIR. A mitigation measure was adopted that outlines response protocol and requirements in the event that potential resources are discovered during excavation and/or construction associated with buildout of the campus (See MMRP page 11-2 through 11-3)[1]. With implementation of the mitigation measure, impacts were determined to be less than significant.

[1] **3.5 Cultural Resources Mitigation Measure** included on Page 11-2 through 11-3 of the 2003 EIR: (1) It is recommended that if an initial finding within the project area where no known resources have been recorded is made, appropriate contact with the local Native American group per the Native American Heritage Commission will ensue, in accordance with the SDSU construction contract conditions, which state that: "If the Contractor discovers any artifacts during excavation and/or construction, the Contractor shall stop all affected work and notify the Trustees, who -will call in a qualified archaeologist designated by the California Archaeological Inventory to assess the discovery and suggest further mitigation, as necessary. If the Contractor discovers human remains, the Contractor shall notify the Trustees, who will be responsible for contacting the county corner and a qualified archaeologist. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the Trustees shall contact the appropriate tribal representatives to oversee removal of the remains." If any buried cultural deposits are discovered during construction, development should be suspended and the discovery protected and evaluated for its potential eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources.

Dudek's cultural resources inventory of the project indicates that there is low sensitivity for identifying intact subsurface archaeological resource deposits during project implementation. A records search from the SCIC did not identify any archaeological resources within the project area. Additionally, an intensive pedestrian survey did not identify any archaeological resources within the project area. The project area has been disturbed from the shaded seating area, adjacent parking lot and existing campus structures, graded access roads, irrigation ditches, and active agricultural field. No archaeological resources pursuant to §15064.5 were identified within the project area. The review of aerial photographs reveals that a majority of the project area has been heavily disturbed by construction of the existing campus structures and agricultural activities. Any intact archaeological subsurface deposits that were present would have been disturbed by years of continuous agricultural activities and would no longer remain intact.

However, because the project includes ground disturbance associated with construction of the new building, the potential to encounter and/or destroy previously undiscovered archaeological materials or features during earth-moving activities exists. Any substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5 would be a potentially significant impact. The Cultural Resources mitigation measure included in the 2003 EIR MMRP and previously adopted by the CSU, in addition to mitigation measure CUL-1, presented below, would reduce potentially significant impacts to a **less-than-significant** level by requiring construction to halt in the event of an archaeological discovery during construction activities, and evaluation of the find by a qualified archaeologist.

CUL-1: If CSU/SDSU, or its designee, discovers, through the building contractor, any artifacts during excavation and/or construction of the Brawley Sciences building, CSU/SDSU shall direct the contractor to stop all affected work and call in a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards to assess the discovery and, if necessary, suggest further mitigation. If CSU/SDSU, or its designee, discovers, through the Contractor, human remains during construction of the Brawley Sciences building, CSU/SDSU, or its designee, shall contact the county corner and a qualified archaeologist. If the remains are determined to be Native American, CSU/SDSU shall contact the appropriate tribal representatives to oversee removal of the remains. If any buried cultural deposits are discovered during construction, development should be suspended or directed to another location and the discovery protected and evaluated for its potential eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). Construction activities may continue in other areas, but should be redirected a safe distance from the find. If the new discovery is evaluated and found to be significant under CEQA or eligible for listing on the NRHP or the CRHR and avoidance is not feasible, additional work such as data recovery may be warranted. Following evaluation by a qualified archaeologist and in consultation with CSU/SDSU, construction shall be permitted to resume.

c) Would the project disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?

The IS prepared for the 2003 EIR determined that no impacts to human remains would occur within the campus boundaries. However, as previously noted, 3.5 Cultural Resources Mitigation Measure was adopted, which notes that SDSU construction contracts address the discovery of human remains and require notification of the County Coroner and a qualified archaeologist in the event of such discovery, and if the remains are determined to be Native American, require contact of the appropriate tribal representatives to oversee removal of the remains.

The project area is not used as a cemetery and is not otherwise known to contain human remains. The pedestrian field survey conducted for the project did not identify any human remains or find any indications that they would be expected to be found at the project area. However, although unlikely, there is the possibility of human remains being discovered during project-related ground disturbing activities. If remains are discovered during project construction activities, SDSU and its construction contractor, consistent with the previously adopted mitigation measure, would comply with procedures set forth in the California Public Resources Code (Section 5097.98) and State Health and Safety Code (Section 7050.5).

In accordance with Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code, if human remains are found, the County Coroner shall be immediately notified of the discovery. No further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains shall occur until the appropriate treatment and disposition of the human remains. If the County Coroner determines that the remains are, or are believed to be, Native American, he or she shall notify the NAHC in Sacramento within 24 hours. In accordance with California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, the NAHC must immediately notify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely descendant (MLD) from the deceased Native American. The MLD shall complete inspection within 48 hours of being granted access to the site and make recommendations for the treatment and disposition, in consultation with the property owner, of the human remains.

Compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and California Public Resources Code Section 5097, in combination with the previously adopted mitigation measure, would ensure avoidance or minimized disturbance of potentially encountered human remains as well as appropriate treatment of any remains that are discovered. Impacts would be **less than significant**.

6 Impact Analysis and Conclusions for Tribal Cultural Resources

6.1 Thresholds of Significance

The significance criteria used to evaluate the project impacts to tribal cultural resources are based on Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. According to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, a significant impact under CEQA would occur if the project would:

1. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:
    a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in the local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k); or
    b. A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

6.2 Impact Analysis

a) ***Would the Project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, as defined in PRC Section 21074, as either a site, feature, place, or cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is a resource listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in PRC, Section 5020.1(k)?***

and

Would the Project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in PRC Section 21074, as either a site, feature, place, or cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is a resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in PRC, Section 5024.1(c)? In applying the criteria set forth in PRC, Section 5024.1(c), the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.

The IS prepared for the 2003 EIR did not analyze impacts to TCRs as AB 52 went into effect on July 1, 2015 and, therefore, was not in effect at the time of EIR preparation.

Dudek's cultural resources inventory of the project site included a records search from the SCIC, archival research, NAHC outreach, and a pedestrian survey. The SCIC records search did not identify any cultural resources within the project area and the pedestrian survey did not identify any cultural resources within the project area.

A search of the NAHC SLF was conducted and the NAHC replied on December 27, 2022, with results indicating the potential presence of relevant resources within the geographic area. The NAHC additionally provided a list of Native American Tribes and individuals/organizations with traditional geographic associations that might have knowledge of cultural resources in this area. Outreach letters were mailed on February 21, 2023, to all Native American group representatives included on the NAHC contact list. These letters sought to solicit additional information relating to Native American resources that may be impacted by construction and development of the project. Three responses have been received to date and no TCRs have been identified within the project area.

In compliance with AB 52, CSU/SDSU, as lead agency, is responsible for conducting government to government consultation with pertinent tribal entities. In accordance with the law's requirements, SDSU mailed AB 52 notification letters to all tribes NAHC recommended tribes on March 14, 2023. In response, one letter was received from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. The Sycuan Band requested: to consult on the project; the records for sacred land sites within a one-mile buffer; any known archaeological site records within a one-mile buffer; and, the cultural and environmental studies/report prepared for the project area. The Sycuan Band also recommended SDSU contact other Kumeyaay Tribes such as Viejas, Barona, Campo, Manzanita, La Posta, and Jamul; each of these Tribes was included in the AB 52 notification mailing.

In addition to the AB 52 letters, SDSU also sent out an initial mailing to all NAHC recommended tribes describing the proposed project and seeking any input relative to tribal cultural resources. In response to that mailing, the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians requested consultation on the project.

In response to the two consultation requests, a meeting between representatives of CSU/SDSU and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians was held on July 31, 2023 and a meeting with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians was held on August 4, 2023. During the AB 52 consultation meetings with both tribes, no tribal cultural resources were identified by either tribe within the project area. However, at the request of both tribes, SDSU will provide for rotating cultural resources monitoring by a representative of the two tribes during project construction activities.

Mitigation measure CUL-2, presented below, would reduce potentially significant impacts to a **less-than-significant** level by requiring cultural resources monitoring during construction.

