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## **MANAGEMENT SUMMARY/ABSTRACT**

In response to a request from the project applicant, BFSA Environmental Services, a Perennial Company (BFSA), conducted a cultural resources study for the proposed Salt Creek Project. The project consists of a proposal to construct a residential subdivision on a 58.34-acre project that is located southwest of the intersection of Simpson and Briggs roads in the city of Menifee, Riverside County, California. The project, identified as Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 333-200-062, is situated within Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 3 West of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) *Romoland, California* (7.5-minute) topographic quadrangle.

The purpose of this investigation was to locate and record any cultural resources present within the project, and subsequently to evaluate any resources as part of the City of Menifee's environmental review process conducted in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The archaeological investigation of the project also includes the review of an archaeological records search request from the Eastern Information Center (EIC) at the University of California, Riverside (UCR), completed on August 28, 2023, in order to assess previous archaeological studies and identify any previously recorded archaeological sites within the project or in the immediate vicinity. The EIC search results data indicate that 64 resources were located within a one-mile radius of the current project area, none of which are in the subject property, and 54 previous studies have been conducted within a one-mile radius of the project, two of which include the subject property (Tang et al. 2005; Brown 2006) (see Table 1.4–2 in Appendix D). A Sacred Lands File (SLF) search was also requested from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and returned with negative results for the presence of any sacred sites or locations of religious or ceremonial importance within the vicinity of the project.

Survey conditions were generally good with ~90 percent ground visibility throughout the property due to a recently harvested grain crop, with some areas lightly obscured by grasses and non-native weeds. The Phase I survey of the Salt Creek Project did not result in the identification of any cultural resources within the project. The property does not contain any natural features (water sources or bedrock outcroppings) often associated with prehistoric sites in the area, and no structures have ever been located within it. Based upon the multiple surveys, including the BFSA Phase I survey, that generated negative results, there is minimal potential for archaeological resources to be present or disturbed by the project. As such, mitigation monitoring is not recommended. However, the recommendations section of this report includes procedures for the unlikely inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and/or human remains. A copy of this report will be permanently filed with the EIC at UCR. All notes, photographs, and other materials related to this project will be curated at the archaeological laboratory at BFSA in Poway, California.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Project Description**

The archaeological survey program for the Salt Creek Project was conducted in order to comply with CEQA and City of Menifee environmental guidelines. The 58.34-acre project (APN 333-200-062) is located southwest of the intersection of Simpson and Briggs roads in the city of Menifee, Riverside County, California (Figure 1.1–1). The project is located within Section 25, Township 5 South, Range 3 West of the USGS *Romoland, California* topographic quadrangle (7.5-minute) (Figure 1.1–2) and proposes the development of a residential subdivision (Figure 1.1–3). The decision to request this investigation was based upon the cultural resource sensitivity of the locality as suggested by known site density and predictive modeling. Sensitivity for cultural resources in a given area is usually indicated by known settlement patterns, which in west-central Riverside County were focused around freshwater resources and food supply.

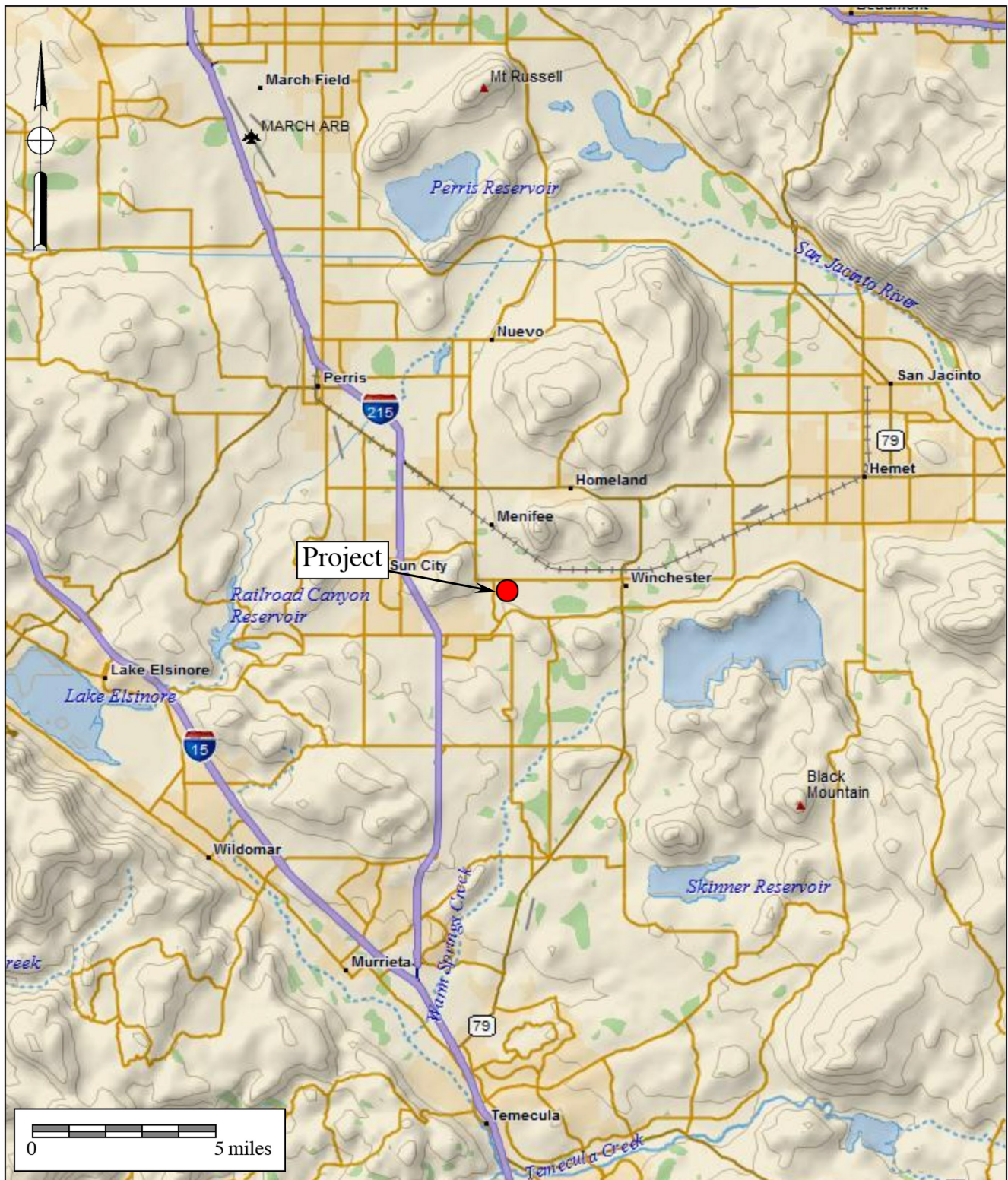
### **1.2 Environmental Setting**

The Salt Creek Project is in west-central Riverside County, within the limits of the city of Menifee, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Interstate 215 and directly southwest of the intersection of Simpson Road and Briggs Road. The property is situated on the northern limits of the city, on relatively flat agricultural land near the convergence of the Menifee and Perris valleys, south of the Lakeview Mountains.

The general geomorphology of the region consists of valley flatland surrounded by moderate to steep slopes with rounded summits. Elevations on the project range from approximately 1,445 to 1,450 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) and soils consist of shallow Typic Xerorthents and Typic Haploxeralfs over Mesozoic granitic rocks (USDA and USDI 2001). Small drainages are dry in the summer; only the largest streams (such as the Santa Ana River) retain water throughout the year.

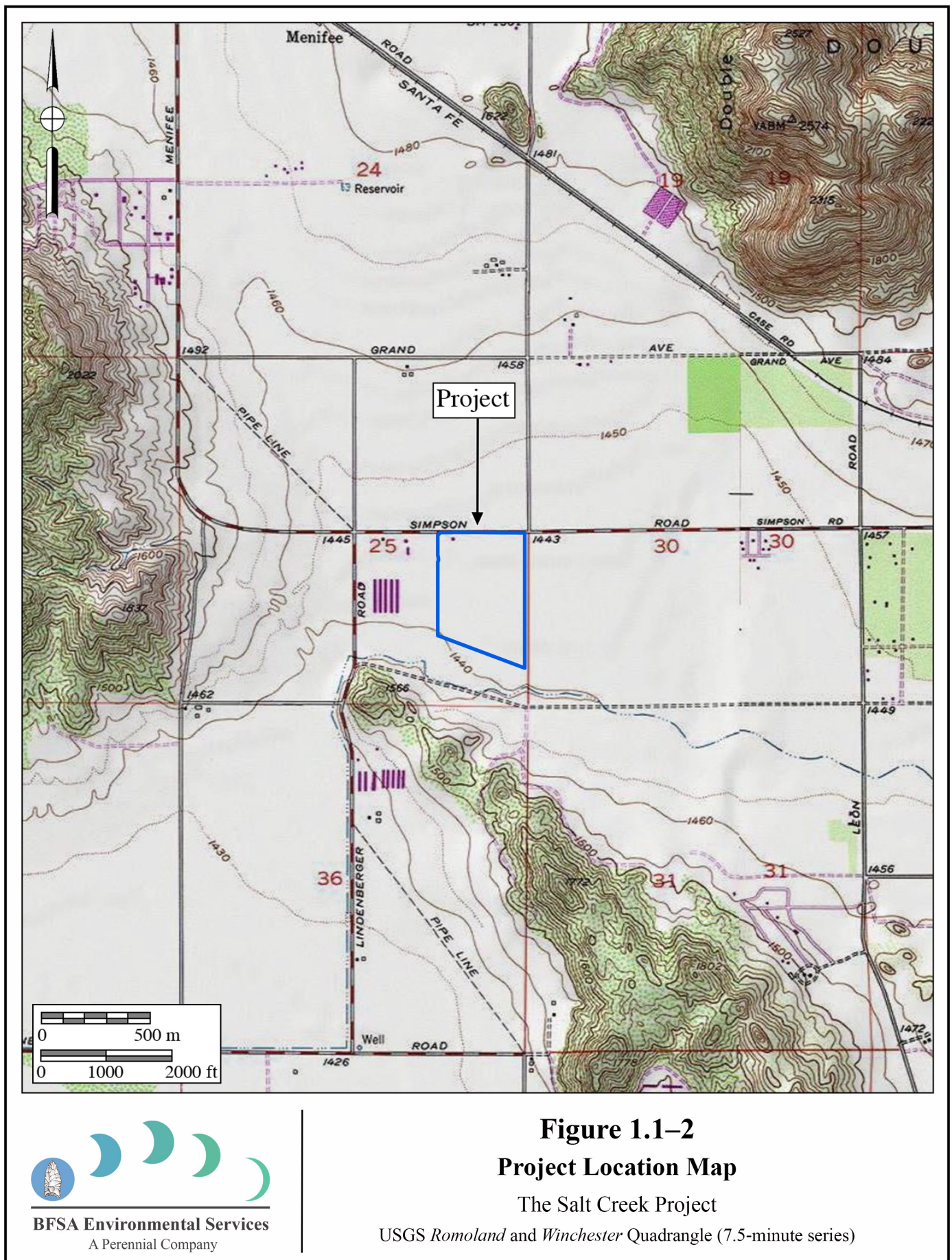
Vegetation in the area of the property is dominated by non-native weeds and grasses that are associated with land that has been farmed for several decades. The Perris and Menifee valleys originally contained perennial grasses. Although not found within the project, the Riversidian sage scrub plant community is the most prevalent native vegetation found in the region. Mammals within the region include mule deer, coyote, bobcat, mountain lion, ground squirrel, and kangaroo rat; birds include hawk, eagle, owl, quail, mourning dove, mockingbird, jay, heron, crow, finch, and sparrow. Species of concern in the area include the cactus wren, California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo, foothill and mountain yellow-legged frog, orange-throated whiptail lizard, and California mountain kingsnake (USDA and USDI 2001). The property currently includes agricultural land in an area where most land is designated for development. Residential neighborhoods, an elementary school, and a community center are situated around the property.





**Figure 1.1–1**  
**General Location Map**  
The Salt Creek Project  
DeLorme (1:250,000 series)









During the prehistoric period, fresh water could have been obtainable on a year-round basis from the San Jacinto River located to the northwest of the project as well as from springs and seasonal drainages located near the bedrock laden Lakeview Mountains and the Double Butte area to the north. During the prehistoric period, vegetation near the project area provided sufficient food resources to support prehistoric human occupants. Animals that inhabited the project area during prehistoric times included rabbits, squirrels, gophers, mice, rats, deer, and coyotes, in addition to a variety of reptiles and amphibians. The property was historically used for agriculture.

