

Appendix C

Cultural Resources Assessment

October 2, 2024

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Subject: Cultural Resources Assessment for the Tawney Ridge Project, located in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California (Project Number C-0566)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

At the request of the GJH Development, Inc. (CLIENT), Duke Cultural Resources Management, LLC (DUKE CRM) has prepared a cultural resources assessment for the proposed development of the Tawney Ridge Project (Project) located in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California. The City of Victorville (CITY) is the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Project is proposing to construct 32 single-family homes at a minimum lot size of 7,200 square feet on approximately 10 acres of land within Accessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 0395-211-01, 0395-211-02, 0395-211-04, and 0395-211-05 in Section 7, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, as shown on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Victorville, Calif. 7.5'* quadrangle map (see Attachment 1 for Project Maps). The Project has an elevation of approximately 2,910 feet above mean sea level. Proposed maximum depth of excavation is 8 feet. This report includes the results of our research and field survey for cultural resources.

Research

Cultural Resources

DUKE CRM conducted a records search conducted by the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) on September 11, 2024. The SCCIC, located at the California State University, Fullerton, is part of the California Historical Resources Information System. The records search included a review of all previously recorded cultural resources within a ½-mile radius of the Project, as well as a review of known cultural resource reports.

The records search identified two (2) cultural resources within ½ mile of the Project (Table 1). Of these resources, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Boulder Transmission Lines 1-3 (resource P-36-007694) is the closest to the Project, located approximately 610 feet to the west. The transmission line, supported by steel towers, was constructed in between 1933-1936. Transmission lines 1 and 2 stretch a total of 266 miles and are located 265 feet apart. Transmission line 3 stretches 258 miles and runs parallel to lines 1 and 2. The Boulder Transmission lines were

determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) through consensus determination (2S2) and by extension eligible for listing on the California Register of Historic Places (CRHR).

Table 1: Cultural Resources within ½ mile of the Project

Resource No.	Resource Type	Description	NRHP Eligible	Distance (ft.) and Direction
P-36-007694	Historic Built Environment	LADWP Boulder Transmission Lines 1-3	2S2	610 west
P-36-012007	Prehistoric	Surface Lithic Scatter	Unknown	830 south

2S2: Individually determined eligible for NRHP by consensus through Section 106 process. Listed in the CRHR.

The SCCIC identified eight (8) cultural resource studies within ½ mile of the Project, two (2) of which included the Project area. Neither of these two (2) studies identified any cultural resources within the Project area (Table 2).

Table 2: Cultural Resource Reports within ½ mile of the Project

Report No.	Year	Report Title	Authors
SB-00612*	1978	An Archaeological-Historical Assessment for the Proposed System Improvements for a Water System Master Plan for Victor Valley County Water District	San Bernardino County Museum Association
SB-00614	1978	Final Report: Class II Cultural Resources Field Sampling Inventory Along Proposed IPP Transmission Line Corridors, Utah-Nevada-California	Fowler, Don D., Elizabeth Budy, Dennis Desart, Joyce Banth, and Alma Smith
SB-00763	1979	Class III Cultural Resource Survey, Victorville-McCullough Transmission Lines 1 and 2 (2 VOLS.)	Greenwood, Roberta S and Michael J. McIntyre
SB-04444	2004	Cultural Resources Assessment for Tentative Tract No, 16696, City of Victorville, Sa Bernardino County, CA 15PP	Cerreto, Richard, Christy Malan, and Katherine Ward
SB-05196	2006	Historical and Paleontological Resources Monitoring for Tract #15083 – Phase 11 the Victory Ridge Development, City of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California	Poole, William and Mary Giacona
SB-05443*	2006	Record Search Results for the UPS Freight Project in the City of San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California (LSA Project No. KBH535)	Thomas, Tiffany
SB-05766	1997	Cultural Resources Report: Bakersfield—Rialto Fiberoptic Line Project, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, California.	Love, Bruce
SB-07156	2011	Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: Water Supply System Improvements Projects, Fiscal Years 2010/2011 – 2014/2015, Victorville Water District, San Bernardino County, California.	Tang, Bai “Tom”, Daniel Ballester, and Nina Gallardo
SB-00612	1978	An Archaeological – Historical Assessment for the Proposed System Improvements for a Water System Master Plan for Victor Valley County Water District	San Bernardino County Museum Association

*Includes Project

In addition, the California Built Environment Resources Directory (BERD) was examined, which includes the NRHP, CRHR, California Historical Landmarks, and California Points of Historical Interest. The BERD did not identify cultural resources within the Project area.