CUL-2: Although the potential for discovery of tribal cultural resources on the project site is considered low, in response to requests made during AB 52 consultation meetings, CSU/SDSU shall authorize tribal monitoring of such resources during project construction grading activities and shall provide appropriate remuneration for such monitoring consistent with standard practices. SDSU retains the authority to select the monitor, which shall be provided by either the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation or the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Such monitoring by a single tribal monitor shall be authorized on a daily basis during project construction grading activities; however, in the event a monitor is not available on any given day, project construction activities may continue uninterrupted. In the event tribal cultural resources are inadvertently encountered during project construction activities, work in the immediate area must stop and a qualified archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Standards shall assess the discovery in consultation with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation and the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians to evaluate the resource and develop a plan for treatment and disposition of the resource. If avoidance is not feasible, additional work such as data recovery may be warranted. Following evaluation by a qualified archaeologist, in consultation with the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, and CSU/SDSU, construction shall be permitted to resume.

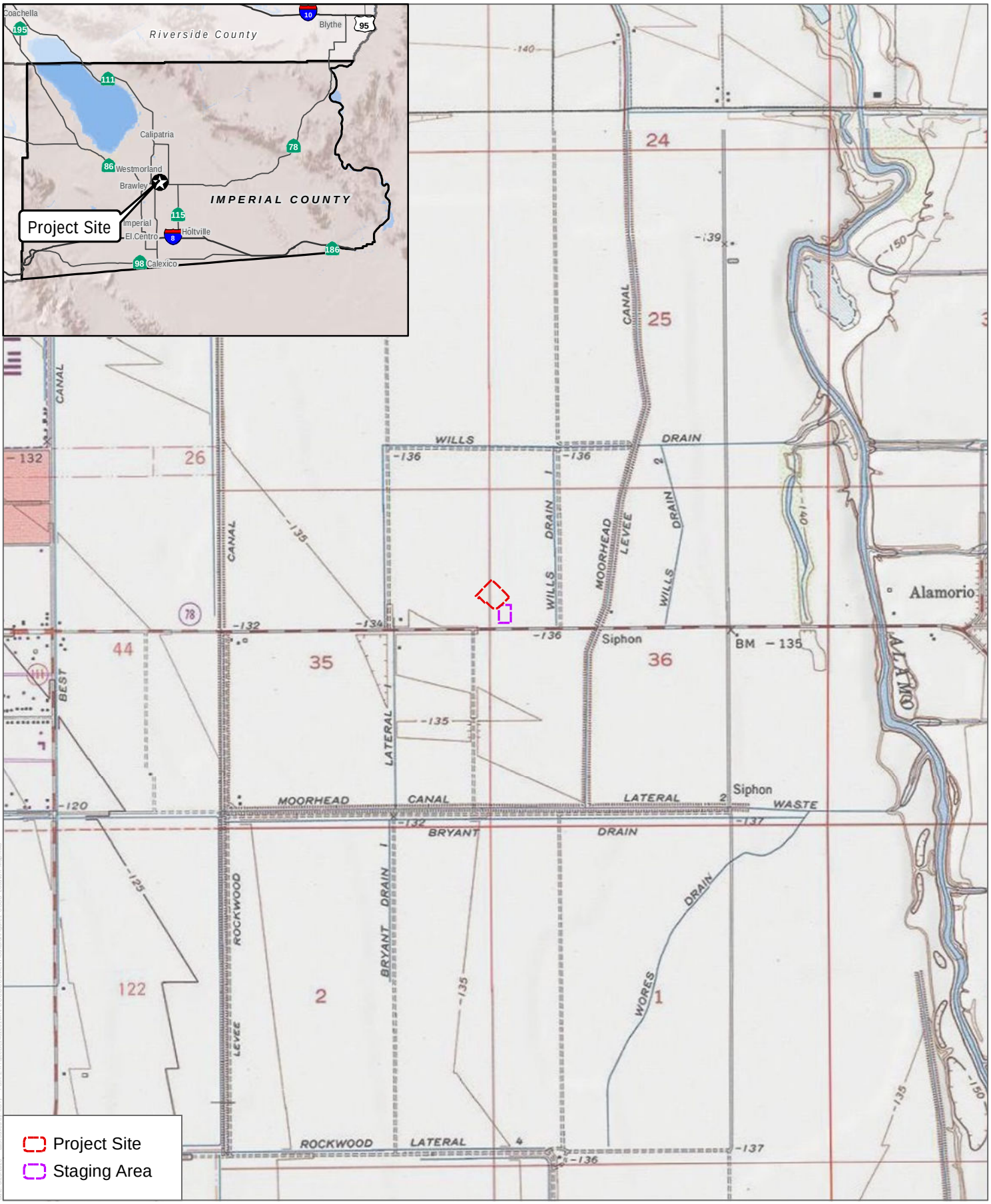
7 References

NETR (National Environmental Title Research). 2023. Address search SDSU Brawley Campus, California. Accessed February 23, 2022 http://www.historicaerials.com/

SDSU (San Diego State University). 2003. SDSU Imperial Valley Campus Master Plan Project (SCH No. 200251010).

USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture). 2023. Web Soil Survey. USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil Survey Staff. Accessed February 28, 2023. http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov

Attachment A
Figures



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Alamorio, Quadrangles
Township 13S; Range 14E; Sections 35, 36

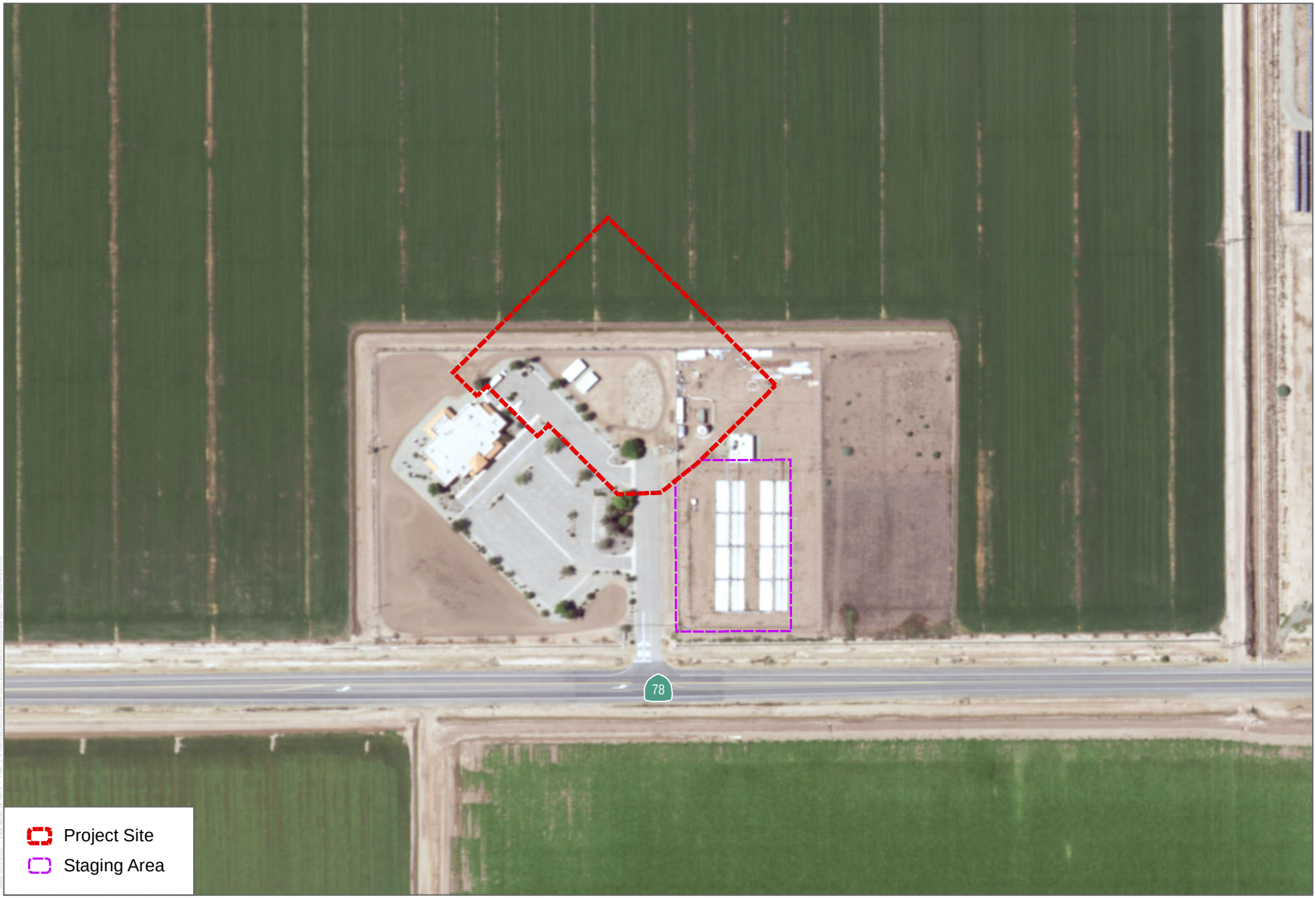
DUDEK

0 1,000 2,000 Feet
0 285 570 Meters
1:24,000

FIGURE 1

Project Location

SDSU Brawley Sciences Building Project



SOURCE: NAIP 2020

DUDEK

0 80 160 Feet

FIGURE 2

Project Area

SDSU Brawley Sciences Building Project

Attachment B
Site Photos



Photo 1: View of shaded seating area, in the southern half of the Project area, view facing west.