### **1.3 Cultural Setting – Archaeological Perspectives**

The archaeological perspective seeks to reconstruct past cultures based upon the material remains left behind. This is done using a range of scientific methodologies, almost all of which draw from evolutionary theory as the base framework. Archaeology allows one to look deeper into history or prehistory to see where the beginnings of ideas manifest via analysis of material culture, allowing for the understanding of outside forces that shape social change. Thus, the archaeological perspective allows one to better understand the consequences of the history of a given culture upon modern cultures. Archaeologists seek to understand the effects of past contexts of a given culture on *this* moment in time, not culture in context *in* the moment.

Despite this, a distinction exists between “emic” and “etic” ways of understanding material culture, prehistoric lifeways, and cultural phenomena in general (Harris 1991). While “emic” perspectives serve the subjective ways in which things are perceived and interpreted by the participants within a culture, “etic” perspectives are those of an outsider looking in hoping to attain a more scientific or “objective” understanding of the given phenomena. Archaeologists, by definition, will almost always serve an etic perspective as a result of the very nature of their work. As indicated by Laylander et al. (2014), it has sometimes been suggested that etic understanding, and therefore an archaeological understanding, is an imperfect and potentially ethnocentric attempt to arrive at emic understanding. In contrast to this, however, an etic understanding of material culture, cultural phenomena, and prehistoric lifeways can address significant dimensions of culture that lie entirely beyond the understanding or interest of those solely utilizing an emic perspective. As Harris (1991:20) appropriately points out, “Etic studies often involve the measurement and juxtaposition of activities and events that native informants find inappropriate or meaningless.” This is also likely true of archaeological comparisons and juxtapositions of material culture. However, culture as a whole does not occur in a vacuum and is the result of several millennia of choices and consequences influencing everything from technology, to religions, to institutions. Archaeology allows for the ability to not only see what came before, but to see how those choices, changes, and consequences affect the present. Where possible, archaeology should seek to address both emic and etic understandings to the extent that they may be recoverable from the archaeological record as manifestations of patterned human behavior (Laylander et al. 2014).

To that point, the culture history offered herein is primarily based upon archaeological (etic) and ethnographic (partially emic and partially etic) information. It is understood that the ethnographic record and early archaeological records were incompletely and imperfectly collected. In addition, in most cases, more than a century of intensive cultural change and cultural evolution had elapsed since the terminus of the prehistoric period. Coupled with the centuries and millennia of prehistoric change separating the “ethnographic present” from the prehistoric past, this has affected the emic and etic understandings of prehistoric cultural settings. Regardless, there remains a need to present the changing cultural setting within the region under investigation. As a result, both archaeological and Native American perspectives are offered when possible.

### *1.3.1 Introduction*

Paleo Indian, Archaic Period Milling Stone Horizon, and the Late Prehistoric Takic groups are the three general cultural periods represented in Riverside County. The following discussion of the cultural history of Riverside County references the San Dieguito Complex, Encinitas Tradition, Milling Stone Horizon, La Jolla Complex, Pauma Complex, and San Luis Rey Complex, since these culture sequences have been used to describe archaeological manifestations in the region. The Late Prehistoric component present in the Riverside County area was primarily represented by the Cahuilla, Gabrielino, and Luiseño Indians.

Absolute chronological information, where possible, will be incorporated into this archaeological discussion to examine the effectiveness of continuing to interchangeably use these terms. Reference will be made to the geological framework that divides the archaeologically-based culture chronology of the area into four segments: the late Pleistocene (20,000 to 10,000 years before the present [YBP]), the early Holocene (10,000 to 6,650 YBP), the middle Holocene (6,650 to 3,350 YBP), and the late Holocene (3,350 to 200 YBP).

### *1.3.2 Paleo Indian Period (Late Pleistocene: 11,500 to circa 9,000 YBP)*

Archaeologically, the Paleo Indian Period is associated with the terminus of the late Pleistocene (12,000 to 10,000 YBP). The environment during the late Pleistocene was cool and moist, which allowed for glaciation in the mountains and the formation of deep, pluvial lakes in the deserts and basin lands (Moratto 1984). However, by the terminus of the late Pleistocene, the climate became warmer, which caused the glaciers to melt, sea levels to rise, greater coastal erosion, large lakes to recede and evaporate, extinction of Pleistocene megafauna, and major vegetation changes (Moratto 1984; Martin 1967, 1973; Fagan 1991). The coastal shoreline at 10,000 YBP, depending upon the particular area of the coast, was near the 30-meter isobath, or two to six kilometers further west than its present location (Masters 1983).

Paleo Indians were likely attracted to multiple habitat types, including mountains, marshlands, estuaries, and lakeshores. These people likely subsisted using a more generalized hunting, gathering, and collecting adaptation utilizing a variety of resources including birds, mollusks, and both large and small mammals (Erlandson and Colten 1991; Moratto 1984; Moss and Erlandson 1995).

### *1.3.3 Archaic Period (Early and Middle Holocene: circa 9,000 to 1,300 YBP)*

Archaeological data indicates that between 9,000 and 8,000 YBP, a widespread complex was established in the southern California region, primarily along the coast (Warren and True 1961). This complex is locally known as the La Jolla Complex (Rogers 1939; Moriarty 1966), which is regionally associated with the Encinitas Tradition (Warren 1968) and shares cultural components with the widespread Milling Stone Horizon (Wallace 1955). The coastal expression of this complex appeared in southern California coastal areas and focused upon coastal resources and the development of deeply stratified shell middens that were primarily located around bays and lagoons. The older sites associated with this expression are located at Topanga Canyon, Newport Bay, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and some of the Channel Islands. Radiocarbon dates from sites attributed to this complex span a period of over 7,000 years in this region, beginning over 9,000 YBP.

The Encinitas Tradition is best recognized for its pattern of large coastal sites characterized by shell middens, grinding tools that are closely associated with the marine resources of the area, cobble-based tools, and flexed human burials (Shumway et al. 1961; Smith and Moriarty 1985). While ground stone tools and scrapers are the most recognized tool types, coastal Encinitas Tradition sites also contain numerous utilized flakes, which may have been used to pry open shellfish. Artifact assemblages at coastal sites indicate a subsistence pattern focused upon shellfish collection and nearshore fishing. This suggests an incipient maritime adaptation with regional similarities to more northern sites of the same period (Koerper et al. 1986). Other artifacts associated with Encinitas Tradition sites include stone bowls, doughnut stones, discoidals, stone balls, and stone, bone, and shell beads.

The coastal lagoons in southern California supported large Milling Stone Horizon populations circa 6,000 YBP, as is shown by numerous radiocarbon dates from the many sites adjacent to the lagoons. The ensuing millennia were not stable environmentally, and by 3,000 YBP, many of the coastal sites in central San Diego County had been abandoned (Gallegos 1987, 1992). The abandonment of the area is usually attributed to the sedimentation of coastal lagoons and the resulting deterioration of fish and mollusk habitat. This is a well-documented situation at Batiquitos Lagoon, where over a two-thousand-year period, dominant mollusk species occurring in archaeological middens shift from deep-water mollusks (*Argopecten* sp.) to species tolerant of tidal flat conditions (*Chione* sp.), indicating water depth and temperature changes (Miller 1966; Gallegos 1987).

This situation likely occurred for other small drainages (Buena Vista, Agua Hedionda, San Marcos, and Escondido creeks) along the central San Diego coast where low flow rates did not produce sufficient discharge to flush the lagoons they fed (Buena Vista, Agua Hedionda, Batiquitos, and San Elijo lagoons) (Byrd 1998). Drainages along the northern and southern San Diego coastline were larger and flushed the coastal hydrological features they fed sufficiently, keeping them open to the ocean and allowing for continued human exploitation (Byrd 1998). Peñasquitos Lagoon exhibits dates as late as 2,355 YBP (Smith and Moriarty 1985) and San Diego Bay showed continuous occupation until the close of the Milling Stone Horizon (Gallegos and Kyle 1988). Additionally, data from several drainages in Camp Pendleton indicate a continued occupation of shell midden sites until the close of the period, indicating that coastal sites were not entirely abandoned during this time (Byrd 1998).

By 5,000 YBP, an inland expression of the La Jolla Complex is evident in the archaeological record, exhibiting influences from the Campbell Tradition from the north. These inland Milling Stone Horizon sites have been termed “Pauma Complex” (True 1958; Warren et al. 1961; Meighan 1954). Pauma Complex sites share a predominance of grinding implements (manos and metates), lack mollusk remains, have greater tool variety (including atlatl dart points, quarry-based tools, and crescentics), and seem to express a more sedentary lifestyle with a subsistence economy based upon the use of a broad variety of terrestrial resources. Although originally viewed as a separate culture from the coastal La Jolla Complex (True 1980), it appears that these inland sites may be part of a subsistence and settlement system utilized by the coastal peoples. Evidence from the 4S Project in inland San Diego County suggests that these inland sites may represent seasonal components within an annual subsistence round by La Jolla Complex populations (Raven-Jennings et al. 1996). Including both coastal and inland sites of this time period in discussions of the Encinitas Tradition, therefore, provides a more complete appraisal of the settlement and subsistence system exhibited by this cultural complex.

More recent work by Sutton has identified a more localized complex known as the Greven Knoll Complex. The Greven Knoll Complex is a redefined northern inland expression of the Encinitas Tradition first put forth by Mark Sutton and Jill Gardner (2010). Sutton and Gardener (2010:25) state that “[t]he early millingstone archaeological record in the northern portion of the interior southern California was not formally named but was often referred to as ‘Inland Millingstone,’ ‘Encinitas,’ or even ‘Topanga.’” Therefore, they proposed that all expressions of the inland Milling Stone in southern California north of San Diego County be grouped together in the Greven Knoll Complex.

The Greven Knoll Complex, as postulated by Sutton and Gardener (2010), is broken into three phases and obtained its name from the type-site Greven Knoll located in Yucaipa, California. Presently, the Greven Knoll Site is part of the Yucaipa’t Site (SBR-1000) and was combined with the adjacent Simpson Site. Excavations at Greven Knoll recovered manos, metates, projectile points, discoidal coggled stones, and a flexed inhumation with a possible cremation (Kowta 1969:39). It is believed that the Greven Knoll Site was occupied between 5,000 and 3,500 YBP.

The Simpson Site contained mortars, pestles, side-notched points, and stone and shell beads. Based upon the data recovered at these sites, Kowta (1969:39) suggested that “coastal Milling Stone Complexes extended to and interdigitated with the desert Pinto Basin Complex in the vicinity of the Cajon Pass.”

Phase I of the Greven Knoll Complex is generally dominated by the presence of manos and metates, core tools, hammerstones, large dart points, flexed inhumations, and occasional cremations. Mortars and pestles are absent from this early phase, and the subsistence economy emphasized hunting. Sutton and Gardener (2010:26) propose that the similarity of the material culture of Greven Knoll Phase I and that found in the Mojave Desert at Pinto Period sites indicates that the Greven Knoll Complex was influenced by neighbors to the north at that time. Accordingly, Sutton and Gardener (2010) believe that Greven Knoll Phase I may have appeared as early as 9,400 YBP and lasted until about 4,000 YBP.

Greven Knoll Phase II is associated with a period between 4,000 and 3,000 YBP. Artifacts common to Greven Knoll Phase II include manos and metates, Elko points, core tools, and discoidals. Pestles and mortars are present; however, they are only represented in small numbers. Finally, there is an emphasis upon hunting and gathering for subsistence (Sutton and Gardener 2010:8).

Greven Knoll Phase III includes manos, metates, Elko points, scraper planes, choppers, hammerstones, and discoidals. Again, small numbers of mortars and pestles are present. Greven Knoll Phase III spans from approximately 3,000 to 1,000 YBP and shows a reliance upon seeds and yucca. Hunting is still important, but bones seem to have been processed to obtain bone grease more often in this later phase (Sutton and Gardener 2010:8).

The shifts in food processing technologies during each of these phases indicate a change in subsistence strategies; although people were still hunting for large game, plant-based foods eventually became the primary dietary resource (Sutton 2011a). Sutton’s (2011b) argument posits that the development of mortars and pestles during the middle Holocene can be attributed to the year-round exploitation of acorns as a main dietary provision. Additionally, the warmer and drier climate may have been responsible for groups from the east moving toward coastal populations, which is archaeologically represented by the interchange of coastal and eastern cultural traits (Sutton 2011a).