An inquiry to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was submitted to ascertain the presence of known sacred sites, Native American cultural resources, and/or Native American human remains within the boundaries of the proposed Project. On September 5, 2024, the NAHC search of the Sacred Land Files came back positive for tribal resource within or adjacent to the Project (see Attachment 2). The NAHC recommended the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe be contacted for further information. DUKE CRM attempted to reach out twice to the two (2) individuals from the tribe on the list, however no responses were received.

DUKE CRM conducted a review of online historical aerial photographs and historic USGS quadrangle maps utilizing University of California, Santa Barbara FrameFinder, historicaerials.com, and USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer. The earliest map on file (1932) shows no development around the Project area. Historical aerials from 1952 to 1959 show LADWP Boulder Transmission Lines 1-3, however there are no other developments adjacent to the Project. The 1968 aerial shows the beginning of a housing tract to the east of the Project. Few changes took place in the area until 1994 when a housing tract was constructed to the east of the Project. Development in the area continued to increase throughout the area and immediately adjacent to the Project. The area remains relatively unchanged since 2010 (historicaerials.com and FrameFinder.com; accessed October 1, 2024).

Field Survey

Morgan Beigle, Master of Arts (M.A.), Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA), Archaeologist at DUKE CRM, conducted an intensive pedestrian survey on September 26, 2024. The survey area included the entirety of the 10-acres of the proposed Project. Transects began in the western lot, at the corner of Ferndale Road and Tawney Ridge, and were spaced no more than 15 meters apart. Ground visibility was moderate to good, ranging from 65 to 80 percent. The area has sparsely scattered vegetation primarily consisting of creosote bushes and low-lying grasses. Sediment within the Project consists of an ash brown silty sand. In the western border of site, the elevation is 2,920 feet above sea level while the eastern border of the Project is 2,900 feet above sea level. Additionally, there are dirt paths and track marks (i.e., bike tire marks and quad marks) and modern debris scattered throughout site, therefore surface sediments are heavily disturbed (see photographs in Attachment 3). No cultural resources were observed as a result of the field survey.

Conclusions

DUKE CRM assessed the proposed Project for potentially important cultural resources under CEQA. No cultural resources have been previously recorded within the Project area. The cultural resources records search identified two (2) cultural resource recorded within a ½ mile radius of the Project, one (1) of which, the LADWP Boulder Transmission Lines 1-3 (resource P-36-007694) is the closest to the Project, located approximately 610 feet to the west. Pedestrian survey identified no cultural resources within the Project area. The NAHC came back positive for tribal resource within or adjacent to the Project. DUKE CRM attempted to reach out twice to the two (2) individuals from the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe on the list, however no responses were received. Based on these factors, the Project area is assessed as having a low sensitivity for prehistoric or intact historic cultural resources; no further cultural resource investigation is recommended.

If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find. If human remains are

encountered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur in the area of the find until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or their authorized representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 48 hours of notification by the NAHC. The MLD may recommend scientific removal and nondestructive analysis of human remains and items associated with Native American burials.

Thank you for contacting DUKE CRM on this interesting project. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at (949) 356-6660, or by e-mail at morganbeigle@dukecrm.com.