Photo 2: View of dirt access road in central portion of the Project area, view facing west.



Photo 3: View of earthen irrigation ditch and adjacent dirt roads in the central portion of the Project area, view facing west.



Photo 4: View of dirt road and agricultural field in the central portion of the Project area, view facing northwest.



Photo 5: View of mowed agriculture field in the northern section of the Project area, view facing north.



Photo 6: View of the proposed staging area located in the western section, view facing south.



Photo 7: View of the proposed staging area located in the central section, view facing southeast.



Photo 8: View of the proposed staging area located in the central section, view facing south.

Confidential Attachment C

SCIC Records Search Results

Attachment D

NAHC Sacred Lands Search Results

From: Keshia Montifolca
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 2:47 PM
To: nahc@nahc.ca.gov
Subject: Sacred Lands Search -SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (14812)
Attachments: Sacred Lands File Contact Form - SDSU Brawley.pdf

Hi,

Please see attached for a Sacred Lands File Search request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (14812). Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you!

Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist

605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024
O: 619.949.3082 C: 619.372.6255
www.dudek.com

DUDEK | Natural Resource Management | Infrastructure Development | Regulatory Compliance
Please consider the environment before printing this email. ?

Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION
1550 Harbor Blvd, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95501
(916) 373-3710
(916) 373-5471 – Fax
nahc@nahc.ca.gov

Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search

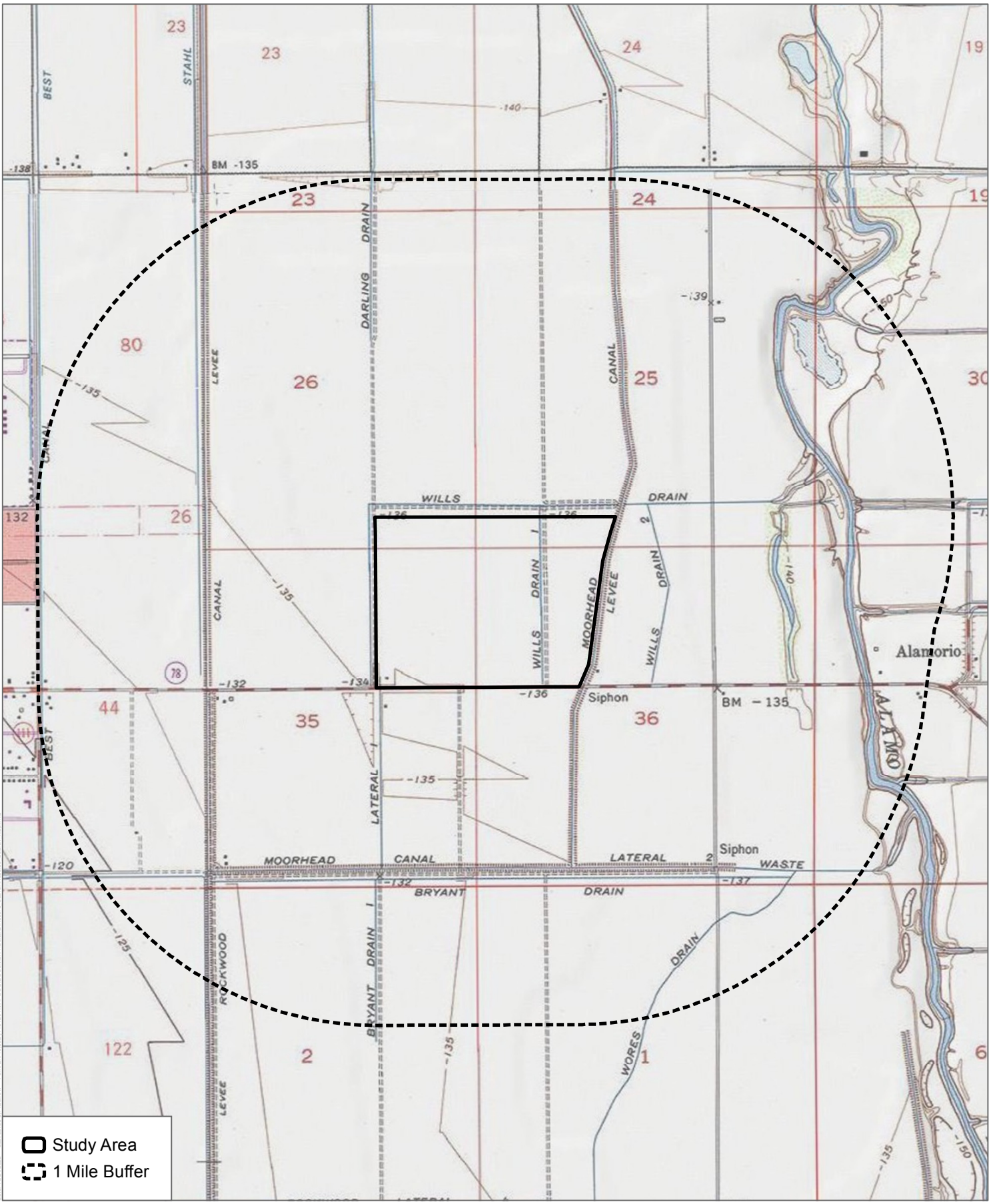
Project: SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (PN 14812)
County: Imperial

USGS Quadrangle
Name: Alamorio
Township: 13S Range: 14E Section(s): 25, 26, 35, 36

Company/Firm/Agency:
Dudek
Contact Person: Keshia Montifolca
Street Address: 605 Third Street
City: Encinitas, CA Zip: 92024
Phone: (619) 949-3082 Extension:
Fax:
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

Project Description:
The proposed project would involve the construction of the Imperial Valley Campus Brawley Building, a 43,000 assignable square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility on the San Diego State University Brawley campus.

☑ Project Location Map is attached



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Alamorio, Quadrangles
Township 13S; Range 14E; Sections 25, 26, 35, 36

DUDEK

0 1,000 2,000 Feet
0 280 560 Meters
1:24,000

Records Search
SDSU Brawley STEM Facility

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

CHAIRPERSON
Laura Miranda
Luiseño

VICE CHAIRPERSON
Reginald Pagaling
Chumash

SECRETARY
Sara Dutschke
Miwok

COMMISSIONER
Isaac Bojorquez
Ohlone-Costanoan

COMMISSIONER
Buffy McQuillen
Yokayo Pomo, Yuki, Nomlaki

COMMISSIONER
Wayne Nelson
Luiseño

COMMISSIONER
Stanley Rodriguez
Kumeyaay

COMMISSIONER
[VAVANT]

COMMISSIONER
[VACANT]

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Raymond C. Hitchcock
Miwok/Nisenan

NAHC HEADQUARTERS
1550 Harbor Boulevard
Suite 100
West Sacramento,
California 95691
(916) 373-3710
nahc@nahc.ca.gov
NAHC.ca.gov

December 27, 2022

Keshia Montifolca
Dudek

Via Email to: kmontifolca@dudek.com

Re: SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Imperial County

Dear Ms. Montifolca:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were positive. Please contact the tribes on the attached list for more information. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Pricilla.Torres-Fuentes@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Pricilla Torres-Fuentes

Pricilla Torres-Fuentes
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Imperial County
12/27/2022

Barona Group of the Capitan Grande
Raymond Welch, Chairperson
1095 Barona Road — Diegueno
Lakeside, CA, 92040
Phone: (619) 443 - 6612
Fax: (619) 443-0681
counciloffice@barona-nsn.gov

Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Ralph Goff, Chairperson
36190 Church Road, Suite 1 — Diegueno
Campo, CA, 91906
Phone: (619) 478 - 9046
Fax: (619) 478-5818
rgoff@campo-nsn.gov

Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
Michael Garcia, Vice Chairperson
4054 Willows Road — Diegueno
Alpine, CA, 91901
Phone: (619) 933 - 2200
Fax: (619) 445-9126
michaelg@leaningrock.net

Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
Robert Pinto, Chairperson
4054 Willows Road — Diegueno
Alpine, CA, 91901
Phone: (619) 368 - 4382
Fax: (619) 445-9126
ceo@ebki-nsn.gov

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
Virgil Perez, Chairperson
P.O. Box 130 — Diegueno
Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070
Phone: (760) 765 - 0845
Fax: (760) 765-0320

Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
Clint Linton, Director of Cultural Resources
P.O. Box 507 — Diegueno
Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070
Phone: (760) 803 - 5694
clint@redtailenvironmental.com

Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians
Rebecca Osuna, Chairperson
2005 S. Escondido Blvd. — Diegueno
Escondido, CA, 92025
Phone: (760) 737 - 7628
Fax: (760) 747-8568

Jamul Indian Village
Erica Pinto, Chairperson
P.O. Box 612 — Diegueno
Jamul, CA, 91935
Phone: (619) 669 - 4785
Fax: (619) 669-4817
epinto@jiv-nsn.gov

Jamul Indian Village
Lisa Cumper, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 612 — Diegueno
Jamul, CA, 91935
Phone: (619) 669 - 4855
lcumper@jiv-nsn.gov

Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians
Carmen Lucas,
P.O. Box 775 — Kwaaymii
Pine Valley, CA, 91962 — Diegueno
Phone: (619) 709 - 4207

La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson
8 Crestwood Road — Diegueno
Boulevard, CA, 91905
Phone: (619) 478 - 2113
Fax: (619) 478-2125
LP13boots@aol.com

La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Javaughn Miller, Tribal Administrator
8 Crestwood Road — Diegueno
Boulevard, CA, 91905
Phone: (619) 478 - 2113
Fax: (619) 478-2125
jmiller@LPtribe.net

This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Imperial County.

Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Imperial County
12/27/2022

Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
Angela Elliott Santos, Chairperson
P.O. Box 1302 Diegueno
Boulevard, CA, 91905
Phone: (619) 766 - 4930
Fax: (619) 766-4957

Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Michael Linton, Chairperson
P.O Box 270 Diegueno
Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070
Phone: (760) 782 - 3818
Fax: (760) 782-9092
mesagrandeband@msn.com

Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman
Kw'ts'an Cultural Committee
P.O. Box 1899 Quechan
Yuma, AZ, 85366
Phone: (928) 750 - 2516
scottmanfred@yahoo.com

Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
Jill McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 1899 Quechan
Yuma, AZ, 85366
Phone: (760) 572 - 2423
historicpreservation@quechantribe.com

San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
John Flores, Environmental Coordinator
P. O. Box 365 Diegueno
Valley Center, CA, 92082
Phone: (760) 749 - 3200
Fax: (760) 749-3876
johnf@sanpasqualtribe.org

San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
Allen Lawson, Chairperson
P.O. Box 365 Diegueno
Valley Center, CA, 92082
Phone: (760) 749 - 3200
Fax: (760) 749-3876
allenl@sanpasqualtribe.org

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
Kristie Orosco, Kumeyaay Resource Specialist
1 Kwaaypaay Court Kumeyaay
El Cajon, CA, 92019
Phone: (619) 445 - 6917

Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
Cody Martinez, Chairperson
1 Kwaaypaay Court Kumeyaay
El Cajon, CA, 92019
Phone: (619) 445 - 2613
Fax: (619) 445-1927
ssilva@sycuan-nsn.gov

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
John Christman, Chairperson
1 Viejas Grade Road Diegueno
Alpine, CA, 91901
Phone: (619) 445 - 3810
Fax: (619) 445-5337

Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
Ernest Pingleton, Tribal Historic Officer, Resource Management
1 Viejas Grade Road Diegueno
Alpine, CA, 91901
Phone: (619) 659 - 2314
epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov

This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Imperial County.

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Raymond Welch, Chairperson
Barona Group of the Capitan Grande
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

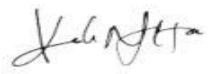
Dear Mr. Welch,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

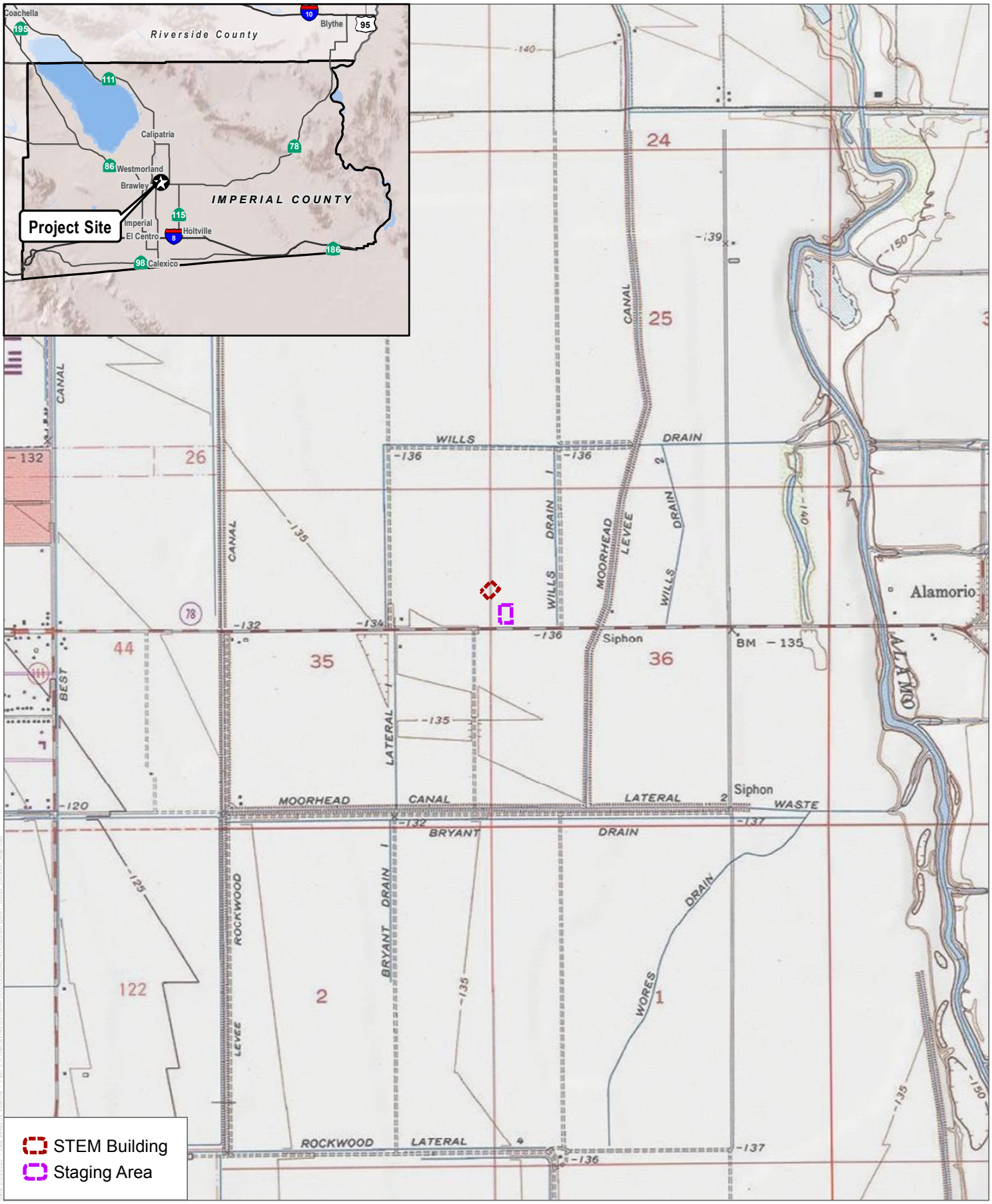
If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



_____

Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Alamorio, Quadrangles
Township 13S; Range 14E; Sections 35, 36