#### *1.3.4 Late Prehistoric Period (Late Holocene: 1,300 YBP to 1790)*

Many Luiseño hold the world view that, as a population, they were created in southern California. Archaeological and anthropological data, however, proposes a scientific/archaeological perspective, suggesting that at approximately 1,350 YBP, Takic-speaking groups from the Great Basin region moved into Riverside County, marking the transition to the Late Prehistoric Period. An analysis of the Takic expansion by Sutton (2009) indicates that inland southern California was occupied by “proto-Yuman” populations before 1,000 YBP. The comprehensive, multi-phase model offered by Sutton (2009) employs linguistic, ethnographic,



archaeological, and biological data to solidify a reasonable argument for population replacement of Takic groups to the north by Penutians (Laylander 1985). As a result, it is believed that Takic expansion occurred starting around 3,500 YBP moving toward southern California, with the Gabrielino language diffusing south into neighboring Yuman (Hokan) groups around 1,500 to 1,000 YBP, possibly resulting in the Luiseño dialect.

Based upon Sutton's model, the final Takic expansion would not have occurred until about 1,000 YBP, resulting in Vanyume, Serrano, Cahuilla, and Cupeño dialects. The model suggests that instead of replacing the Hokan speakers, the Luiseño were a northern San Diego County/southern Riverside County Yuman population who adopted the Takic language. This period is characterized by higher population densities and elaborations in social, political, and technological systems. Economic systems diversified and intensified during this period with the continued elaboration of trade networks, the use of shell-bead currency, and the appearance of more labor-intensive, yet effective, technological innovations. Technological developments during this period included the introduction of the bow and arrow between A.D. 400 and 600 and the introduction of ceramics. Atlatl darts were replaced by smaller arrow darts, including Cottonwood series points. Other hallmarks of the Late Prehistoric Period include extensive trade networks as far-reaching as the Colorado River Basin and cremation of the dead.

#### *1.3.5 Protohistoric Period (Late Holocene: 1790 to Present)*

Ethnohistoric and ethnographic evidence indicates that three Takic-speaking groups occupied portions of Riverside County: the Cahuilla, the Gabrielino, and the Luiseño. The geographic boundaries between these groups in pre- and proto-historic times are difficult to place, but the project is located well within the borders of ethnographic Luiseño territory. This group was a seasonal hunting and gathering people with cultural elements that were very distinct from Archaic Period peoples. These distinctions include cremation of the dead, the use of the bow and arrow, and exploitation of the acorn as a main food staple (Moratto 1984). Along the coast, the Luiseño made use of available marine resources by fishing and collecting mollusks for food. Seasonally available terrestrial resources, including acorns and game, were also sources of nourishment for Luiseño groups. Elaborate kinship and clan systems between the Luiseño and other groups facilitated a wide-reaching trade network that included trade of Obsidian Butte obsidian and other resources from the eastern deserts, as well as steatite from the Channel Islands.

According to Charles Handley (1967), the primary settlements of Late Prehistoric Luiseño Indians in the San Jacinto Plain were represented by Ivah and Soboba near Soboba Springs, Jusipah near the town of San Jacinto, Ararah in Webster's Canyon en route to Idyllwild, Pahsitha near Big Springs Ranch southeast of Hemet, and Corova in Castillo Canyon. These locations share features such as the availability of food and water resources. Features of this land use include petroglyphs and pictographs, as well as widespread milling, which is evident in bedrock and portable implements. Groups in the vicinity of the project, neighboring the Luiseño, include the Cahuilla and the Gabrielino. Ethnographic data for the three groups is presented below.

### **Luiŕeño: An Archaeological and Ethnographic Perspective**

When contacted by the Spanish in the sixteenth century, the Luiŕeño occupied a territory bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the east by the Peninsular Ranges mountains at San Jacinto (including Palomar Mountain to the south and Santiago Peak to the north), on the south by Agua Hedionda Lagoon, and on the north by Aliso Creek in present-day San Juan Capistrano. The Luiŕeño were a Takic-speaking people more closely related linguistically and ethnographically to the Cahuilla, Gabrielino, and Cupeño to the north and east rather than the Kumeyaay who occupied territory to the south. The Luiŕeño differed from their neighboring Takic speakers in having an extensive proliferation of social statuses, a system of ruling families that provided ethnic cohesion within the territory, a distinct worldview that stemmed from the use of datura (a hallucinogen), and an elaborate religion that included the creation of sacred sand paintings depicting the deity Chingichngish (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Subsistence and Settlement**

The Luiŕeño occupied sedentary villages most often located in sheltered areas in valley bottoms, along streams, or along coastal strands near mountain ranges. Villages were located near water sources to facilitate acorn leaching and in areas that offered thermal and defensive protection. Villages were comprised of areas that were publicly and privately (by family) owned. Publicly owned areas included trails, temporary campsites, hunting areas, and quarry sites. Inland groups had fishing and gathering sites along the coast that were intensively used from January to March when inland food resources were scarce. During October and November, most of the village would relocate to mountain oak groves to harvest acorns. The Luiŕeño remained at village sites for the remainder of the year, where food resources were within a day's travel (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

The most important food source for the Luiŕeño was the acorn, six different species of which were used (*Quercus californica*, *Quercus agrifolia*, *Quercus chrysolepis*, *Quercus dumosa*, *Quercus engelmannii*, and *Quercus wislizenii*). Seeds, particularly of grasses, flowering plants, and mints, were also heavily exploited. Seed-bearing species were encouraged through controlled burns, which were conducted at least every third year. A variety of other stems, leaves, shoots, bulbs, roots, and fruits were also collected. Hunting augmented this vegetal diet. Animal species taken included deer, rabbit, hare, woodrat, ground squirrel, antelope, quail, duck, freshwater fish from mountain streams, marine mammals, and other sea creatures such as fish, crustaceans, and mollusks (particularly abalone, or *Haliotis* sp.). In addition, a variety of snakes, small birds, and rodents were eaten (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Social Organization**

Social groups within the Luiŕeño nation consisted of patrilinear families or clans, which were politically and economically autonomous. Several clans comprised a religious party, or nota, which was headed by a chief who organized ceremonies and controlled economics and warfare.

The chief had assistants who specialized in aspects of ceremonial or environmental knowledge and who, with the chief, were part of a religion-based social group with special access to supernatural power, particularly that of Chingichngish. The positions of chief and assistants were hereditary, and the complexity and multiplicity of these specialists' roles likely increased in coastal and larger inland villages (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976; Strong 1929).

Marriages were arranged by the parents, often made to forge alliances between lineages. Useful alliances included those between groups of differing ecological niches and those that resulted in territorial expansion. Residence was patrilocal (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976). Women were primarily responsible for plant gathering and men principally hunted, but at times, particularly during acorn and marine mollusk harvests, there was no division of labor. Elderly women cared for children and elderly men participated in rituals, ceremonies, and political affairs. They were also responsible for manufacturing hunting and ritual implements. Children were taught subsistence skills at the earliest age possible (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### Material Culture

House structures were conical, partially subterranean, and thatched with reeds, brush, or bark. Ramadas were rectangular, protected workplaces for domestic chores such as cooking. Ceremonial sweathouses were important in purification rituals; these were round and partially subterranean thatched structures covered with a layer of mud. Another ceremonial structure was the wámkis (located in the center of the village, serving as the place of rituals), where sand paintings and other rituals associated with the Chingichngish religious group were performed (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Clothing was minimal; women wore a cedar-bark and netted twine double apron and men wore a waist cord. In cold weather, cloaks or robes of rabbit fur, deerskin, or sea otter fur were worn by both sexes. Footwear included deerskin moccasins and sandals fashioned from yucca fibers. Adornments included bead necklaces and pendants made of bone, clay, stone, shell, bear claw, mica, deer hooves, and abalone shell. Men wore ear and nose piercings made from cane or bone, which were sometimes decorated with beads. Other adornments were commonly decorated with semiprecious stones including quartz, topaz, garnet, opal, opalite, agate, and jasper (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Hunting implements included the bow and arrow. Arrows were tipped with either a carved, fire-hardened wood tip or a lithic point, usually fashioned from locally available metavolcanic material or quartz. Throwing sticks fashioned from wood were used in hunting small game, while deer head decoys were used during deer hunts. Coastal groups fashioned dugout canoes for nearshore fishing and harvested fish with seines, nets, traps, and hooks made of bone or abalone shell (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

The Luiseño had a well-developed basket industry. Baskets were used in resource gathering, food preparation, storage, and food serving. Ceramic containers were shaped by paddle and anvil and fired in shallow, open pits to be used for food storage, cooking, and serving. Other

utensils included wood implements, steatite bowls, and ground stone manos, metates, mortars, and pestles (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976). Additional tools such as knives, scrapers, choppers, awls, and drills were also used. Shamanistic items include soapstone or clay smoking pipes and crystals made of quartz or tourmaline (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Cahuilla: An Archaeological and Ethnographic Perspective**

At the time of Spanish contact in the sixteenth century, the Cahuilla occupied territory that included the San Bernardino Mountains, Orocopia Mountain, and the Chocolate Mountains to the east, Salton Sea and Borrego Springs to the south, Palomar Mountain and Lake Mathews to the west, and the Santa Ana River to the north. The Cahuilla are a Takic-speaking people closely related to their Gabrielino and Luiseño neighbors, although relations with the Gabrielino were more intense than with the Luiseño. They differ from the Luiseño and Gabrielino in that their religion is closer to the Mohave tribes of the eastern deserts than the Chingichngish religious group of the Luiseño and Gabrielino. The following is a summary of ethnographic data regarding this group (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Subsistence and Settlement**

Cahuilla villages were typically permanent and located on low terraces within canyons in proximity to water sources. These locations proved to be rich in food resources and afforded protection from prevailing winds. Villages had areas that were publicly owned and areas that were privately owned by clans, families, or individuals. Each village was associated with a particular lineage and series of sacred sites that included unique petroglyphs and pictographs. Villages were occupied throughout the year; however, during a several-week period in the fall, most of the village members relocated to mountain oak groves to take part in acorn harvesting (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

The Cahuilla's use of plant resources is well documented. Plant foods harvested by the Cahuilla included valley oak acorns and single-leaf pinyon pine nuts. Other important plant species included bean and screw mesquite, agave, Mohave yucca, cacti, palm, chia, quail brush, yellowray goldfield, goosefoot, manzanita, catsclaw, desert lily, mariposa lily, and many other species such as grass seed. Several agricultural domesticates were acquired from the Colorado River tribes including corn, bean, squash, and melon grown in limited amounts. Animal species taken included deer, bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, rabbit, hare, rat, quail, dove, duck, roadrunner, and a variety of rodents, reptiles, fish, and insects (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Social Organization**

The Cahuilla was not a political nation, but rather a cultural nationality with a common language. Two non-political, non-territorial patrimoieties were recognized: the Wildcats (túktem) and the Coyotes (?ístan). Lineage and kinship were memorized at a young age among the Cahuilla, providing a backdrop for political relationships. Clans were comprised of three to 10

lineages; each lineage owned a village site and specific resource areas. Lineages within a clan cooperated in subsistence activities, defense, and rituals (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

A system of ceremonial hierarchy operated within each lineage. The hierarchy included the lineage leader, who was responsible for leading subsistence activities, guarding the sacred bundle, and negotiating with other lineage leaders in matters concerning land use, boundary disputes, marriage arrangements, trade, warfare, and ceremonies. The ceremonial assistant to the lineage leader was responsible for organizing ceremonies. A ceremonial singer possessed and performed songs at rituals and trained assistant singers. The shaman cured illnesses through supernatural powers, controlled natural phenomena, and was the guardian of ceremonies, keeping evil spirits away. The diviner was responsible for finding lost objects, telling future events, and locating game and other food resources. Doctors were usually older women who cured various ailments and illnesses with their knowledge of medicinal herbs. Finally, certain Cahuilla specialized as traders, who ranged as far west as Santa Catalina and as far east as the Gila River (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Marriages were arranged by parents from opposite moieties. When a child was born, an alliance formed between the families, which included frequent reciprocal exchanges. The Cahuilla kinship system extended to relatives within five generations. Important economic decisions, primarily the distribution of goods, operated within this kinship system (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### Material Culture