Sincerely,

DUKE CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, LLC



Morgan Beigle, M.A., RPA
Archaeologist/Co-Principal Investigator

Attachments

- 1: Project Maps
- 2: Native American Heritage Commission Letter
- 3: Project Photographs

ATTACHMENT 1

PROJECT MAPS

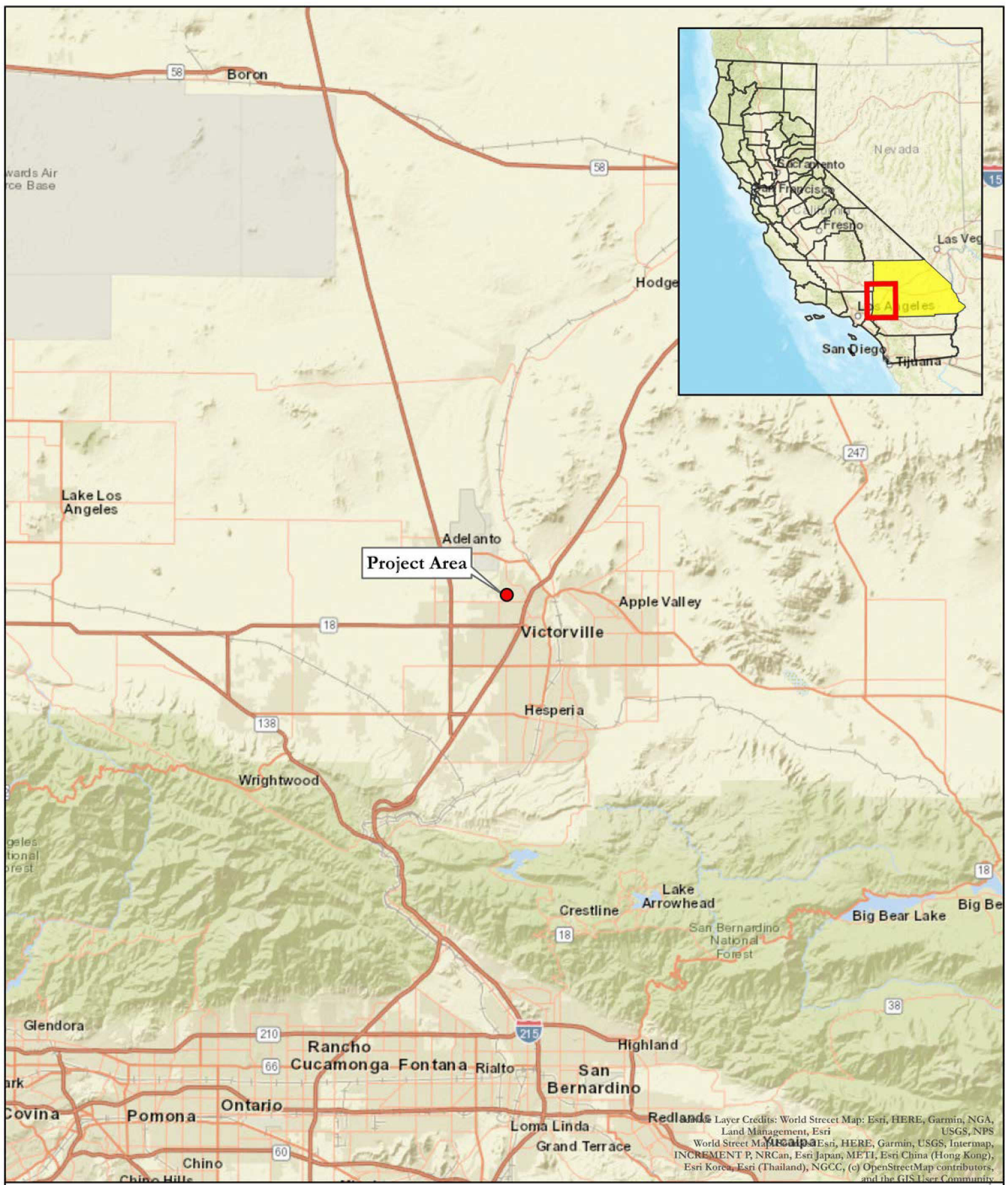
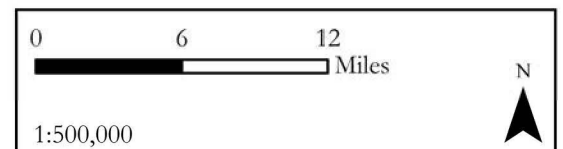


Figure 1. Project Vicinity
Tawney Ridge, Victorville (C-0566)



