PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT:

1990 TULAROSA ROAD, LOMPOC, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

APN: 099-650-012

Case No: 23TPM-00000-00006

Lead Agency:

County of Santa Barbara Planning and Development Department

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September 2023

USGS Quad: Lompoc

RE: Phase I Archaeological Assessment, 1990 Tularosa Road, Lompoc, CA Negative Findings for Cultural Resources

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that a Phase I pedestrian survey has been conducted on the above referenced project. It has been determined that there are no cultural resources on this property. The project has been plotted on the attached USGS 7.5-minute topographical map for your information.

County: Santa Barbara

USGS 7.5' Quad: Lompoc Date: Revised 2021

Township: 7N Range: 34W

Address: 1990 Tularosa Road, Lompoc, CA 93436

APN: 099-650-012

Owner and Address: Lany1990, LLC Calabasas Road, #323 Calabasas, CA 93102

Survey Type: Intensive Pedestrian Date of Survey: September 8, 2023 Field Crew: Brent Leftwich, PhD, RPA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project area consists of a 40.08-acre, irregular pentagon-shaped parcel, located at 1990 Tularosa Road in unincorporated Santa Barbara County east of the town of Lompoc (Figures 1 and 2). The parcel lies north of Highway 246 in the Santa Rita Hills area. Land use surrounding the property is a mixture of agricultural plots, vineyards, ranch lands, and a low-density of single-family homes. An unnamed, intermittent drainage crosses the parcel flowing east to west. The land slopes gently uphill north and south from this drainage. The southern half of the parcel rises sharply to a broad ridge. The property currently contains a 6,500-square foot, single-family residence and a 5,000 square foot garage. Other structures include a chicken coop, sheds, and animal pens that appear to be abandoned. Structural debris piles are observable in the south-central portion of the lot. Tularosa Road runs north to south along the western edges of the parcel. An unimproved drive runs east from Tularosa Road, connecting it to the house and garage. A second access road runs east from Tularosa Road up the ridge near the southern edge of the parcel. This road is a mixture of decomposed asphalt and gravels, and it connects to a dirt road that encircles the southeastern corner of the property. Vegetation on the property consists primarily of grass, weeds, forbs, and brush. Thicker vegetation, including eucalyptus and oak trees, runs along the drainage. The ridge across the southern half of the parcel is dominated by chaparral species such as sage and coyote

bush. Stands of mature oaks are spread throughout the property. The area between the driveway and drainage consists of an open field with some agricultural activity present.

The proposed project in and of itself will not alter the project area (Figure 3). The client proposes to divide the current lot into four separate parcels. Parcel 1 to the northwest will be 10.00 acres, Parcel 2 to the southwest will be 10.00 acres, Parcel 3 to the northeast will be 10.04 acres and Parcel 4, to the southeast with a narrow northern arm, will be 10.04 acres. The house will remain with Parcel 1 and the garage with Parcel 2

Dr. Brent Leftwich, R.P.A., was contracted to assess the project area and to verify whether archaeological resources are present or not likely to be present.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND IDENTIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY RECORDED RESOURCES

Leftwich Archaeology requested an archaeological records search at the California OHP designated record repository, the Central Coast Information Center (CCIC), housed at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The results were returned on August 30, 2023. It included a review for known archaeological sites, previously undertaken cultural resource surveys, and any sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), California Historical Monuments (CHL), or local monuments occurring within the project area. This review covered a search radius of 0.50-miles (Appendix B).

There are no previously documented archaeological sites that occur within the project area, and no cultural resources within the project area are currently listed on the National Register of Historical Places (NRHP), California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), California Historical Monuments (CHL), or local monuments list.