Cahuilla houses were dome-shaped or rectangular, thatched structures. The home of the lineage leader was the largest, located near the ceremonial house with the best access to water. Other structures within the village included the men's sweathouse and granaries (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Cahuilla clothing, like other groups in the area, was minimal. Men typically wore a loincloth and sandals; women wore skirts made from mesquite bark, animal skin, or tules. Babies wore mesquite bark diapers. Rabbit skin cloaks were worn in cold weather (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Hunting implements included the bow and arrow, throwing sticks, and clubs. Grinding tools used in food processing included manos, metates, and wood mortars. The Cahuilla were known to use long grinding implements made from wood to process mesquite beans; the mortar was typically a hollowed log buried in the ground. Other tools included steatite arrow shaft straighteners (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Baskets were made from rush, deer grass, and skunkbrush. Different species and leaves were chosen for different colors in the basket design. Coiled-ware baskets were either flat (for plates, trays, or winnowing), bowl-shaped (for food serving), deep, inverted, and cone-shaped (for transporting), or rounded and flat-bottomed for storing utensils and personal items (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Cahuilla pottery was made from thin, red-colored ceramic ware that was often painted and incised. Four basic vessel types are known for the Cahuilla: small-mouthed jars, cooking pots, bowls, and dishes. Additionally, smoking pipes and flutes were fashioned from ceramic (Bean 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Gabrielino: An Archaeological and Ethnographic Perspective**

The territory of the Gabrielino at the time of Spanish contact covers much of present-day Los Angeles and Orange counties. The southern extent of this culture area is bounded by Aliso Creek, the eastern extent is located east of present-day San Bernardino along the Santa Ana River, the northern extent includes the San Fernando Valley, and the western extent includes portions of the Santa Monica Mountains. The Gabrielino also occupied several Channel Islands including Santa Barbara Island, Santa Catalina Island, San Nicholas Island, and San Clemente Island. Because of their access to certain resources, including a steatite source from Santa Catalina Island, this group was among the wealthiest and most populous aboriginal groups in all southern California. Trade of materials and resources controlled by the Gabrielino extended as far north as the San Joaquin Valley, as far east as the Colorado River, and as far south as Baja California (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Subsistence and Settlement**

The Gabrielino lived in permanent villages and occupied smaller resource-gathering camps at various times of the year depending upon the seasonality of the resource. Larger villages were comprised of several families or clans, while smaller, seasonal camps typically housed smaller family units. The coastal area between San Pedro and Topanga Canyon was the location of primary subsistence villages, while secondary sites were located near inland sage stands, oak groves, and pine forests. Permanent villages were located along rivers and streams and in sheltered areas along the coast. As previously mentioned, the Channel Islands were also the locations of relatively large settlements (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Resources procured along the coast and on the islands were primarily marine in nature and included tuna, swordfish, ray and shark, California sea lion, Stellar sea lion, harbor seal, northern elephant seal, sea otter, dolphin and porpoise, various waterfowl species, numerous fish species, purple sea urchin, and mollusks, such as rock scallop, California mussel, and limpet. Inland resources included oak acorn, pine nut, Mohave yucca, cacti, sage, grass nut, deer, rabbit, hare, rodent, quail, duck, and a variety of reptiles such as western pond turtle and numerous snake species (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### **Social Organization**

Little is known about the social structure of the Gabrielino; however, there appears to have been at least three social classes: 1) the elite, which included the rich, chiefs, and their immediate family; 2) a middle class, which included people of relatively high economic status or long-

established lineages; and 3) a class of people that included most other individuals in the society. Villages were politically autonomous units comprised of several lineages. During times of the year when certain seasonal resources were available, the village would divide into lineage groups and move out to exploit them, returning to the village between forays (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Each lineage had its own leader, with the village chief coming from the dominant lineage. Several villages might be allied under a paramount chief. Chiefly positions were of an ascribed status, most often passed to the eldest son. Chief duties included providing village cohesion, leading warfare, and peace negotiations with other groups, collecting tribute from the village(s) under his jurisdiction, and arbitrating disputes within the village(s). The status of the chief was legitimized by his safekeeping of the sacred bundle, a representation of the link between the material and spiritual realms and the embodiment of power (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Shamans were leaders in the spirit realm. The duties of the shaman included conducting healing and curing ceremonies, guarding the sacred bundle, locating lost items, identifying and collecting poisons for arrows, and making rain (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Marriages were made between individuals of equal social status and, in the case of powerful lineages, marriages were arranged to establish political ties between the lineages (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Men conducted much of the heavy labor, hunting, fishing, and trading with other groups. Women's duties included gathering and preparing plant and animal resources, and making baskets, pots, and clothing (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### Material Culture

Gabrielino houses were domed, circular structures made of thatched vegetation. Houses varied in size and could house from one to several families. Sweathouses (semicircular, earth-covered buildings) were public structures used in male social ceremonies. Other structures included menstrual huts and a ceremonial structure called a yuvar, an open-air structure built near the chief's house (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Clothing was minimal; men and children most often went naked, while women wore deerskin or bark aprons. In cold weather, deerskin, rabbit fur, or bird skin (with feathers intact) cloaks were worn. Island and coastal groups used sea otter fur for cloaks. In areas of rough terrain, yucca fiber sandals were worn. Women often used red ochre on their faces and skin for adornment or protection from the sun. Adornment items included feathers, fur, shells, and beads (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

Hunting implements included wood clubs, sinew-backed bows, slings, and throwing clubs. Maritime implements included rafts, harpoons, spears, hook and line, and nets. A variety of other tools included deer scapulae saws, bone and shell needles, bone awls, scrapers, bone or shell flakers, wedges, stone knives and drills, metates, mullers, manos, shell spoons, bark platters, and wood paddles and bowls. Baskets were made from rush, deer grass, and skunkbush. Baskets were

fashioned for hoppers, plates, trays, and winnowers for leaching, straining, and gathering. Baskets were also used for storing, preparing, and serving food, and for keeping personal and ceremonial items (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

The Gabrielino had exclusive access to soapstone, or steatite, procured from Santa Catalina Island quarries. This highly prized material was used for making pipes, animal carvings, ritual objects, ornaments, and cooking utensils. The Gabrielino profited well from trading steatite since it was valued so much by groups throughout southern California (Bean and Smith 1978; Kroeber 1976).

### *1.3.6 Ethnohistoric Period (1769 to Present)*

Traditionally, the history of the state of California has been divided into three general periods: the Spanish Period (1769 to 1821), the Mexican Period (1822 to 1846), and the American Period (1848 to present) (Caughey 1970). The American Period is often further subdivided into additional phases: the nineteenth century (1848 to 1900), the early twentieth century (1900 to 1950), and the Modern Period (1950 to present). From an archaeological standpoint, all these phases can be referred to together as the Ethnohistoric Period. This provides a valuable tool for archaeologists, as ethnohistory is directly concerned with the study of indigenous or non-Western peoples from a combined historical/anthropological viewpoint, which employs written documents, oral narrative, material culture, and ethnographic data for analysis.

European exploration along the California coast began in 1542 with the landing of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo and his men at San Diego Bay. Sixty years after the Cabrillo expeditions, an expedition under Sebastián Vizcaíno made an extensive and thorough exploration of the Pacific coast. Although the voyage did not extend beyond the northern limits of the Cabrillo track, Vizcaíno had the most lasting effect upon the nomenclature of the coast. Many of his place names have survived, whereas nearly every one of the names created by Cabrillo have faded from use. For instance, Cabrillo named the first (now) United States port he stopped at “San Miguel”; 60 years later, Vizcaíno changed it to “San Diego” (Rolle 1969). The early European voyages observed Native Americans living in villages along the coast but did not make any substantial, long-lasting impact. At the time of contact, the Luiseño population was estimated to have ranged from 4,000 to as many as 10,000 individuals (Bean and Shipek 1978; Kroeber 1976).

The historic background of the project area began with the Spanish colonization of Alta California. The first Spanish colonizing expedition reached southern California in 1769 with the intention of converting and civilizing the indigenous populations, as well as expanding the knowledge of and access to new resources in the region (Brigandi 1998). As a result, by the late eighteenth century, a large portion of southern California was overseen by Mission San Luis Rey (San Diego County), Mission San Juan Capistrano (Orange County), and Mission San Gabriel (Los Angeles County), who began colonization the region and surrounding areas (Chapman 1921).



Up until this time, the only known way to feasibly travel from Sonora to Alta California was by sea. In 1774, Juan Bautista de Anza, an army captain at Tubac, requested and was given permission by the governor of the Mexican State of Sonora to establish an overland route from Sonora to Monterey (Chapman 1921). In doing so, Juan Bautista de Anza passed through Riverside County and described the area in writing for the first time (Caughey 1970; Chapman 1921). In 1797, Father Fermín de Lasuén (of Mission San Diego de Alcalá), Father Norberto de Santiago, and Corporal Pedro Lisalde (of Mission San Juan Capistrano) led an expedition through southwestern Riverside County in search of a new mission site to establish a presence between San Diego and San Juan Capistrano (Engelhardt 1921). Their efforts ultimately resulted in the establishment of Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, California.

Each mission gained power through the support of a large, subjugated Native American workforce. As the missions grew, livestock holdings increased and became increasingly vulnerable to theft. In order to protect their interests, the southern California missions began to expand inland to try and provide additional security (Beattie and Beattie 1939; Caughey 1970). In order to meet their needs, the Spaniards embarked on a formal expedition in 1806 to find potential locations within what is now the San Bernardino Valley. As a result, by 1810, Father Francisco Dumetz of Mission San Gabriel had succeeded in establishing a religious site, or capilla, at a Cahuilla rancheria called Guachama (Beattie and Beattie 1939). San Bernardino Valley received its name from this site, which was dedicated to San Bernardino de Siena by Father Dumetz. The Guachama rancheria was located in present-day Bryn Mawr in San Bernardino County.

These early colonization efforts were followed by the establishment of estancias at Puente (circa 1816) and San Bernardino (circa 1819) near Guachama (Beattie and Beattie 1939). These efforts were soon mirrored by the Spaniards from Mission San Luis Rey, who in turn established a presence in what is now Lake Elsinore, Temecula, and Murrieta (Chapman 1921). The indigenous groups who occupied these lands were recruited by missionaries, converted, and put to work in the missions (Pourade 1961). Throughout this period, the Native American populations were decimated by introduced diseases, a drastic shift in diet resulting in poor nutrition, and social conflicts due to the introduction of an entirely new social order (Cook 1976).

Mexico achieved independence from Spain in 1822 and became a federal republic in 1824. As a result, both Baja and Alta California became classified as territories (Rolle 1969). Shortly thereafter, the Mexican Republic sought to grant large tracts of private land to its citizens to begin to encourage immigration to California and to establish its presence in the region. Part of the establishment of power and control included the desecularization of the missions circa 1832. These same missions were also located on some of the most fertile land in California and, as a result, were considered highly valuable. The resulting land grants, known as “ranchos,” covered expansive portions of California and by 1846, more than 600 land grants had been issued by the Mexican government. Rancho Jurupa was the first rancho to be established and was issued to Juan Bandini in 1838. Although Bandini primarily resided in San Diego, Rancho Jurupa was located in what is now Riverside County (Pourade 1963). A review of Riverside County place names

quickly illustrates that many of the ranchos in Riverside County lent their names to present-day locations, including Jurupa, El Rincon, La Sierra, El Sobrante de San Jacinto, La Laguna (Lake Elsinore), Santa Rosa, Temecula, Pauba, San Jacinto Nuevo y Potrero, and San Jacinto Viejo (Gunther 1984). As was typical of many ranchos, these were all located in the valley environments within western Riverside County.

The treatment of Native Americans grew worse during the Rancho Period. Most of the Native Americans were forced off their land or put to work on the now privately-owned ranchos, most often as slave labor. Due to the brutal ranchos, the degree to which Native Americans had become dependent upon the mission system is evident when, in 1838, a group of Native Americans from Mission San Luis Rey petitioned government officials in San Diego to relieve suffering at the hands of the rancheros:

We have suffered incalculable losses, for some of which we are in part to be blamed for because many of us have abandoned the Mission ... We plead and beseech you ... to grant us a Rev. Father for this place. We have been accustomed to the Rev. Fathers and to their manner of managing the duties. We labored under their intelligent directions, and we were obedient to the Fathers according to the regulations, because we considered it as good for us. (Brigandi 1998:21)

Native American culture had been disrupted to the point where they could no longer rely upon prehistoric subsistence and social patterns. Not only does this illustrate how dependent the Native Americans had become upon the missionaries, but it also indicates a marked contrast in the way the Spanish treated the Native Americans compared to the Mexican and United States ranchers. Spanish colonialism (missions) is based upon utilizing human resources while integrating them into their society. The Mexican and American ranchers did not accept Native Americans into their social order and used them specifically for the extraction of labor, resources, and profit. Rather than being incorporated, they were either subjugated or exterminated (Cook 1976).