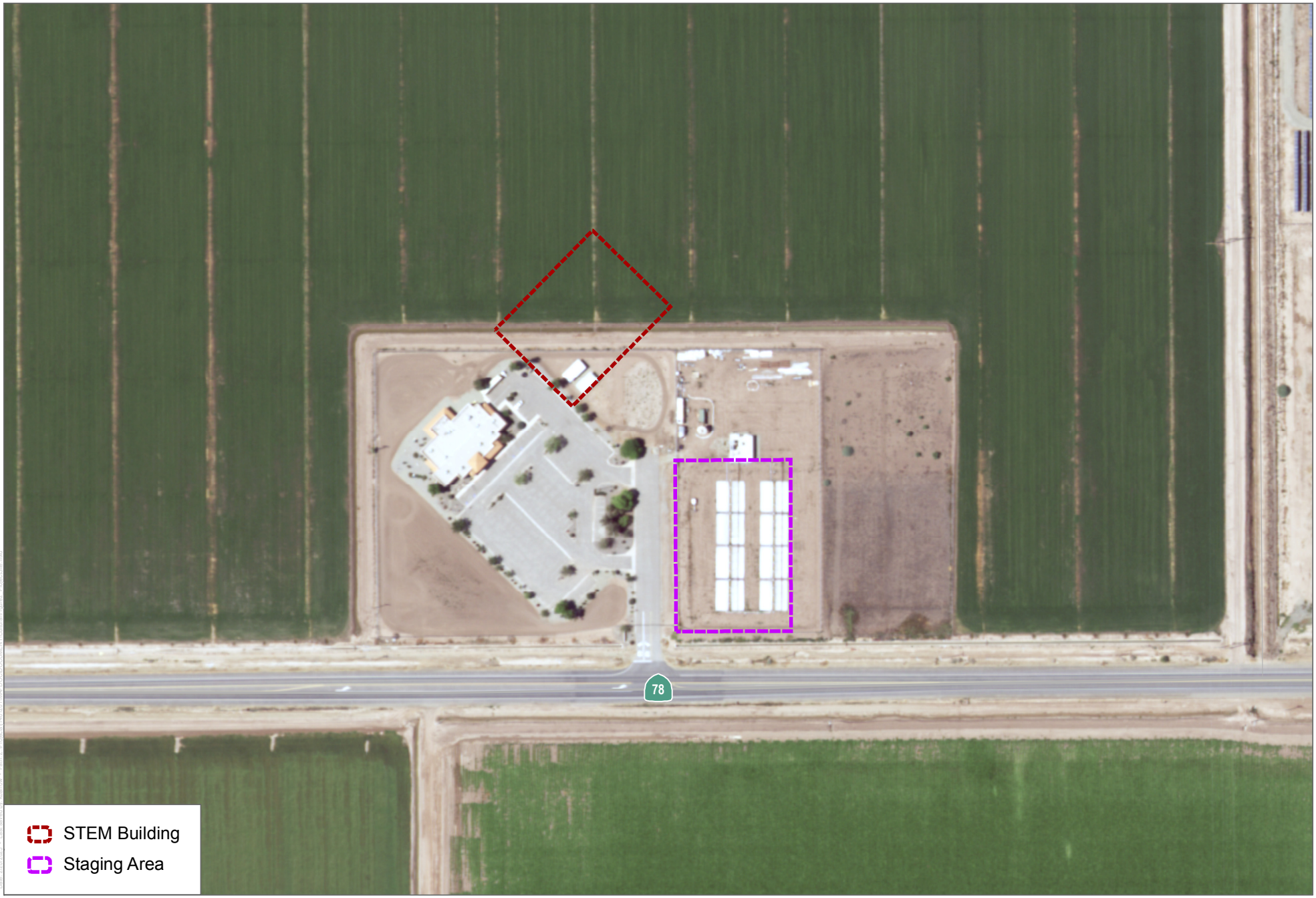
DUDEK

0 1,000 2,000 Feet
0 285 570 Meters
1:24,000

FIGURE 1

Project Location

SDSU Brawley STEM Facility Project



SOURCE: NAIP 2020

DUDEK

0 80 160 Feet

FIGURE 2

Project Area

SDSU Brawley STEM Facility Project

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Ralph Goff, Chairperson
Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
36190 Church Road, Suite 1
Campo, CA 91906

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Goff,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Robert Pinto, Chairperson
Ewiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
4054 Willow Rd.
Alpine, CA 91901

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Pinto,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Michael Garcia, Vice Chairperson
Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians
4054 Willows Road
Alpine, CA 91901

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Garcia,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Virgil Perez, Chairperson
Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
P.O. Box 130
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Perez,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Rebecca Osuna, Chairperson
Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians
2005 S. Escondido Blvd.
Escondido, CA 92025

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Osuna,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Clint Linton, Director of Cultural Resources
Ipay Nation of Santa Ysabel
P.O. Box 507
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Linton,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Erica Pinto, Chairperson
Jamul Indian Village
P.O. Box 612
Jamul, CA 91935

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Pinto,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Lisa Cumper, THPO
Jamul Indian Village
P.O. Box 612
Jamul, CA 91935

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Cumper,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Carmen Lucas,
Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 775
Pine Valley, CA 91962

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Lucas,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Javaughn Miller, Tribal Administrator
La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
8 Crestwood Rd.
Boulevard, CA 91905

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Miller,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson
La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
8 Crestwood Rd.
Boulevard, CA 91905

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Parada,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Angela Elliott Santos, Chairperson
Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
P.O. Box 1302
Boulevard, CA 91905

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Santos,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Michael Linton, Chairperson
Mesa Grande Band of Dieguneo Mission Indians
P.O. Box 270
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Linton,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Jill McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, AZ 85366

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. McCormick,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman
Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, AZ 85366

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Scott,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Allen E. Lawson, Chairperson
San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
P.O. Box 365
Valley Center, CA 92082

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Lawson,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. John Flores, Environmental Coordinator
San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians
P.O. Box 365
Valley Center, CA 92082

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Flores,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Ms. Kristie Orosco, Resource Specialist
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
1 Kwaaypaay Court
El Cajon, CA 92019

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Ms. Orosco,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Cody Martinez, Chairperson
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
1 Kwaaypaay Court
El Cajon, CA 92019

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Martinez,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. John Christman, Chairperson
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
1 Viejas Grade Rd.
Alpine, CA 91901

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Christman,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

DUDEK
MAIN OFFICE
605 THIRD STREET
ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA 92024
T 800.450.1818 F 760.632.0164

February 21, 2023 14812

Mr. Ernest Pingleton, Tribal Historic Officer
Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians
1 Viejas Grade Rd.
Alpine, CA 91901

Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project in City of Brawley, California

Dear Mr. Pingleton,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully,



Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist
DUDEK
Phone: (619) 949-3082
Email: kmontifolca@dudek.com

Keshia Montifolca

From: Jill McCormick <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Keshia Montifolca
Subject: RE: SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEAM Facility Project in the City of Brawley, CA

Importance: High

Please disregard my previous email. See corrected response below.

This email is to inform you that we do not wish to comment on this project.

Thank you,
H. Jill McCormick, M.A.

Quechan Indian Tribe
Historic Preservation Officer
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, AZ 85366-1899
Office: 760-572-2423
Cell: 928-261-0254
E-mail: historicpreservation@quechantribe.com

From: Jill McCormick
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2023 1:11 PM
To: Keshia Montifolca <kmontifolca@dudek.com>
Subject: SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEAM Facility Project in the City of Brawley, CA

This email is to inform you that we do not wish to comment on this project. We defer to the more local Tribes and support their determinations on this matter.

Thank you,
H. Jill McCormick, M.A.

Quechan Indian Tribe
Historic Preservation Officer

Keshia Montifolca

From: Lisa Cumper <lcumper@jiv-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:10 PM
To: Keshia Montifolca
Subject: Re: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Brawley, CA

Hi Keshia,

We would like to defer to wishes of a closer tribe please.

Thank you,
Lisa

On Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 11:39 AM Keshia Montifolca <kmontifolca@dudek.com> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Cumper,
>
> California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).
>
> In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.
>
> If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.
>
> Thank you,
>
> **Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA**
>
> Archaeologist
>
> DUDE
>
> 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024
>
> O: 619.949.3082 C: 619.372.6255

Keshia Montifolca

From: Ray Teran <rteran@viejas-nsn.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 9:29 AM
To: Keshia Montifolca
Cc: Ernest Pingleton
Subject: RE: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Brawley, CA

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians ("Viejas") has reviewed the proposed project and at this time we have determined that the project site has cultural significance or ties to Viejas. Cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the APE-DE of the proposed project.