Further, no previously recorded archaeological sites or cultural resources lie within 0.50-miles of the project area:

No previous archaeological studies have occurred within the project area. However, 14 previous studies have been conducted within 0.50-miles of the project area:

TABLE 1
PREVIOUS STUDIES WITHIN 0.50-MILES OF PROJECT AREA

Report No.	Author (Year)	Report Title
SR-00274	Erlandson (1984)	Results of Phase II Archaeological Investigations at the Proposed La Purisima Golf Course, Santa Barbara County, California
SR-00279	Moore (1983)	La Purisima Golf Course, Supplemental Phase I Archaeological Survey
SR-00293	Stone (1983)	Phase I Archaeological Assessment of the Proposed La Purisima Golf Course, Santa Barbara County, California

Report No.	Author (Year)	Report Title
SR-00305	Stone (1983)	Phase I Archaeological Assessment for TPM 13,555, Los Alamos, California
SR-00656	Woodman (1985)	The Final Phase I Archaeological Assessment of the Proposed La Purisima Golf Course, Santa Barbara County, California
SR-00658	Cagle and Erlandson (1984)	Letter Report, Archaeological Reconnaissance, Garcia Property, Cebada Canyon Area, Lompoc, CA
SR-00659	Spanne (1986)	Letter Report: Report on Phase I Archaeological Survey of Proposed Racetrack and Barn Area int eh Santa Rita Valley
SR-00956	Spanne (1989)	Phase I Archaeological Survey Report for Tentative Parcel Map 12959, Tularosa Road, Lompoc Valley
SR-01658	King et al. (1986)	Exxon / Lompoc Pipeline Project EIR, Technical Appendix C, Cultural Resources
SR-04247	Carbone (2008)	Phase I Archaeological Survey and Resource Assessment for Construction of an Agricultural Reservoir and Near Areas for Building at the Hilliard Bruce Vineyard, 1933 Vineyard View Lane, East Lompoc Area, Santa Barbara County, CA
SR-04939	Stone (2012)	Phase 1 Archaeological Investigation, 2197 Tularosa Road, Lompoc Area, Santa Barbara County
SR-05526	Webb (2007)	Historical Resources Evaluation Report, Route 246 Widening Project
SR-05573	Farrell and Kenner (2019)	Phase I Archaeological Inventory Survey at 2720 Cebada Canyon, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California
SR-05928	Stone (2022)	Negative Archaeological Survey Report, 2075 Vineyard View Lane, Santa Barbara County, California

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

Leftwich Archaeology contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a search of the Sacred Land Files for the study area. On August 30, 2023, the NAHC replied that a search of the Sacred Land Files resulted in negative findings (Appendix C). The NAHC also provided a list of Native American individuals and groups who may have additional knowledge concerning sacred lands or cultural resources in the project area. Based upon this list, Leftwich Archaeology attempted to contact these groups via email and phone. To date, one response has been received:

On September 21, 2023, Crystal Mendoza, representing the Tribal Elders' Council of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, emailed a letter stating the Elders' Council requested no further consultation on this project.

PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Dr. Leftwich conducted a Phase I cultural resources survey on September 8, 2023. The entire project area was surveyed primarily using 10-meter parallel transects. Opportunistic survey was used in areas of denser vegetation, such as along the drainage and brushy sections in the southeast. Visibility was patchy but overall, good (~20-30%). Pick scrapes were utilized as necessary to improve visibility to acceptable levels in areas of thicker vegetation. Rodent disturbance was observed throughout the property, although more pronounced in the northern two-thirds of the parcel. Rodent tailings and furrow walls were inspected for the presence of buried deposits.

Historic aerial photos indicate that the parcel was undeveloped prior to the mid-1970s. However, by at least 1978, a small agricultural homestead appears in the south-center of the property along the ridge. Leftwich Archaeology observed the remnants of these structures. A few small, dilapidated outbuildings, such as a chicken coop, shed, and pen were still standing, as was chain link fencing. There are also several large push piles of construction and house debris, much of which appeared to have been burned. These larger piles consisted primarily of timbers, sheet metal roofing, and fragments of concrete foundations. Other items associated with these piles were toilets, pipes, pane glass fragments, brick, dinnerware, plastics, toys, braided steel cable, discarded clothing, rubber, wire, nails, and a large outdoor VHF TV antenna. These structures and debris piles are concentrated south of the existing garage, with an additional timber and metal pile in the tree line along the drainage.

No archaeology / cultural materials were observed in the project area. Outside the structural debris previously mentioned, the project area also contains a small amount of modern trash and debris. This includes several small vehicle parts, microplastics, larger plastic fragments, golf balls, irrigation hose, aluminum beverage cans, bottle glass fragments, lumber fragments, hardware (e.g., nails, wire, screws, etc.), unidentifiable metal, and windblown debris.