● Project Area



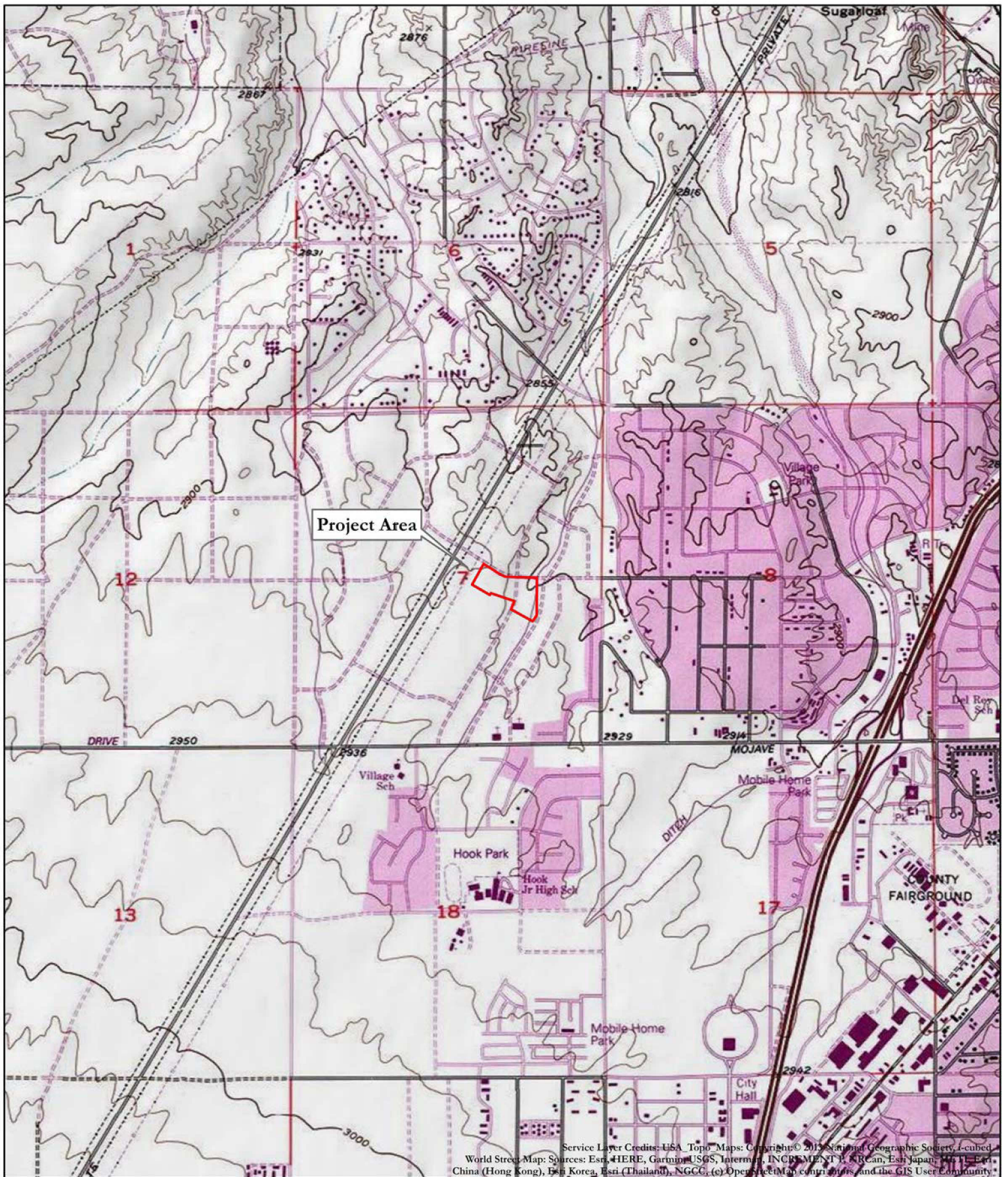
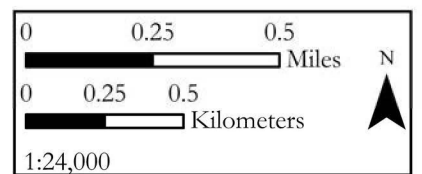