By 1846, tensions between the United States and Mexico had escalated to the point of war (Rolle 1969). In order to reach a peaceful agreement, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was put into effect in 1848, which resulted in the annexation of California to the United States. Once California opened to the United States, waves of settlers moved in searching for gold mines, business opportunities, political opportunities, religious freedom, and adventure (Rolle 1969; Caughey 1970). By 1850, California had become a state and was eventually divided into 27 separate counties. While a much larger population was now settling in California, this was primarily in the central valley, San Francisco, and the Gold Rush region of the Sierra Nevada mountain range (Rolle 1969; Caughey 1970). During this time, southern California grew at a much slower pace than northern California and was still dominated by the cattle industry that was established during the earlier rancho period. However, by 1859, the first United States Post Office

in what would eventually become Riverside County was set up at John Magee's store on the Temecula Rancho (Gunther 1984).

During the same decade, circa 1852, the Native Americans of southern Riverside County, including the Luiseño and the Cahuilla, thought they had signed a treaty resulting in their ownership of all lands from Temecula to Aguanga east to the desert, including the San Jacinto Valley and the San Geronimo Pass. The Temecula Treaty also included food and clothing provisions for the Native Americans. However, Congress never ratified these treaties, and the promise of one large reservation was rescinded (Brigandi 1998).

With the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1869, southern California saw its first major population expansion. The population boom continued circa 1874 with the completion of connections between the Southern Pacific Railroad in Sacramento to the transcontinental Central Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles (Rolle 1969; Caughey 1970). The population influx brought farmers, land speculators, and prospective developers to the region. As the Jurupa area became more and more populated, circa 1870, Judge John Wesley North and a group of associates founded the city of Riverside on part of the former rancho.

Although the first orange trees were planted in Riverside County circa 1871, it was not until a few years later when a small number of Brazilian navel orange trees were established that the citrus industry truly began in the region (Patterson 1971). The Brazilian navel orange was well suited to the climate of Riverside County and thrived with assistance from several extensive irrigation projects. At the close of 1882, an estimated half a million citrus trees were present in California. It is estimated that nearly half of the citrus tree population was in Riverside County. Population growth and 1880s tax revenue from the booming citrus industry prompted the official formation of Riverside County in 1893 out of portions of what was once San Bernardino and San Diego counties (Patterson 1971).

Shortly thereafter, with the start of World War I, the United States began to develop a military presence in Riverside County with the construction of March Air Reserve Base. During World War II, Camp Haan and Camp Anza were constructed in what is now the current location of the National Veteran's Cemetery. In the decades that followed, populations spread throughout the county into Lake Elsinore, Corona, Norco, Murrieta, and Wildomar. However, a significant portion of the county remained largely agricultural well into the 1970s (Patterson 1971). Following the 1970s, Riverside saw a period of dramatic population increase as the result of new development, more than doubling the population of the county to a population of over 1.3 million residents.

### Historical Review of the Community of Menifee

A research effort was initiated to characterize the circumstances of the early development in the Perris and Menifee valleys to create a historical and cultural framework for discussion. The Perris and Menifee valleys are both part of the geologic valley system known as the Perris Plain, a broad, nearly flat valley surface dotted with bedrock hills that extend from the Hemet area on the

north to Corona on the south. The historical development of this area was strongly influenced by the geography of the Perris Plain, especially the lack of surface water and the soil conditions.

The Salt Creek Project is located between the city of Perris and the city of Temecula, both of which played a pivotal role in the development of the Perris Valley. Settlement in the area began with mining and homesteading in the 1880s. In the early 1880s, a 20-year-old prospector from Kentucky named Menifee Wilson (California State Library 1896) discovered and claimed a gold-bearing quartz mine about eight miles south of Perris (Gunther 1984). Wilson named his claim the Menifee Quartz Lode. This gold discovery resulted in an influx of miners to the area, which became known as Menifee or Menifee Valley. Additional claims were laid out by other prospectors and the area became formally designated the Menifee (Auld) Mining District (Clark 1970), which encompasses most of the granite formation on the south side of the Menifee Valley. Wilson became a successful local miner and the district produced commercial quantities of gold from several mines. One of Wilson's mines, the King Wilson Mine, was purchased and renamed the Alice Mine. The Alice Mine was eventually enlarged to include a stamp mill that produced substantial quantities of ore (Irelan 1891).

The discovery of gold, however, had a significant effect upon increased interest and population movements into the Menifee and Perris valleys. In addition to mining, several farms were established in the valley areas to take advantage of the farming and ranching potential. A result of the increased population associated with the agricultural development of the Menifee Valley, the need arose for a post office and school. Although an actual town site named "Menifee" never existed, the post office and school became community landmarks. The Menifee Post Office was established on May 18, 1887, with Darius W. Godfrey as the first postmaster (Salley 1977). It appears that the post office was situated in a small store adjacent to the schoolhouse, both of which were situated near the present-day intersection of Newport and Bradley roads, approximately four miles southwest of the Menifee Railroad siding. The post office was discontinued on November 30, 1896, reestablished on April 4, 1900, and permanently discontinued on July 10, 1900. After that time, the mail was routed to Perris.

The Menifee School District was formed in 1890. William W. Snoddy, the patentee of 160 acres in the valley on January 25, 1888 (San Diego County Patent Book 6, page 83), gave an acre and a half for a school site on March 31, 1890 (San Diego County Deed Book 167, page 71). As noted previously, the school site was located at the intersection of Newport and Bradley roads. The school served the local farming community and was incorporated into the county school system on April 4, 1893. A description of Menifee printed in June 1893 described the area as "a post office in the center of a very large hay and grain growing community. There is a fine, large school here ... The Southern Methodists have a church and organization, Rev. A. Adkisson, pastor" (Gunther 1984). Subsequent research into land patents at the Bureau of Land Management General Land Office resulted in a finding that no town site had been patented at this location. This means that aside from the school building, the land at that location was probably privately owned.

When Riverside County was being formed from part of San Diego County, the *Riverside Daily Press* sent out a reporter to take stock of the new county. The resultant report dated March 3, 1893 described Menifee as:

[E]xclusively a grain growing section. There is no village. Up to about three weeks ago there was a store, but that burned and has not been rebuilt. The post office is now being kept in a little shanty. There is a fine school house near where the store stood. There are few houses except at the old mines. The ranch houses, which are widely scattered, are nearly all fine looking buildings and denote general prosperity in this section. (Gunther 1984)

The historical record suggests that grain and hay farming alone could not sustain a small farm (160 acres or less) in the Menifee and Perris valleys. Many farmers utilized a combination of land lease, rent, and purchase to expand the amount of cropland they could control. It was also common to supplement the family resources with work outside the farm. Temporary labor positions made up for the shortfall for some early pioneers, including working at the granite quarries in Temecula, hiring out to larger farms or ranches during harvest, and a variety of other sources of income (Brigandi 1998). For others, the role of absentee landlord succeeded in the acquisition of a land patent and collecting some rents while fulfilling the settlement and improvement requirements of the patent. Although this might not have followed the strict interpretation of patent conditions, it could have been accomplished with little effort.

Each citizen-owned farm needed to be self-supporting for both practical and economic reasons (Cook 1944; Robinson 1948; Cook and Phipps 1952; Lascelles 1951). The corner grocery store was not available to these farmers. Moreover, farm economics dictated self-sufficiency as being key to annual profits. Repairs and modifications to metal farm equipment were done by blacksmithing until well into the second half of the twentieth century. If a need arose for a piece of farm equipment, every effort was expended to create one from the materials at hand. If a need arose for a structure for a particular function, lumber was taken from a stockpile of used material or from another structure that had outlived its usefulness. Hired hands were limited and only employed if there were no children or other dependent family members to do the work. Living in town and working for pay then coming to the farm on weekends was not unusual.

Growing winter wheat and alfalfa hay is not as labor-intensive as, for example, dairy farming. Hay and grain farming primarily include plowing and sowing seed, then harvesting when the crop is mature. The balance of time is spent keeping machinery in order, mending fences, dealing with pests, and maintaining farm buildings. Employment for wages would have taken up a substantial amount of a farmer's time. Cottage industries, however, must not be overlooked. Home crafts such as sewing, dairy products, and other activities would have brought additional funds to the family coffer. Barter was also used as a method of acquiring necessities and even a few luxury items. While the foregoing may paint a picture of harsh conditions on the farm, most farmers chose that life for the solitude and found it fulfilling.

According to Bob Hewitt (personal communication, 2001), the district conservationist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service in San Jacinto, hay and grain have remained staple crops since the 1870s or 1880s until recent housing development reduced the amount of farmland. The reason for this is that there has never been much water in the Meniffee or Perris valleys, and the soil is rather poor. Attempts were made to grow other crops and personal vegetable gardens were also part of farm life; however, large-scale irrigation has not been successful in the long term because the water table in Meniffee Valley was easily depleted. Overall, hay and grain were the primary crops and rainfall was the primary form of irrigation.

After Colorado River water came to Meniffee Valley, potatoes became a significant crop for market (Gunther 1984; Hanson and Jennings 1991). According to Greg Cowdery from the Winchester Historical Society at the Patterson House Museum (personal communication, 2002), alfalfa hay, winter wheat, and barley were staples in the valley prior to the inception of irrigation.

#### **1.4 Results of the Archaeological Records Search**

An archaeological records search for the project and the surrounding area within a one-mile radius was conducted for the Salt Creek Project, with updated records search data requested from the EIC at UCR on June 13, 2023 (Appendix B), and EIC search results processed on August 28, 2023. Records search results from the EIC indicate that 64 resources were located within a one-mile radius of the current project area, none of which are in the subject property (Table 1.4–1). A proposed archaeological district (P-33-014370) was identified within one-mile of the project area. Site types identified within the proposed district consist of lithic scatters, bedrock milling features, petroglyphs, cairns/rock features, burials, hearths, rock shelters, and habitation debris. Specific prehistoric resources include bedrock milling features, lithic scatters, camp or processing sites, a rock shelter, rock art panels, and isolates. One multicomponent site is listed within one mile of the project area, which consists of a prehistoric milling site with historic trash scatter. The historic resources include five homestead sites, one historic residence, two sets of stone walls, and a trash scatter.

**Table 1.4-1**  
**Archaeological Sites Located Within**  
**One Mile of the Salt Creek Project**

Site	Description
P-33-014370	Proposed prehistoric district comprising 138 sites
P-33-001164*, P-33-001165*, P-33-001168, P-33-001352†, P-33-001353†, P-33-001354*, P-33-003437*, P-33-003990, P-33-003993†, P-33-003996†, P-33-004002†, P-33-011453*, P-33-011454*, P-33-011593*, P-33-013321*, P-33-013786, P-33-013787, P-33-014092, P-33-014093, and P-33-028999	Prehistoric milling site with associated artifacts
P-33-012525*	Collection of prehistoric bedrock milling sites with habitation debris, multiple loci previously recorded separately
P-33-004001*	Prehistoric rock shelter
P-33-001166, P-33-001167, P-33-001352, P-33-003995*, P-33-003997†, P-33-003998†, P-33-011591*, and P-33-011595*	Prehistoric camp/processing site
P-33-003991, P-33-011452*, P-33-024665, and P-33-011451	Prehistoric milling site
P-33-003992	Prehistoric rock art panel with lithic scatter
P-33-001355*, P-33-001737, P-33-003999, P-33-004000, P-33-004003†, P-33-011450*, P-33-013750, P-33-013751, P-33-013752, P-33-028994, P-33-028996, P-33-028997, P-33-028998, P-33-029000, P-33-029001, and P-33-029002	Prehistoric milling station, isolated
P-33-011803	Prehistoric isolate
P-33-001356	Prehistoric lithic scatter and rock art panel
P-33-003987	Prehistoric milling site and historic improved spring
P-33-003988	Prehistoric milling site with historic trash scatter
P-33-001357 and P-33-003989	Historic stone wall
P-33-002224	Historic trash scatter

Site	Description
P-33-002221, P-33-002222, P-009722, P-33-011455, and P-33-011456	Historic homestead site
P-33-021023	Historic residence

*\*Included in Site P-33-14370, proposed prehistoric district*

*†Included in Site P-33-012525, previously recorded separately*

The records search results also indicated that 54 previous studies have been conducted within a one-mile radius of the project, two of which include the subject property (Tang et al. 2005; Brown 2006) (see Table 1.4–2 in Appendix D). Neither of these studies identified any resources within the subject property. BFSa reviewed the following sources to help facilitate a better understanding of the historic use of the property.

