



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2025

TO: Tracy Zinn, T&B Planning, Inc.

FROM: Todd Wirths, BFS Environmental Services, a Perennial Company

SUBJECT: Status of paleontological resource regulatory requirements for the RCRMC Expansion and Wellness Village (Riverside County Regional Medical Center) Project

This memorandum serves to clarify recent developments regarding the County of Riverside's requirement and acceptance of paleontological assessment reports for proposed development projects. In summary, projects with earth disturbance activities situated within geologic formations assigned a high paleontological sensitivity by the County would likely not require a paleontological resource assessment report for the County's review, provided the consulting paleontologist "agrees" with the high sensitivity assignment. This is the case for this project.

Projects positioned over a geologic formation(s) with a high paleontological sensitivity will be treated as requiring paleontological monitoring by the County, and therefore will require a Paleontological Resource Impact Mitigation Program report (PRIMP) for review and approval. An exception would be if the consulting paleontologist disagrees with the County's high (High A or High B) sensitivity rating, where an assessment would be drafted to demonstrate that the project would not adversely impact paleontological resources. The County would have to approve this "negative" paleontological assessment report to circumvent monitoring and the associated PRIMP.

The parcels of the RCRMC Expansion and Wellness Village Project are situated in an area of High B paleontological sensitivity, according to the County of Riverside's "Map My County" website (https://gis1.countyofriverside.us/Html5Viewer/?viewer=MMC_Public). I agree with this assignment, and in a paleontological assessment report, I would recommend monitoring. A PRIMP, when needed/required, would be the next step.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Wirths". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Todd" being more prominent than the last name "Wirths".

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