Viejas Band request that a Kumeyaay Cultural Monitor be on site for ground disturbing activities and to inform us of any new developments such as inadvertent discovery of cultural artifacts, cremation sites, or human remains.

If you wish to utilize Viejas cultural monitors (Viejas rate is $54.15/hr. plus GSA mileage), please call Ernest Pingleton at 619-655-0410 or email, epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov, for contracting and scheduling. Thank you.

If a Tribe, having a closer proximity to the Project, requests to perform cultural monitoring, Viejas will differ to them.

From: Keshia Montifolca <kmontifolca@dudek.com>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 8:58 AM
To: Ray Teran <rteran@viejas-nsn.gov>
Cc: Ernest Pingleton <epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Brawley, CA

Good morning Mr. Teran,

SDSU is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the SDSU Brawley campus. Currently, the Brawley campus has been partially built out with educational and support facilities, although much of the campus remains undeveloped or used for active agriculture. The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot building that would be approximately 35 feet in height and include lower and upper division teaching labs, interdisciplinary lecture space, faculty/administrative offices, research and research services space, conference rooms and mechanical, electrical and telecom support spaces. The proposed project site is approximately 1.5-acres in size (63,000 square feet [sf]) and is located northeast of existing campus Building 101, and the associated parking lot. Project construction staging areas would occupy approximately 52,000 sf in the area of campus located southeast of the site and north of SR 78.

Regarding ground disturbance, the project would involve site preparation, grading, and excavation associated with project construction.

Respectfully,

Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist

605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024
O: 619.949.3082 C: 619.372.6255
www.dudek.com

From: Ray Teran <rteran@viejas-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 1:28 PM
To: Keshia Montifolca <kmontifolca@dudek.com>
Cc: Ernest Pingleton <epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov>
Subject: FW: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Brawley, CA

Please provide us with the project plan/description, specifically any anticipated ground disturbance. THX

From: Keshia Montifolca <kmontifolca@dudek.com>
Date: March 7, 2023 at 9:40:05 AM PST
To: Ernest Pingleton <epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov>
Subject: Information Request for the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project, Brawley, CA

Dear Mr. Pingleton,

California State University/San Diego State University (CSU/SDSU) is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the CSU/SDSU Brawley campus. The proposed Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (Project) would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot Lithium Research Hub/STEM research and instruction facility. The Project area falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute Quadrangle (See Figure 1). The new standalone building would house laboratory, lecture, and research space and would be developed in furtherance of the previously approved SDSU Brawley Campus Master Plan (Figure 2).

In response to our request, the Native American Heritage Commission conducted a Sacred Lands file search of the area surrounding the Project vicinity. The results of the search were positive. I am writing as part of the cultural inventory process in order to find out if you, or your tribal community, have any knowledge of cultural resources or places that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

If you have any information or concerns pertaining to such information, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Thank you,

Keshia Montifolca, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist

605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024
O: 619.949.3082 C: 619.372.6255
www.dudek.com

IPAI

SAN PASQUAL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

SAN PASQUAL RESERVATION

April 18, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Stephen W. Cope
Tribal Chairman

Victoria Diaz
Vice Chair

Jenny Alto
Secretary-Treasurer

Roberta Cameron
Councilmember

Joyce L. Stein
Councilmember

DUDEK
Keshaia Montiflolca

RE: SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility

Dear Ms. Montifolca,

The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office has received your notification of the project referenced above. This letter constitutes our response on behalf of Desiree M. Whitman THPO of the San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Indians.

We have consulted our maps and determined that the project as described is not within the boundaries of the recognized San Pasqual Indian Reservation. It is, however, within the boundaries of the territory that the tribe considers its Traditional Use Area (TUA). Furthermore, As the project progresses, we would like to engage in formal government-to-government consultation under CEQA so that San Pasqual can have a voice in the development of the measures that will be taken to protect these sites and mitigate any adverse impacts. We would appreciate being given access to any cultural resource reports that have been or will be generated during the environmental review process so we can contribute most effectively to the consultation process.

We appreciate your involvement with your initiative and look forward to working with you on future efforts. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 760-651-5142 or angelinag@sanpasqualtribe.org

Sincerely,

Angelina Gutierrez

Angelina Gutierrez
Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Deputy THPO/Monitor Supervisor
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

Attachment E

Assembly Bill 52 Outreach Letter Example

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Planning, Design and Construction
Business and Financial Affairs
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego CA 92182 · 1624
Tel: 619 · 594 · 5224
Fax: 619 · 594 · 4500

March 13, 2023

Mr. Raymond Welch, Chairperson
Barona Group of the Capitan Grande
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

Re: Notification of the Proposed SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project Pursuant to California Assembly Bill 52.

Dear Mr. Welch:

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill (AB) 52, San Diego State University (SDSU), as a representative of the Board of Trustees of the California State University, is providing you with notification of the SDSU Brawley Lithium Research Hub/STEM Facility Project (proposed project), located east of the City of Brawley, in Imperial County, California. While SDSU has not yet received a request from your tribe to be notified of specific projects within a designated geographic area, we are reaching out to all groups listed on the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File consultation list in a good faith effort to provide notification of the proposed project to groups that are traditionally or culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project.

Project Location
The proposed project is to be constructed at SDSU's Brawley Campus, located at 560 California State Route (SR) 78, Brawley, CA 92227. Regional access to the campus is provided by SR 111 and SR 86 to the west and northwest, respectively, and SR 115 to the east. The proposed project site is bound to the north and east by agricultural and undeveloped land, to the south by SR 78, and to the west by agricultural support uses. The proposed project site falls within Sections 35 and 36 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East of the Alamorio, California 7.5-minute quadrangle, as mapped by the U.S. Geological Survey (Figure 1, Project Location Map).

Project Description
SDSU is proposing to construct a new educational/research building on the SDSU Brawley campus. Currently, the Brawley campus has been partially built out with educational and support facilities, although much of the campus remains undeveloped or used for active agriculture. The proposed project would involve the construction and operation of a 39,098 gross square foot building that would be 35 feet in height and include lower and upper division teaching labs, interdisciplinary lecture space, faculty/administrative offices, research and research services space, conference rooms and mechanical, electrical and telecom support spaces. The proposed project site is approximately 1.5-acres in size (63,000 square feet [sf]) and is located northeast of existing campus Building 101, and the associated parking lot. Project construction staging areas would occupy approximately 52,000 sf in the area of campus located southeast of the site and north of SR 78 (Figure 2, Project Area Map).

If you have any comments or concerns regarding tribal cultural resources (as defined in California Public Resources Code section 21074) in relation to the proposed project, please provide a written request for consultation via email to ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu or via hard copy mail to attention of: Amanda Scheidlinger, Director of Construction, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-1624. The California Native American tribe has within **30 days** of receipt of this notice to request consultation pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1. Please include the name of a