- The National Register of Historic Places index
- Historic USGS data
- Historic aerial photographs (1967, 1978, 1985, 1996, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020)

These sources did not indicate the presence of any additional archaeological resources within the project. Further, the historic aerials show that the property was utilized for agriculture as early as 1967 and no structures were ever located within the property. At BFSa's own discretion, a records search of the NAHC SLF was requested. The NAHC SLF search did not indicate the presence of sacred sites or locations of religious or ceremonial importance within the search radius. This request is not part of any Assembly Bill 52 Native American consultation. All NAHC correspondence is provided in Appendix C.

The records search and literature review suggest that there is limited potential for resources within the project. The prehistoric resources identified within the records search are primarily bedrock milling sites associated with the bedrock-laden Lakeview Mountains to the north and the Double Butte area to the southeast. Considering the current project is situated within a valley setting and does not contain any natural sources or bedrock outcroppings, the potential for prehistoric sites within the property is limited. Further, most of the historic resources identified during the records search are associated with the built environment, and the review of aerial photographs indicates no structures have ever been located within the property. Finally, the subject property has been surveyed multiple times without any resources being identified within it.

### 1.5 Applicable Regulations

Resource importance is assigned to districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess exceptional value illustrating the heritage of Riverside County in history, architecture,



archaeology, engineering, and culture. Several criteria are used in demonstrating resource importance. Specifically, the criteria outlined in CEQA, provide the guidance for making such a determination. The following sections detail the criteria that a resource must meet in order to be determined important.

#### *1.5.1 California Environmental Quality Act*

According to CEQA (§15064.5a), the term “historical resource” includes the following:

- 1) A resource listed in or determined to be eligible by the State Historical Resources Commission for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) (Public Resources Code SS5024.1, Title 14 CCR. Section 4850 et seq.).
- 2) A resource included in a local register of historical resources, as defined in Section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code or identified as significant in an historical resource survey meeting the requirements of Section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code, shall be presumed to be historically or culturally significant. Public agencies must treat any such resource as significant unless the preponderance of evidence demonstrates that it is not historically or culturally significant.
- 3) Any object, building, structure, site, area, place, record, or manuscript, which a lead agency determines to be historically significant or significant in the architectural, engineering, scientific, economic, agricultural, educational, social, political, military, or cultural annals of California may be considered to be an historical resource, provided the lead agency’s determination is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. Generally, a resource shall be considered by the lead agency to be “historically significant” if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the CRHR (Public Resources Code SS5024.1, Title 14, Section 4852) including the following:
  - a) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California’s history and cultural heritage;
  - b) Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
  - c) 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; or
  - d) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- 4) The fact that a resource is not listed in, or determined eligible for listing in the CRHR, not included in a local register of historical resources (pursuant to Section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code), or identified in an historical resources survey (meeting the criteria in Section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code) does not preclude a lead

agency from determining that the resource may be an historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(j) or 5024.1.

According to CEQA (§ 15064.5b), a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA defines a substantial adverse change as:

- 1) Substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource 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.
- 2) The significance of an historical resource is materially impaired when a project:
  - a) 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 CRHR; or
  - b) 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,
  - c) Demolishes or materially alters in an adverse manner those physical characteristics of an historical resource that convey its historical significance and that justify its eligibility for inclusion in the CRHR as determined by a lead agency for purposes of CEQA.

Section 15064.5(c) of CEQA applies to effects on archaeological sites and contains the following additional provisions regarding archaeological sites:

1. When a project will impact an archaeological site, a lead agency shall first determine whether the site is an historical resource, as defined in subsection (a).
2. If a lead agency determines that the archaeological site is an historical resource, it shall refer to the provisions of Section 21084.1 of the Public Resources Code, Section 15126.4 of the guidelines, and the limits contained in Section 21083.2 of the Public Resources Code do not apply.
3. If an archaeological site does not meet the criteria defined in subsection (a), but does meet the definition of a unique archaeological resource in Section 21083.2 of the Public Resources Code, the site shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Section

- 21083.2. The time and cost limitations described in Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 (c-f) do not apply to surveys and site evaluation activities intended to determine whether the project location contains unique archaeological resources.
4. If an archaeological resource is neither a unique archaeological nor historical resource, the effects of the project on those resources shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment. It shall be sufficient that both the resource and the effect on it are noted in the Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report, if one is prepared to address impacts on other resources, but they need not be considered further in the CEQA process.

Section 15064.5 (d) and (e) contain additional provisions regarding human remains. Regarding Native American human remains, paragraph (d) provides:

- (d) When an initial study identifies the existence of, or the probable likelihood of, Native American human remains within the project, a lead agency shall work with the appropriate Native Americans as identified by the NAHC as provided in Public Resources Code SS5097.98. The applicant may develop an agreement for treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any items associated with Native American burials with the appropriate Native Americans as identified by the NAHC. Action implementing such an agreement is exempt from:
- 1) The general prohibition on disinterring, disturbing, or removing human remains from any location other than a dedicated cemetery (Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5).
  - 2) The requirements of CEQA and the Coastal Act.

## **2.0 RESEARCH DESIGN**

The primary goal of the research design is to attempt to understand the way in which humans have used the land and resources within the project area through time, as well as to aid in the determination of resource significance. For the current project, the study area under investigation is west-central Riverside County. The scope of work for the cultural resources study conducted for the Salt Creek Project included the survey of a 58.34-acre area. Given the area involved, the research design for this project was focused upon realistic study options. Since the main objective of the investigation was to identify the presence of and potential impacts to cultural resources, the goal is not necessarily to answer wide-reaching theories regarding the development of early southern California, but to investigate the role and importance of identified resources. Nevertheless, the assessment of the significance of a resource must take into consideration a variety of characteristics, as well as the ability of a resource to address regional research topics and issues.

Although elementary resource evaluation programs are limited in terms of the amount of information available, several specific research questions were developed that could be used to guide the initial investigations of any observed cultural resources. The following research questions take into account the small size and location of the project discussed above.

### ***Research Questions:***

- Can located cultural resources be associated with a specific time period, population, or individual?
- Do the types of any located cultural resources allow a site activity/function to be determined from a preliminary investigation? What are the site activities? What is the site function? What resources were exploited?
- How do located sites compare to others reported from different surveys conducted in the area?
- How do located sites fit existing models of settlement and subsistence for valley environments of the region?

### ***Data Needs***

At the survey level, the principal research objective is a generalized investigation of changing settlement patterns in both the prehistoric and historic periods within the study area. The overall goal is to understand settlement and resource procurement patterns of the project area occupants. Therefore, adequate information on site function, context, and chronology from an archaeological perspective is essential for the investigation. The fieldwork and archival research were undertaken with the following primary research goals in mind:

- 1) To identify cultural resources occurring within the project;
- 2) To determine, if possible, site type and function, context of the resource(s), and chronological placement of each cultural resource identified;
- 3) To place each cultural resource identified within a regional perspective; and
- 4) To provide recommendations for the treatment of each cultural resources identified.

### **3.0 ANALYSIS OF PROJECT EFFECTS**

The cultural resources study of the project consisted of an institutional records search, an intensive cultural resource survey of the entire 58.34-acre project, and the preparation of this technical report. This study was conducted in conformance with City of Menifee environmental guidelines, Section 21083.2 of the California Public Resources Code, and CEQA. Statutory requirements of CEQA (Section 15064.5) were followed for the identification and evaluation of resources. Specific definitions for archaeological resource type(s) used in this report are those established by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO 1995) and the City of Menifee Municipal Code.

#### **3.1 Survey Methods**

The survey methodology employed during the current investigation followed standard archaeological field procedures and was sufficient to accomplish a thorough assessment of the project. The field methodology employed for the project included walking evenly spaced survey transects set approximately 10 meters apart while visually inspecting the ground surface. The survey process included searching rodent spoil piles and patches of turned soil, which were closely inspected for evidence of archaeological materials. Photographs documenting survey areas and overall survey conditions were taken frequently.

#### **3.2 Results of the Field Survey**

The cultural resources survey took place on July 10, 2023. The survey was directed by Principal Investigator Brian F. Smith and Director of Field Operations Clarence Hoff. The survey of the property was an intensive survey consisting of a series of parallel transects spaced at approximately 10-meter intervals, which covered the entirety of the project. The entire property was accessible with good ground visibility throughout the property. Occasionally the ground surface was obscured by grasses and non-native weeds. The property is currently used for agriculture, and a recent harvest of wheat or alfalfa contributed to the good visibility (Plates 3.2–1 to 3.2–3). According to aerial imagery, the property has been largely disturbed by agricultural use since the 1960s and no structures were ever built on the property. A concrete culvert and drainage system visible in the area are off-property to the east. The pedestrian survey did not result in the identification of any prehistoric or historic cultural resources.



**Plate 3.2-1: Overview of the project from the northwest corner, facing southeast.**



**Plate 3.2-2: Overview of the project from the southeast corner, facing northwest.**





**Plate 3.2–3: Overview of the project from the east boundary, facing west.**



## **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Phase I archaeological assessment for the Salt Creek Project did not identify any cultural resources within the property. The archaeological study was completed in accordance with CEQA environmental guidelines. No archaeological sites, features, or artifacts were identified during the survey. The property does not contain any natural features often associated with prehistoric sites in the area, and no structures have ever been located within the subject property. In addition, based upon the records search results, the property has been surveyed twice since 2005, and no resources have ever been found within the project. As such, no potential impacts to cultural resources are anticipated with the approval of the proposed development. Further, as a result of previous ground-disturbing activities associated with previous agricultural disturbance of the property, there is minimal potential for archaeological resources to be present or disturbed by the proposed project.

Based upon the results of the field survey and records search results, no further archaeological study is recommended and no site-specific mitigation measures for cultural resources are recommended as a condition of project approval. However, in the event that any historic or prehistoric cultural resources are inadvertently discovered, all construction work in the immediate vicinity of the discovery shall stop and a qualified archaeologist shall be engaged to discuss the discovery and determine if further mitigation measures are warranted. Should human remains be discovered, treatment of these remains shall follow California Public Resources Code 5097.9. Any human remains that are determined to be Native American shall be reported to the Riverside County sheriff-coroner and subsequently to the NAHC.

## **5.0 LIST OF PREPARERS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED**

The archaeological survey program for the Salt Creek Project was directed by Principal Investigator Brian F. Smith. The archaeological fieldwork was conducted by Director of Field Operations Clarence Hoff. The report text was prepared by John J. Baber. Report graphics were provided by Emily Soong. Technical editing and report production were conducted by Elena Goralogia with assistance from Cecelia Liefeld. The archaeological records search was requested from the EIC at UCR.

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**APPENDIX A**

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Master of Science, Human Osteoarcheology, University of Edinburgh 2014

Master of Arts, Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara 2013

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Professional Certificate in Geographic Information Systems, University of California, San Diego 2022

Laboratory Analysis, Okinawa Prefectural Archaeological Center, Japanese National Museum of Nature and Science, Kyoto University, Sapporo Medical University, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History (Repatriation Lab) 2015–2018

Jomon Field School, Aomori, Japan, Professor Junko Habu, University of California, Berkeley 2010

Rio Muerto Field School, Moquegua, Peru, Professor Paul Goldstein, University of California, San Diego 2008

## Experience

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### Archaeologist

Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc.

Poway, California

April 2021–Present

Full-time archaeological field technician, archaeological monitoring, lab work.