No Native American monitor was present, as a Phase I survey does not entail subsurface disturbance. An Extended Phase I was not undertaken as no cultural materials were observed, no previously recorded cultural resources definitively exist within or adjoining the project area, and the potential for buried cultural deposits is low.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

No prehistoric or historic cultural resources were observed during the Phase I archaeological investigations. None of the structures, infrastructure, and refuse observed are of a sufficient age to be considered a recordable archaeological site. Much of the project area's southern half appears to have been graded to accommodate present and

past structures and roads. Most of the surrounding area has been previously surveyed, with no sites recorded within 0.5-miles of the project area. Finally, a lot split does not in and of itself entail ground disturbance. The likelihood of undiscovered, significant cultural resources existing in the project areas is very low. **No additional archaeological monitoring or additional cultural resource testing is recommended.** However, in the event unanticipated cultural deposits are encountered during construction, Leftwich Archaeology recommends the following standard mitigation measures:

<u>Unanticipated Archaeological Resources Discovery</u>. If archaeological resources are discovered during earth moving activities, all construction activities within 50 feet of the find shall cease until a County of Santa Barbara approved archaeologist evaluates the significance of the resource. In the absence of a determination, all archaeological resources shall be considered significant. If the resource is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall prepare a research design for recovery of the resources in accordance with state CEQA guidelines. The archaeologist shall complete a report of the excavations and findings and shall submit the report upon completion to the County of Santa Barbara and the Central Coast Information Center at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

<u>Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains</u>. In the unlikely event human remains are encountered, construction in the area of the finding will cease and the Santa Barbara County Coroner will be contacted to determine the origin of the remains. In the event the remains are Native American in origin, the NAHC will be contacted to determine necessary procedures for protection and preservation of the remains, including reburial, as provided in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15064.5(e), "CEQA and Archaeological Resources," CEQA Technical Advisory Series.

Sincerely,

Brent Leftwich, PhD, RPA

Principal Investigator and Owner

Leftwich Archaeology

Work Cited:

Attachments:

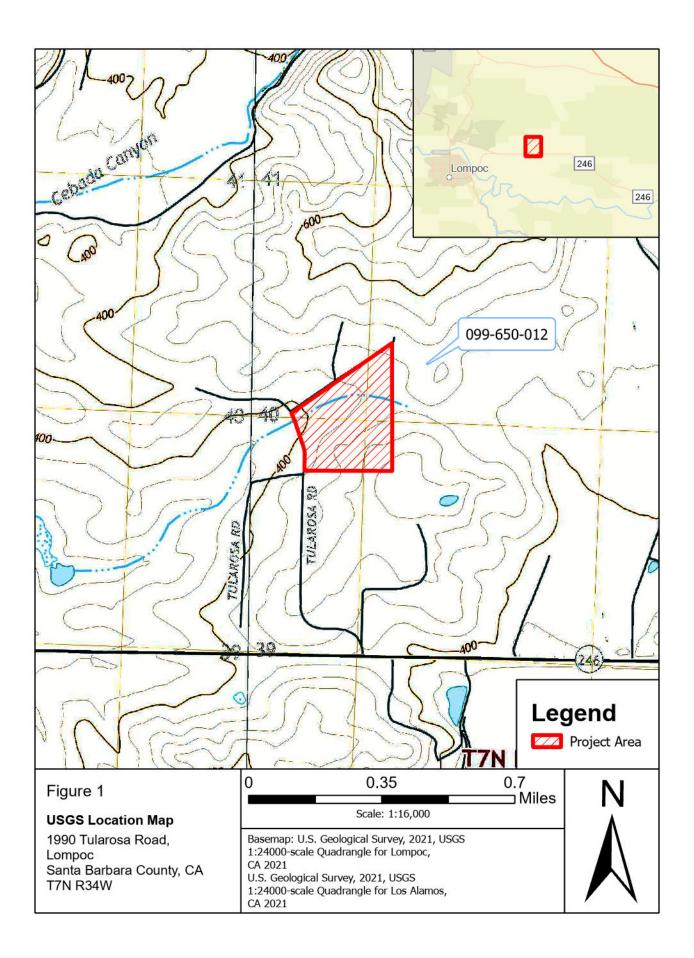
Appendix A: Figures

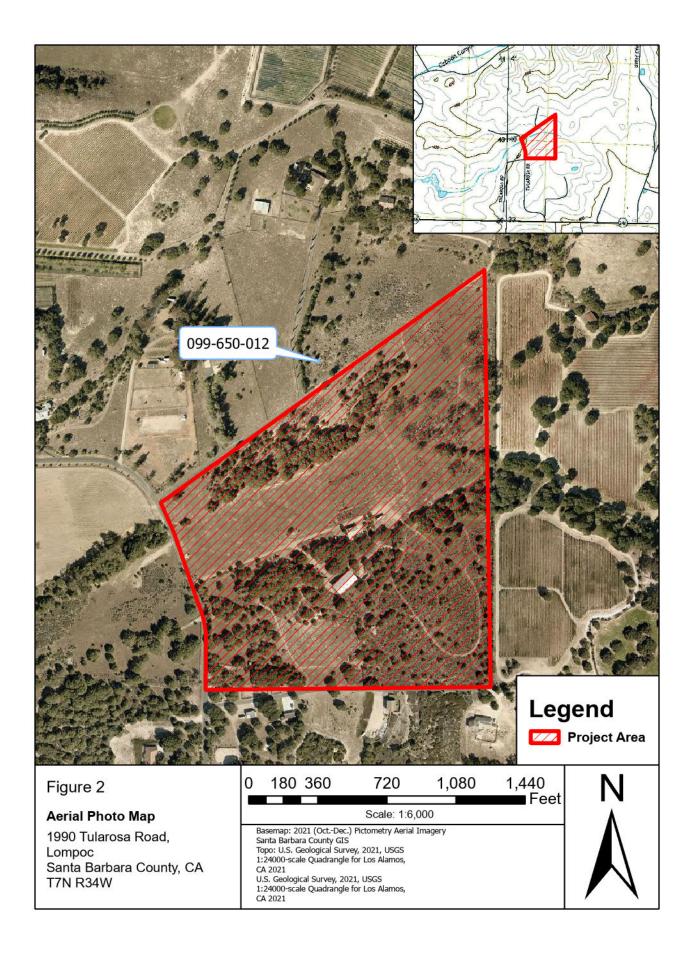
Appendix B: Central Coast Information Center

Appendix C: Native American Consultation

Appendix D: Photos

APPENDIX A FIGURES





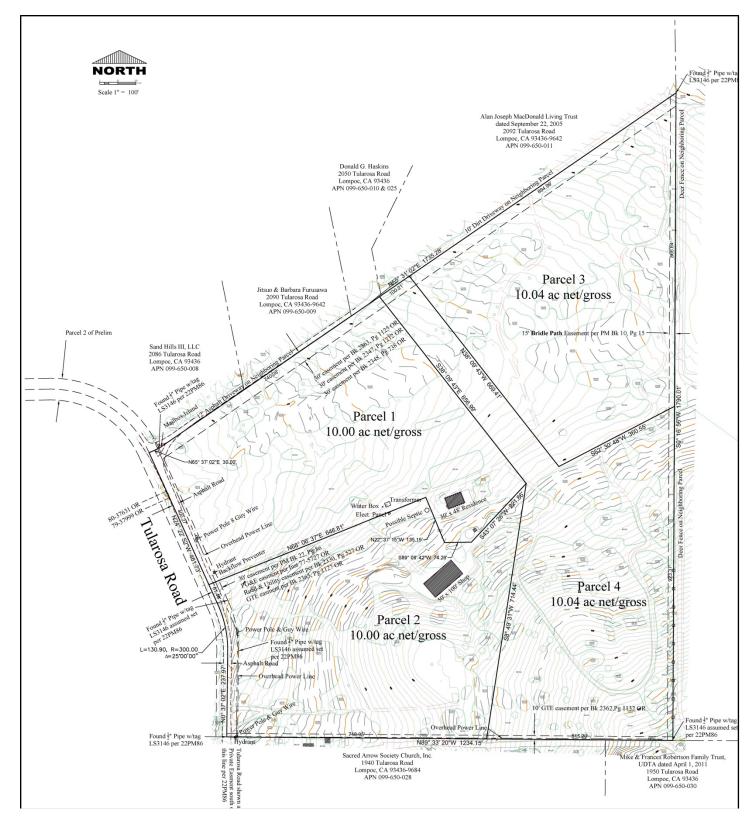


Figure 3. Tentative Parcel Map

APPENDIX B RECORD SEARCH FROM CENTRAL COAST INFORMATION CENTER



Central Coast Information Center

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History 2559 Puesta del Sol Santa Barbara, CA 93105