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

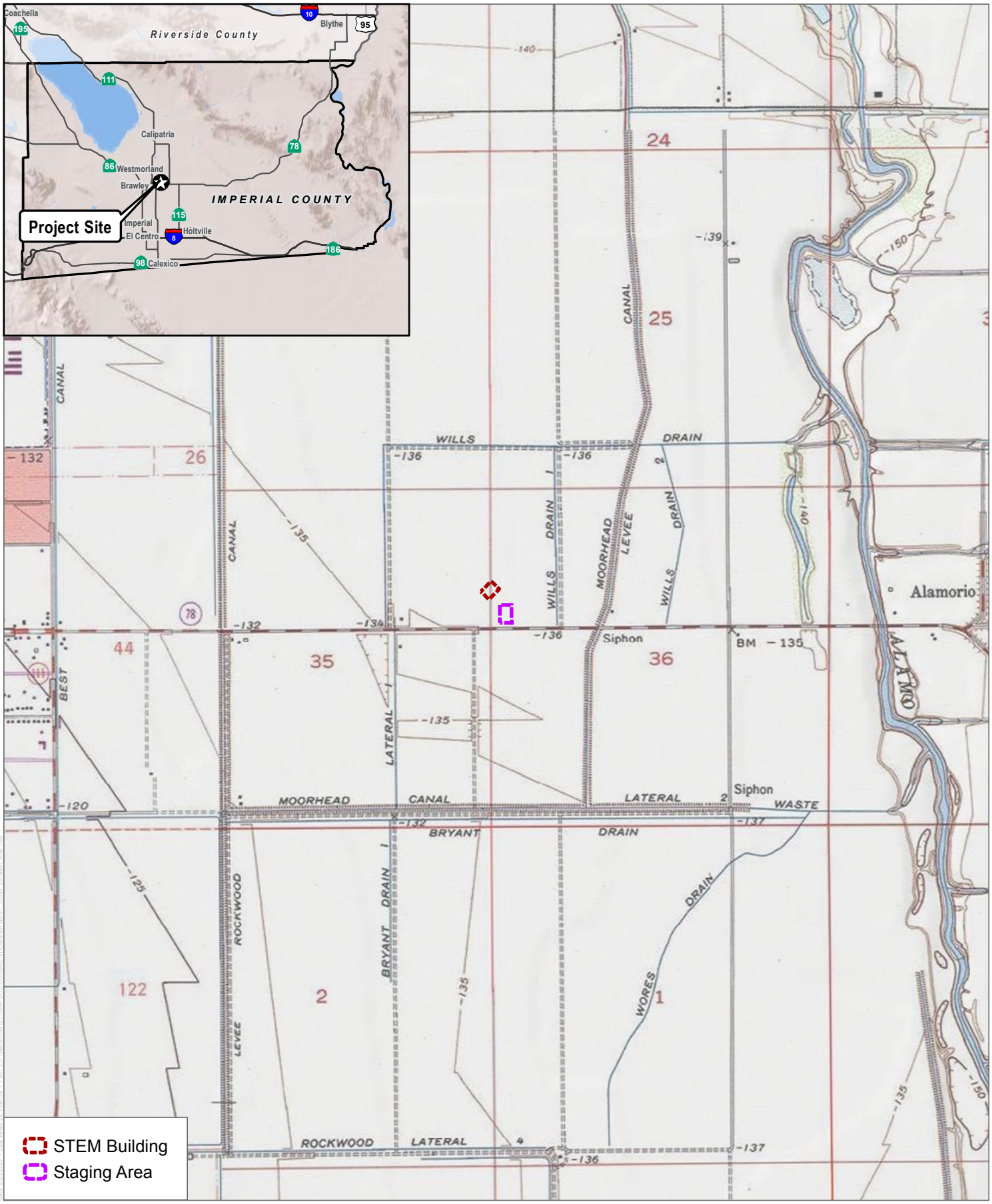
Planning, Design and Construction
Business and Financial Affairs
5500 Campanile Drive
San Diego CA 92182 · 1624
Tel: 619 · 594 · 5224
Fax: 619 · 594 · 4500

designated lead contact person. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Amanda Scheidlinger at ascheidlinger@sdsu.edu.

Sincerely,

_____

Amanda Scheidlinger, Director of Construction
Att: Figure 1. Project Location Map
Figure 2. Project Area Map



SOURCE: USGS 7.5-Minute Series Alamorio, Quadrangles
Township 13S; Range 14E; Sections 35, 36

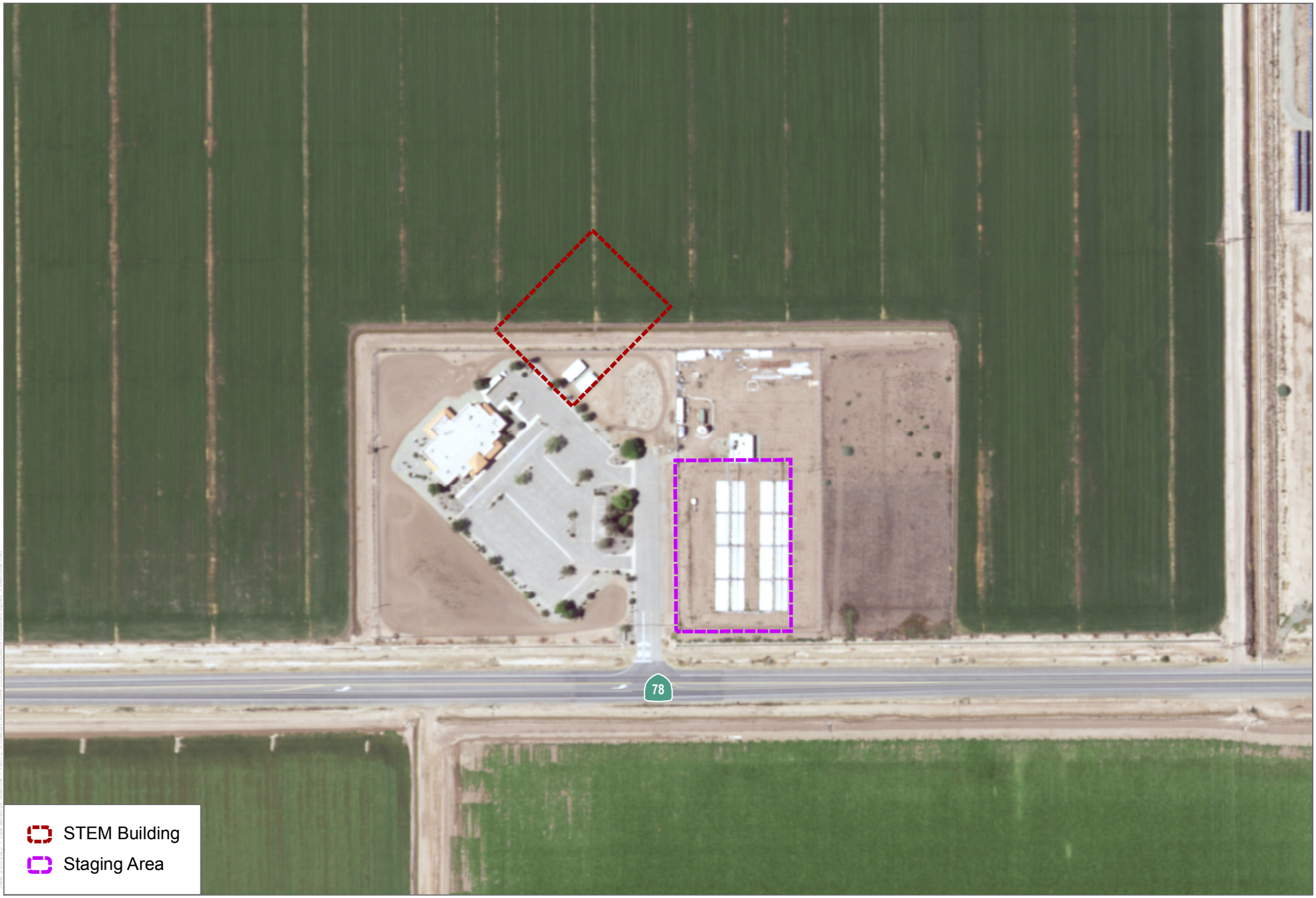
DUDEK

0 1,000 2,000 Feet
0 285 570 Meters
1:24,000

FIGURE 1

Project Location

SDSU Brawley STEM Facility Project



SOURCE: NAIP 2020

DUDEK

0 80 160 Feet

FIGURE 2

Project Area

SDSU Brawley STEM Facility Project

Attachment F

Assembly Bill 52 Meeting Minutes

Brawley Sciences Building
Tribal Consultation - San Pasqual Tribe
7/31/2023 at 11:00am
Meeting Location: Zoom

Attendees:

- **BS** - Bob Schulz (SDSU)
- **AA** - Amanda Alpiner (SDSU)
- **KM** - Keshia Montifolca (Dudek)
- **AG** - Angelina Gutierrez (San Pasqual Tribe), Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Monitor Supervisor, San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
- **JF** - John Flores (San Pasqual Tribe), Director, Environmental Department & Water Manager, San Pasqual Domestic Water Authority (SPDWA)

Meeting Minutes:

1. Introductions were made.
2. It was noted by BS that the draft cultural resources analysis was previously sent via email.
3. BS walked through Brawley Sciences Building presentation to give context to the project.
    a. The Brawley Sciences Building will be the first building constructed at the SDSU Brawley campus since the Initial Building was constructed 23 years ago.
    b. The project will be a sciences and engineering lab.
    c. The project site will be located just east of the City of Brawley at the SDSU Imperial Valley, Brawley campus, northeast of the existing building.
    d. Reviewed SDSU Brawley campus master plan and existing building location for reference.
    e. The building will be a Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) innovation hub, funded by earmark funding from the State of California for investment in the Lithium Valley and renewable energy industry. The project will add instructional capacity to the Imperial Valley campus and provide space for future academic programs. The building will include research labs that will allow for partnerships with corporate interests in Imperial Valley for the study and advancement of renewable energy resources.
    f. The building program was reviewed. It will be primarily a laboratory and research building, with several teaching labs, which are not currently widely available for SDSU Imperial Valley students. The building will also house support spaces, gathering spaces, and offices for Principal Investigators (PIs) and research faculty supporting the program. There will not be any lecture classrooms in the building.
    g. Special attention has been paid to the extreme climate, and the building has been designed as an energy efficient facility.
    h. All of the parking is existing, and the existing building will not be changed as part of this project.

i. The project will be a simple two-story building with enough landscape to support the building, including fire truck access on 3.5 sides of the building. The east side drive lane will allow access for delivery trucks to maintain the propane tank for lab use, trash pickup, and fire truck access.
j. The building will feature a courtyard with a solar photovoltaic panel covered canopy.
k. The building layout was reviewed.
    i. The first floor will be for teaching labs and associated support spaces, student and faculty collaboration spaces, and offices.
        1. The Nursing program will go into the building in the dry engineering lab.
    ii. The second floor will be for research labs for future PIs for the university as well as corporate partnerships to support research in lithium extraction and the renewable energy industries in the Imperial Valley. There will also be research support spaces, collaboration spaces, and offices.
l. Existing and proposed site images were shown, with views from the existing parking area showing a model of the new building, as well as the view from the existing building connection.
m. This building will be the first multistory building for SDSU in Imperial Valley.
n. The building will be powered by electricity, and natural gas will only be used for lab use. The building will be heated and cooled through heat pumps.
o. The project will achieve a minimum LEED Silver certification, exceed Title 24 by 10% and meet CalGreen requirements.
p. Construction will start by early next year and occupy by Fall 2025.

4. KM reviewed Dudek's Draft Cultural Resources Technical Memo. A records search summary was performed and no resources were previously reported in the project area. Three cultural resources were located within one mile of the project, including one ranch and two isolates. The project site consists of agricultural land to the north of the site and the proposed staging area site has already been disturbed with shallow depressions by an existing research project. There will not be any further ground disturbance at the staging area. Intact surface deposits were disturbed from existing activity, but are negative from an archaeological perspective.

<u>Questions</u>:
AG: Was this site previously monitored by any tribes when the existing building was first constructed?
BS: There is no record of any monitoring occurring in the CEQA action when the original campus master plan was completed.

JF: Request was made to monitor construction activities during groundwork and earth disturbance when it occurs.
BS: Confirmed that this would be accommodated and requested that more than one tribe representative be available for monitoring in case one representative isn't available so as not to delay construction activities. The project will also have an archaeologist on site to monitor

ground disturbing activities. It was noted that the project may need to dig about five feet down for better soil conditions.
JF noted that there are several monitors on staff so this would not be a problem and the tribe can provide monitoring services from more than one individual, if needed. JF also noted that there may be activity on the site since it is located near the Salton Sea, where people have gathered in the past.

JF: No other questions or comments.

AG: Have any other tribes reached out for consultation regarding this project? San Pasqual Tribe has worked on many projects in the Imperial Valley and can provide many monitors.
BS: The Sycuan Tribe has requested consultation and the meeting with their representatives will be rescheduled this week.

BS: Sundt, the builder, will put together a schedule of the grading activities for a draft monitoring plan and SDSU will review with the tribes to plan for monitoring activities. Which tribe will provide monitors?
AG: Whichever tribe requests to be present will monitor ground disturbing activities. It will depend on the size of the project and how many monitors are needed. San Pasqual Tribe can rotate with the other tribes as well.

AG: No other questions or comments.

Attachments:

1. SDSU Brawley Sciences + Engineering Building project presentation
2. Draft Cultural Resources Technical Memo (Dudek)

Brawley Sciences Building
Tribal Consultation – Sycuan Tribe
8/4/2023 at 10:00am
Meeting Location: Zoom

Attendees:

- **BS** - Bob Schulz (SDSU)
- **NS** - Natalie Stenger (OCMI)
- **KM** - Keshia Montifolca (Dudek)
- **BP** - Bernice Paipa – Cultural Resources Specialist for the Kumeyaay Nation

Meeting Minutes:

1. Introductions were made.
2. BS walked through the Brawley Sciences Building presentation to give context to the project.
    a. The State of California is investing $80 million in Imperial Valley for this project, which is located on the SDSU Imperial Valley, Brawley campus, for investment in the Lithium Valley and renewable energy industry.
    b. The project will consist of a new standalone building located northeast of the existing SDSU building on the site and near the existing parking. The remainder of the site is largely undeveloped and consists of agricultural land and a solar voltaic farm.
    c. The current master plan of the campus site was reviewed with the existing and proposed buildings pointed out as reference.
    d. The building will be a Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Nursing innovation hub. The building will include research labs that will allow for partnerships with corporate interests in Imperial Valley for the study and advancement of renewable energy resources.
    e. The building program was reviewed. It will be primarily a laboratory and research building, with several teaching labs. The building will also house support spaces, gathering spaces, and offices for Principal Investigators (PIs) and research faculty supporting the program. There will not be any lecture classrooms in the building.
    f. Community space was noted as being an important element in the building. Outdoor gathering space and open space in the building for science fairs, etc. have been identified.
    g. Special attention has been paid to the extreme climate, and the building has been designed as an energy efficient facility, with attention to prevailing winds helping to drive the site.
    h. All of the parking is existing, and the existing building will not be changed as part of the project.
    i. The project will be a two-story building with enough landscape to support the building. The landscape should not have a large impact in modifying the land, as it should not involve deep grading.
    j. The building layout was reviewed.

i. The first floor will be for teaching labs and associate support spaces, student and faculty collaboration spaces, and offices.
ii. The second floor will be for research labs for future PIs for the university as well as corporate partnerships to support research in lithium extraction and the renewable energy industries in the Imperial Valley. There will also be research support spaces, collaboration spaces, and offices.

k. Existing and proposed site images were shown, with views from the existing parking area showing a model of the new building, as well as the view from the existing building connection.
l. The building will be powered by electricity, and natural gas will only be used for lab use.
m. The building will be sustainable, achieving a minimum LEED Silver certification, exceed Title 24 by 10% and meet CalGreen requirements.
n. Construction will start by December 2023-January 2024 and the building is planned to be occupied by Fall 2025.
o. KM reviewed Dudek's Draft Cultural Resources Technical Memo. A records search summary was performed and no resources were previously reported in the project area. However, three cultural resources were located within one mile of the project, which included one ranch and two isolates. The northern half of the project area is agricultural land, while a portion of the southern half is planned for construction. The area planned for construction includes the following two sites:
    i. The proposed building site
    ii. The proposed staging area
        1. This area has already been disturbed with shallow depressions by an existing research project. There will not be any further ground disturbance at the staging area. Intact surface deposits were disturbed from existing activity, but are negative from an archaeological perspective.
p. BS explained that the existing irrigation on the agricultural site requires drainage underneath the plants as well, meaning the ground has previously been touched beyond just the immediate surface when it was turned into an agricultural site, which happened multiple decades before SDSU began building on the site.
q. BS explained that San Pasqual has also expressed interest in monitoring the project site during site digging and construction. There are many tribal monitoring entities in the area, and multiple will need to be identified so that backups can be contacted for site monitoring if needed.

<u>Questions:</u>

BP: Have any artifacts found on the site during past projects?
BS: Not to our knowledge. There were no strict records taken regarding artifacts for past projects, but nothing has suggested anything being found on the site.

BP: Can I go on a site visit? A site visit will help visualize what could have been located on the site in the past.

BS: Yes. Maribel Madero can help set this up. If the visit is done by September then your notes and comments from it can be included when submitting EIR items for the project.

BP: What is the timeline for starting construction on the site?
BS: Construction on the site should start around mid-December 2023.

BP: Was a tribal monitor used when surveying the site?
KM: No, a tribal monitor was not used in the records survey.

BP: Were both sites surveyed (construction site and staging site)?
KM: Yes, both sites were surveyed.