## Project Experience

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**San Diego International Airport**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. 2022–Present

**Otay Business Park**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. 2022–Present

**1834 Spindrift**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. 2021–Present

**Oceanside Pavilion – Ocean Kamp**, Oceanside, San Diego County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. 2022–Present

**Rancho Diamante (Tract 35393)**, Hemet, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Citacado Parkway**, Escondido, San Diego County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**The Farms**, Poway, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**North City West**, San Marcos, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Serrano (TDM 37153; BGR1800380)**, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Fairfield**, Poway, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Boyle**, Fontana, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**San Gorgonio Crossing (PP25337; TMP 36564; BGR1800247)**, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2022–Present**

**10905 Beech**, Fontana, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**The Abby**, Ontario, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Brisas Del Mar**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Almeria**, San Bernardino County. Served as field technician conducting archaeological data recovery under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**800 Broadway**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Knox III & IV (PP25837; PP25838; PM36950; PM36962; BGR1900126; BGR1900123)**, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**8230 Prestwick**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Sagewood (Tract 37400)**, Menifee, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Perry Commerce (BGR2000297)**, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Enclave**, Upland, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021–Present**

**Altitude Business Center**, Chino, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Cabot New Jersey**, Redlands, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Indian & Ramona**, Perris, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Los Olivos (TR 37294; BGR2000103)**, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Epoca**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Perris Logistics Center**, Perris, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Oak Creek**, Escondido, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**West Knapp**, Vista, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Fontana 489**, Fontana, San Bernardino County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Cabrillo National Monument**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Green Oak Villas**, Vista, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Starling Pointe**, San Jacinto, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Rider 2**, Perris, Riverside County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

**Radian**, San Diego, San Diego County. Served as archaeological monitor under the supervision of Brian F. Smith. **2021-Present**

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## Education

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**Master of Arts, History, University of San Diego, California** 1982

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## Experience

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**1977–Present**

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Brian F. Smith is the president and principal historical and archaeological consultant for BFSA Environmental Services. Over the past 32 years, he has conducted over 2,500 cultural resource studies in California, Arizona, Nevada, Montana, and Texas. These studies include every possible aspect of archaeology from literature searches and large-scale surveys to intensive data recovery excavations. Reports prepared by Mr. Smith have been submitted to all facets of local, state, and federal review agencies, including the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, Mr. Smith has conducted studies for utility companies (Sempra Energy) and state highway departments (CalTrans).

## Professional Accomplishments

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These selected major professional accomplishments represent research efforts that have added significantly to the body of knowledge concerning the prehistoric life ways of cultures once present in the southern California area and historic settlement since the late 18th century. Mr. Smith has been principal investigator on the following select projects, except where noted.

Downtown San Diego Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Programs: Large numbers of downtown San Diego mitigation and monitoring projects, some of which included Broadway Block (2019), 915 Grape Street (2019), 1919 Pacific Highway (2018), Moxy Hotel (2018), Makers Quarter Block D (2017), Ballpark Village (2017), 460 16<sup>th</sup> Street (2017), Kettner and Ash (2017), Bayside Fire Station (2017), Pinnacle on the Park (2017), IDEA1 (2016), Blue Sky San Diego (2016), Pacific Gate (2016), Pendry Hotel (2015), Cisterra Sempra Office Tower (2014), 15<sup>th</sup> and Island (2014), Park and G (2014), Comm 22 (2014), 7<sup>th</sup> and F Street Parking (2013), Ariel Suites (2013), 13<sup>th</sup> and Marker (2012), Strata (2008), Hotel Indigo (2008), Lofts at 707 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project (2007), Breeza (2007), Bayside at the Embarcadero (2007), Aria (2007), Icon (2007), Vantage Pointe (2007), Aperture (2007), Sapphire Tower (2007), Lofts at 655 Sixth Avenue (2007), Metrowork (2007), The Legend (2006), The Mark (2006), Smart Corner (2006), Lofts at 677 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (2005), Aloft on Cortez Hill (2005), Front and Beech Apartments (2003), Bella Via Condominiums (2003), Acqua Vista Residential Tower (2003), Northblock Lofts (2003), Westin Park Place Hotel (2001), Parkloft Apartment Complex (2001), Renaissance Park (2001), and Laurel Bay Apartments (2001).

1900 and 1912 Spindrift Drive: An extensive data recovery and mitigation monitoring program at the Spindrift Site, an important prehistoric archaeological habitation site stretching across the La Jolla area. The project resulted in the discovery of over 20,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 grams of bulk faunal remains and marine shell, indicating a substantial occupation area (2013-2014).

San Diego Airport Development Project: An extensive historic assessment of multiple buildings at the San Diego International Airport and included the preparation of Historic American Buildings Survey documentation to preserve significant elements of the airport prior to demolition (2017-2018).

Citracado Parkway Extension: A still-ongoing project in the city of Escondido to mitigate impacts to an important archaeological occupation site. Various archaeological studies have been conducted by BFSA resulting in the identification of a significant cultural deposit within the project area.

Westin Hotel and Timeshare (Grand Pacific Resorts): Data recovery and mitigation monitoring program in the city of Carlsbad consisted of the excavation of 176 one-square-meter archaeological data recovery units which produced thousands of prehistoric artifacts and ecofacts, and resulted in the preservation of a significant prehistoric habitation site. The artifacts recovered from the site presented important new data about the prehistory of the region and Native American occupation in the area (2017).

The Everly Subdivision Project: Data recovery and mitigation monitoring program in the city of El Cajon resulted in the identification of a significant prehistoric occupation site from both the Late Prehistoric and Archaic Periods, as well as producing historic artifacts that correspond to the use of the property since 1886. The project produced an unprecedented quantity of artifacts in comparison to the area encompassed by the site, but lacked characteristics that typically reflect intense occupation, indicating that the site was used intensively for food processing (2014-2015).

Ballpark Village: A mitigation and monitoring program within three city blocks in the East Village area of San Diego resulting in the discovery of a significant historic deposit. Nearly 5,000 historic artifacts and over 500,000 grams of bulk historic building fragments, food waste, and other materials representing an occupation period between 1880 and 1917 were recovered (2015-2017).

Archaeology at the Padres Ballpark: Involved the analysis of historic resources within a seven-block area of the "East Village" area of San Diego, where occupation spanned a period from the 1870s to the 1940s. Over a period of two years, BFSA recovered over 200,000 artifacts and hundreds of pounds of metal, construction debris, unidentified broken glass, and wood. Collectively, the Ballpark Project and the other downtown mitigation and monitoring projects represent the largest historical archaeological program anywhere in the country in the past decade (2000-2007).

4S Ranch Archaeological and Historical Cultural Resources Study: Data recovery program consisted of the excavation of over 2,000 square meters of archaeological deposits that produced over one million artifacts, containing primarily prehistoric materials. The archaeological program at 4S Ranch is the largest archaeological study ever undertaken in the San Diego County area and has produced data that has exceeded expectations regarding the resolution of long-standing research questions and regional prehistoric settlement patterns.

Charles H. Brown Site: Attracted international attention to the discovery of evidence of the antiquity of man in North America. Site located in Mission Valley, in the city of San Diego.

Del Mar Man Site: Study of the now famous Early Man Site in Del Mar, California, for the San Diego Science Foundation and the San Diego Museum of Man, under the direction of Dr. Spencer Rogers and Dr. James R. Moriarty.

Old Town State Park Projects: Consulting Historical Archaeologist. Projects completed in the Old Town

State Park involved development of individual lots for commercial enterprises. The projects completed in Old Town include Archaeological and Historical Site Assessment for the Great Wall Cafe (1992), Archaeological Study for the Old Town Commercial Project (1991), and Cultural Resources Site Survey at the Old San Diego Inn (1988).

Site W-20, Del Mar, California: A two-year-long investigation of a major prehistoric site in the Del Mar area of the city of San Diego. This research effort documented the earliest practice of religious/ceremonial activities in San Diego County (circa 6,000 years ago), facilitated the projection of major non-material aspects of the La Jolla Complex, and revealed the pattern of civilization at this site over a continuous period of 5,000 years. The report for the investigation included over 600 pages, with nearly 500,000 words of text, illustrations, maps, and photographs documenting this major study.

City of San Diego Reclaimed Water Distribution System: A cultural resource study of nearly 400 miles of pipeline in the city and county of San Diego.

Master Environmental Assessment Project, City of Poway: Conducted for the City of Poway to produce a complete inventory of all recorded historic and prehistoric properties within the city. The information was used in conjunction with the City's General Plan Update to produce a map matrix of the city showing areas of high, moderate, and low potential for the presence of cultural resources. The effort also included the development of the City's Cultural Resource Guidelines, which were adopted as City policy.

Draft of the City of Carlsbad Historical and Archaeological Guidelines: Contracted by the City of Carlsbad to produce the draft of the City's historical and archaeological guidelines for use by the Planning Department of the City.

The Mid-Bayfront Project for the City of Chula Vista: Involved a large expanse of undeveloped agricultural land situated between the railroad and San Diego Bay in the northwestern portion of the city. The study included the analysis of some potentially historic features and numerous prehistoric

Cultural Resources Survey and Test of Sites Within the Proposed Development of the Audie Murphy Ranch, Riverside County, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of 1,113.4 acres and 43 sites, both prehistoric and historic—including project coordination; direction of field crews; evaluation of sites for significance based on County of Riverside and CEQA guidelines; assessment of cupule, pictograph, and rock shelter sites, co-authoring of cultural resources project report. February- September 2002.

Cultural Resources Evaluation of Sites Within the Proposed Development of the Otay Ranch Village 13 Project, San Diego County, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of 1,947 acres and 76 sites, both prehistoric and historic—including project coordination and budgeting; direction of field crews; assessment of sites for significance based on County of San Diego and CEQA guidelines; co-authoring of cultural resources project report. May-November 2002.

Cultural Resources Survey for the Remote Video Surveillance Project, El Centro Sector, Imperial County: Project manager/director for a survey of 29 individual sites near the U.S./Mexico Border for proposed video surveillance camera locations associated with the San Diego Border barrier Project—project coordination and budgeting; direction of field crews; site identification and recordation; assessment of potential impacts to cultural resources; meeting and coordinating with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Border Patrol, and other government agencies involved; co-authoring of cultural resources project report. January, February, and July 2002.

Cultural Resources Survey and Test of Sites Within the Proposed Development of the Menifee West GPA, Riverside County, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of nine sites, both prehistoric and historic—including project coordination and budgeting; direction of field crews; assessment of sites for significance based on County of Riverside and CEQA guidelines; historic research; co-authoring of

cultural resources project report. January-March 2002.

Cultural Resources Survey and Test of Sites Within the Proposed French Valley Specific Plan/EIR, Riverside County, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of two prehistoric and three historic sites—including project coordination and budgeting; survey of project area; Native American consultation; direction of field crews; assessment of sites for significance based on CEQA guidelines; cultural resources project report in prep. July-August 2000.

Cultural Resources Survey and Test of Sites Within the Proposed Development of the Menifee Ranch, Riverside County, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of one prehistoric and five historic sites—including project coordination and budgeting; direction of field crews; feature recordation; historic structure assessments; assessment of sites for significance based on CEQA guidelines; historic research; co-authoring of cultural resources project report. February-June 2000.

Salvage Mitigation of a Portion of the San Diego Presidio Identified During Water Pipe Construction for the City of San Diego, California: Project archaeologist/director—including direction of field crews; development and completion of data recovery program; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis and authoring of cultural resources project report in prep. April 2000.

Enhanced Cultural Resource Survey and Evaluation for the Tyrian 3 Project, La Jolla, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of a single-dwelling parcel—including project coordination; assessment of parcel for potentially buried cultural deposits; authoring of cultural resources project report. April 2000.

Enhanced Cultural Resource Survey and Evaluation for the Lamont 5 Project, Pacific Beach, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of a single-dwelling parcel—including project coordination; assessment of parcel for potentially buried cultural deposits; authoring of cultural resources project report. April 2000.

Enhanced Cultural Resource Survey and Evaluation for the Reiss Residence Project, La Jolla, California: Project manager/director of the investigation of a single-dwelling parcel—including project coordination; assessment of parcel for potentially buried cultural deposits; authoring of cultural resources project report. March-April 2000.

Salvage Mitigation of a Portion of Site SDM-W-95 (CA-SDI-211) for the Poinsettia Shores Santalina Development Project and Caltrans, Carlsbad, California: Project archaeologist/ director—including direction of field crews; development and completion of data recovery program; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis and authoring of cultural resources project report in prep. December 1999-January 2000.

Survey and Testing of Two Prehistoric Cultural Resources for the Airway Truck Parking Project, Otay Mesa, California: Project archaeologist/director—including direction of field crews; development and completion of testing recovery program; assessment of site for significance based on CEQA guidelines; authoring of cultural resources project report, in prep. December 1999-January 2000.