PHONE (805) 682-4711 ext. 181

FAX (805) 682-3170 EMAIL ccic@sbnature2.org

8/30/2023

Records Search #: 23-196

To Whom It May Concern:

On the above date, Brent Leftwich performed a records search on behalf of Leftwich Archaeology for the 1990 Tularosa Rd project in Santa Barbara County.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Albert, M.A. Assistant Coordinator

APPENDIX C NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION



NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

August 30, 2023

Brent Leftwich Leftwich Archaeology

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Via Email to: <u>brent@leftwicharchaeology.com</u>

VICE-CHAIRPERSON **Buffy McQuillen** Yokayo Pomo, Yuki, Nomlaki Re: 1990 Tularosa Road, Lompoc Project, Santa Barbara County

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To Whom It May Concern:

Parliamentarian **Wayne Nelson** *Luiseño*

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 <u>negative</u>. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

COMMISSIONER
Isaac Bojorquez
Ohlone-Costanoan

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.

COMMISSIONER
Stanley Rodriguez
Kumeyaay

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.

Commissioner

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov.

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Cody Campagne Cultural Resources Analyst

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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Attachment

NAHC HEADQUARTERS

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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Tribal Elders' Council

P.O. Box 517 ♦ Santa Ynez ♦ CA ♦ 93460

Phone: (805)688-7997 ♦ Fax: (805)688-9578 ♦

September 21, 2023

Leftwich Archaeology 7396 Elmhurst Place, Unit A Goleta, CA 93117

Att.: Brent Leftwich, Owner and Principal Investigator

Re: 1990 Tularosa Road, Lompoc

Dear Mr. Leftwhich:

Thank you for contacting the Tribal Elders' Council for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

At this time, the Elders' Council requests no further consultation on this project; however, we understand that as part of NHPA Section 106, we must be notified of the project.

Thank you for remembering that at one time our ancestors walked this sacred land.

Sincerely Yours,

Crystal Mendoza

Administrative Assistant | Cultural Resources Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians | Tribal Hall (805) 325-5537

cmendoza@chumash.gov

Crystal Mendoza

APPENDIX D PHOTOS



Photo 1. Single-Family Residence, Center of Parcel, Facing Northwest.



Photo 2. Garage, Center or Parcel, Facing Southeast.



Photo 3. West-Center of Parcel, Facing Southeast



Photo 4. Main Driveway, West End of Parcel, Facing East.



Photo 5. Near Northwest Corner, Facing Southeast.



Photo 6. Northeast Corner of Parcel, Facing Southwest



Photo 7. Southwest Corner of Parcel, Facing North.



Photo 8. Southwest Corner of Parcel, Facing East.



Photo 9. Southeast Corner of Parcel, Facing West.



Photo 10. Southeast Corner of Parcel, Facing North.

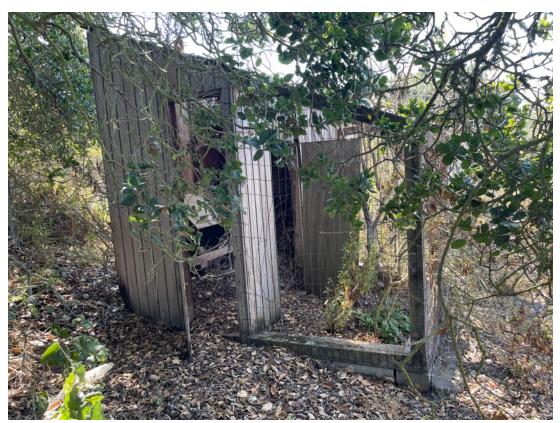


Photo 11. Chicken Coop, South-Center of Parcel, Facing West.



Photo 12. Animal Pen and Shed, South-Center of Parcel, Facing Northwest.



Photo 13. Construction Push Pile, South-Center of Parcel, Facing Southwest.



Photo 14. Construction Push Pile, South-Center of Parcel, Facing East.