Cultural Resources Phase I and II Investigations for the Tin Can Hill Segment of the Immigration and Naturalization Services Triple Fence Project Along the International Border, San Diego County, California: Project manager/director for a survey and testing of a prehistoric quarry site along the border—NRHP eligibility assessment; project coordination and budgeting; direction of field crews; feature recordation; meeting and coordinating with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; co-authoring of cultural resources project report. December 1999-January 2000.

Mitigation of a Prehistoric Cultural Resource for the Westview High School Project for the City of San Diego, California: Project archaeologist/ director—including direction of field crews; development and



completion of data recovery program including collection of material for specialized faunal and botanical analyses; assessment of sites for significance based on CEQA guidelines; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis; co-authoring of cultural resources project report, in prep. October 1999-January 2000.

Mitigation of a Prehistoric Cultural Resource for the Otay Ranch SPA-One West Project for the City of Chula Vista, California: Project archaeologist/director—included direction of field crews; development of data recovery program; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; assessment of site for significance based on CEQA guidelines; data synthesis; authoring of cultural resources project report, in prep. September 1999-January 2000.

Monitoring of Grading for the Herschel Place Project, La Jolla, California: Project archaeologist/ monitor— included monitoring of grading activities associated with the development of a single- dwelling parcel. September 1999.

Survey and Testing of a Historic Resource for the Osterkamp Development Project, Valley Center, California: Project archaeologist/ director—included direction of field crews; development and completion of data recovery program; budget development; assessment of site for significance based on CEQA guidelines; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis; authoring of cultural resources project report. July-August 1999.

Survey and Testing of a Prehistoric Cultural Resource for the Proposed College Boulevard Alignment Project, Carlsbad, California: Project manager/director —included direction of field crews; development and completion of testing recovery program; assessment of site for significance based on CEQA guidelines; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis; authoring of cultural resources project report, in prep. July-August 1999.

Survey and Evaluation of Cultural Resources for the Palomar Christian Conference Center Project, Palomar Mountain, California: Project archaeologist—included direction of field crews; assessment of sites for significance based on CEQA guidelines; management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; data synthesis; authoring of cultural resources project report. July-August 1999.

Survey and Evaluation of Cultural Resources at the Village 2 High School Site, Otay Ranch, City of Chula Vista, California: Project manager/director —management of artifact collections cataloging and curation; assessment of site for significance based on CEQA guidelines; data synthesis; authoring of cultural resources project report. July 1999.

Cultural Resources Phase I, II, and III Investigations for the Immigration and Naturalization Services Triple Fence Project Along the International Border, San Diego County, California: Project manager/director for the survey, testing, and mitigation of sites along border—supervision of multiple field crews, NRHP eligibility assessments, Native American consultation, contribution to Environmental Assessment document, lithic and marine shell analysis, authoring of cultural resources project report. August 1997- January 2000.

Phase I, II, and II Investigations for the Scripps Poway Parkway East Project, Poway California: Project archaeologist/project director—included recordation and assessment of multicomponent prehistoric and historic sites; direction of Phase II and III investigations; direction of laboratory analyses including prehistoric and historic collections; curation of collections; data synthesis; coauthorship of final cultural resources report. February 1994; March-September 1994; September-December 1995.

**APPENDIX B**

**Archaeological Records Search**

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**APPENDIX C**

**NAHC Sacred Lands File Search Results**

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**APPENDIX D**

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Previous Studies Conducted Within One Mile of the Salt Creek Project

Aislin-Kay, Marnie

- 2004 Letter Report: Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visits Results for Cingular Telecommunications Facility Candidate SC-319-02 (Sunrise Christian Church), 27985 Menifee Road, Romoland, Riverside County. Michael Brandman Associates. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Bissell, Ronald M. and Marilyn Morgan

- 1990 Cultural Resources Reconnaissance of the Winchester Hills Project Area 2900 Acres in Riverside County, California. RMW Paleo Associates. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Bissell, Ronald M. and Joan C. Brown

- 2002 Culture Resources Reconnaissance of the Winchester Hills Development Project Located near Winchester, Riverside County, California. SWCA Environmental Consultants. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Bowles, Larry L. and Jean A. Salpas

- 1978 An Archaeological Assessment of Parcel 13408. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Breece, William H. and Beth Padon

- 1988 An Archaeological Survey of Three Proposed Locations for the Southwest County Justice Center, Riverside County. LSA Associates, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Brewer, Christina

- 1988 An Archaeological Assessment of APN No. 333-080-020, Case No. PUP 633, County of Riverside, California. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Brown, Joan C.

- 2006 Archaeological Literature Review for the Polley and Sattler Property located near Winchester, Riverside County, California. Prepared for and on file with SWCA Environmental Consultants, Mission Viejo, California.

Brown, Joan C. and Stephen O'Neil

- 2005 Archaeological Monitoring for the Pulte Winchester Project, Riverside County, Riverside. SWCA Environmental Consultants. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Brunzell, David

- 2013 Cultural Resources Assessment Chaparral Menifee Project, City of Menifee, Riverside County, California. BCR Consulting. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

- 2016 Cultural Resources Assessment McCall Boulevard Commercial and Assisted Living Project Menifee, Riverside County, California. BCR Consulting LLC. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Clough, Helen

- 1974 Field Notes for the Archaeological Survey of PL984 Water Systems Additions. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

CRM Tech

- 2004 Archaeological Mitigation and Data Recovery Report: Newport Road Extension Project, near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.
- 2006 Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: The Pradera Heights Project, Assessor's Parcel No. 461-150-006, near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Dahdul, Mariam, Josh Smallwood, Harry M. Quinn, Laura H. Shaker, Adrian Sanchez-Moreno, Bai Tang, and Mike Hogan

- 2003 Archaeological Testing and Evaluation Report, Newport Road Extension Project, near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

De Barros, Phillip

- 1992 A Cultural Resources Assessment of a 160-acre Parcel Near Winchester, Riverside, California, Known as the Winchester Facility Project. Prepared for the Chambers Group, Inc., Archaeology Division. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Desautels, Roger J.

- 1980 Archaeological/Historical/Paleontological Report on the Salt Creek Property Located in the Sun City Area of the County of Riverside. Scientific Resource Surveys, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Dibble, Stephen

- 1988 An Archaeological Survey of 40 Acres near Sun City, Riverside County, California. Archaeological Resource Management Corporation. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Dolittle, Christopher J. and Susan Hogan-Conrad

- 2007 Archaeological Survey Report for Southern California Edison's Valley-Sun 115kV Transmission Reconductor Project, Riverside County, California. Earth Tech, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Drover, Christopher E.

- 1988 A Cultural Resource Inventory: Menifee Ranch Specific Plan Project near Romoland, California. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.
- 1989 A Cultural Resource Review: An Addendum to the Menifee Ranch Specific Plan, near Hemet, California. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.
- 1994 Environmental Impact Evaluation: A Cultural Resources Impact Assessment of the Proposed Reach 3 Reclaimed Water Transmission Facilities Pipeline Alignment, Simpson Road Between Leon and Warren Roads. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

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- 2002a San Diego Gas & Electric Valley Rainbow Interconnect: Route B, Reroutes 4, 5, 6, and 8, and Link 1. EDAW, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.
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George, Joan and Josh Smallwood

- 2014 Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations for the Salt Creek Sewer Project, Riverside County, California. Applied Earth Works, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Hogan, Michael

- 2008 Letter Report: Archaeological Monitoring of Earth-Moving Activities, Tentative Tract 32186 (McAnally 20/Struckman/Diamond Brothers Property), Menifee Area, Riverside County, California, CRM Contract No. 2041. Prepared for and on file with CRM Tech, Colton, California.

Hogan, Michael, Bai “Tom” Tang, and Mariam Dahdul

- 2004 Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report, Tentative Tract No. 31892, Winchester Ridge Project, Near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Hogan, Michael, Bai “Tom” Tang, Mariam Dahdul, and John J. Eddy

- 2004 Archaeological Testing and Evaluation Report: Sites CA-RIV-4010, -7419, -7420, -7518, and -7519, Winchester Ridge Project, Tentative Tract No. 31892, near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Hogan, Michael, Bai Tang, John Eddy, and Ayse Taskiran-Johnson

- 2004 Archaeological Testing at Site CA-RIV-1168, Tentative Tract No. 31582, near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

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- 2004 Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: Winchester Hills Community Facilities District Infrastructure Improvement Project, Winchester Area, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

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- 2018 Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment, Winchester Hills 109 and 210 Project Areas, Menifee Area, Riverside County, California. L&L Environmental, Inc., Regulatory Services. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

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- 2006 An Archaeological and Paleontological Mitigation-Monitoring Report for Echo Ridge, APN 334-250-014, Tract 30757, Menifee, County of Riverside, California. L&L Environmental, Inc. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

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Landis, Daniel G.

- 1993 A Cultural Resources Survey for the Gas Pipeline No. 6900 Project, Riverside County, California. Greenwood and Associates. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Landis, Daniel G., Mark Swanson, and Bai “Tom” Tang

- 2004 Intensive Recordation of Site CA-RIV-5202H: a Segment of the San Jacinto and Pleasant Valley Canal, an Addendum to Archaeological Mitigation Data Recovery Report: Newport Road Extension Project near the Community of Winchester, Riverside County, California. CRM Tech. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.



Love, Brue, Michael Hogan, Miriam Dahdul, Daniel Ballester, and Adrian Sanchez-Moreno

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McKenna, Jeanette A.

- 2005 A Phase I Cultural Resources Study of the Winchester 212 Project Area, 212 Acres in the Menifee Valley area of Riverside County, California. Unpublished report on file at the Eastern Information Center at the University of California at Riverside, Riverside, California.

Pierson, Larry J.

- 2007 Results of Archaeological Monitoring at the Heritage Lake Project, Tentative Tract No. 32664, Unincorporated Riverside County, California (Negative Archaeological Monitoring Report). Prepared for and on file with Brian F. Smith and Associates, Inc., Poway, California.

Robinson, Mark C., David Earle, and Carrie Chasteen

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**To:** mearp@pechanga-nsn.gov; Ebru Ozdil; jochoa@pechanga-nsn.gov  
**Subject:** RE: City of Menifee ISMND - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

Good morning Molly and Ebru,

I just wanted to check back in on this item and see if we are able to close consultation. If you could let me know by Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** RE: City of Menifee ISMND - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

Good afternoon Molly and Ebru,

I just wanted to check in on the review of the Draft IS/MND below and the cultural report. We are currently planning on implementing the attached standard conditions of approval for this project unless your comments require any changes.

Please let me know.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** RE: City of Menifee ISMND - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

Good morning,

In the link below I have included the draft ISMND and cultural report for your review. If you could have any comments back to me by January 12<sup>th</sup>, that would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:4b70db85-bb74-42aa-888f-87f291e62c0a> - Draft IS/MND

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:0835d9eb-c64c-44d1-8910-c65b6032fd72> - Cultural

Thanks!

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**From:** Brandon Cleary


**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2023 11:00 AM

To: [mearp@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:mearp@pechanga-nsn.gov); Ebru Ozdil <[eozdil@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:eozdil@pechanga-nsn.gov)>; [jochoa@pechanga-nsn.gov](mailto:jochoa@pechanga-nsn.gov)

Subject: City of Menifee AB52 Transmittal - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

Good morning Ebru, Molly and Juan,

Please see the link below for a new City of Menifee Development Project Transmittal. This project will be on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting which I believe is later today (1/17) however I am mainly including it so it is on your radar and we can have a discussion further down the road once additional reports (cultural) are available. I have included the site plan and transmittal for your review. This project is anticipated to be an IS/MND or EIR. Once the cultural report information is available, I will send it over for your review. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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Thank you,

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**To:** Joseph Ontiveros; JValdez@soboba-nsn.gov  
**Subject:** RE: City of Menifee ISMND - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

Good morning Joseph and Jessica,

Just wanted to check back in on this one. Trying to take this project to public hearing in April. If you can get me any comments or close of consultation by Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> that would be greatly appreciated. We will be proceeding with the standard conditions of approval.

Thanks!

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**Subject:** RE: City of Menifee ISMND - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

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Thanks!

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**Subject:** City of Meniffee AB52 Transmittal - DEV2022-029 Salt Creek Subdivision

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Please see the link below for a new City of Meniffee Development Project Transmittal. This project will be on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting which I believe is tomorrow (1/18). I have included the site plan and transmittal for your review. This project is anticipated to be an IS/MND or EIR. Once the cultural report information is available, I will send it over for your review. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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