Figure 2. Project Location
 Tawney Ridge, Victorville (C-0566)

Victorville, Calif USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle
 T5N, R4W, Section 7
 Date of Map: 1982



Project Area



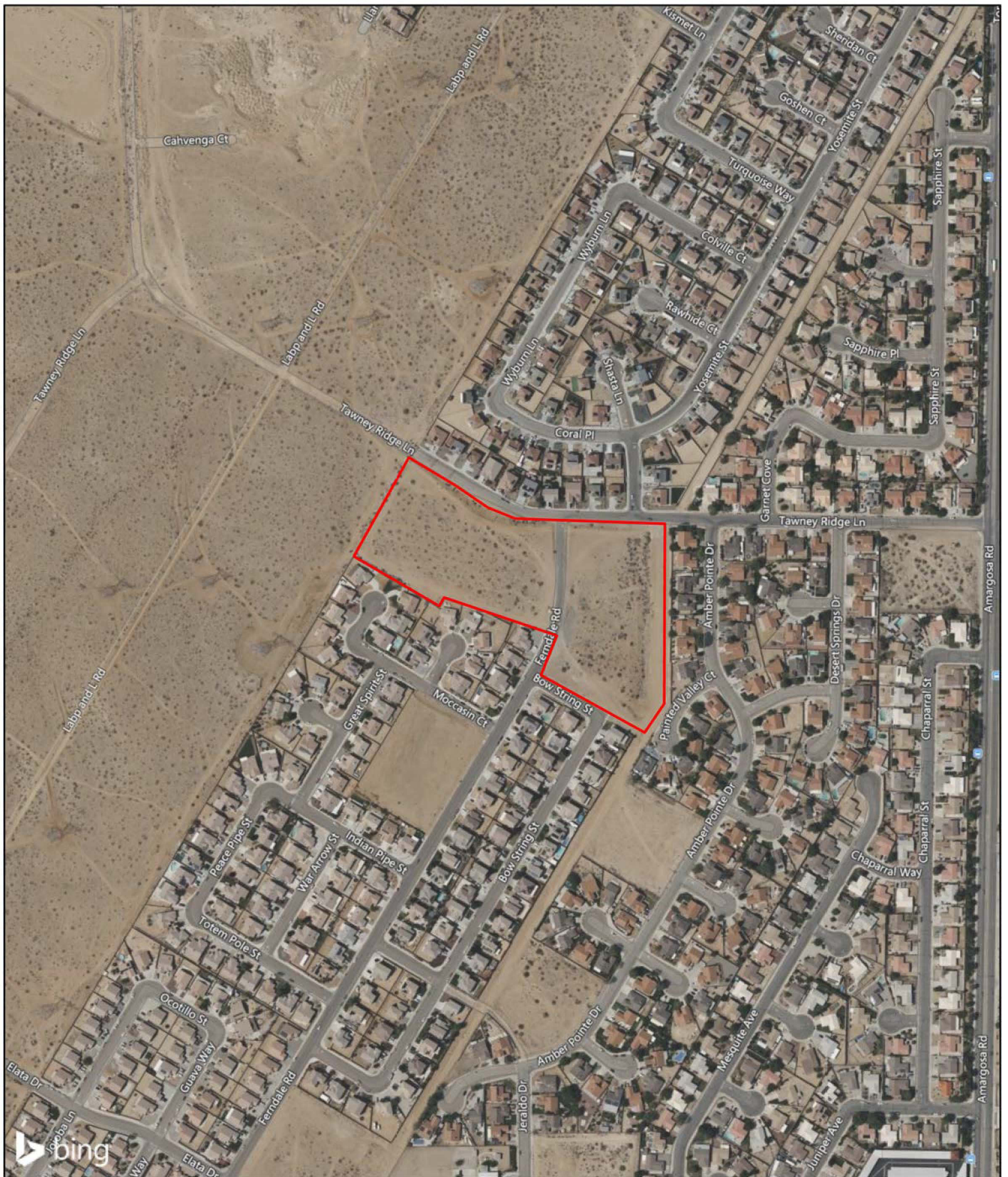
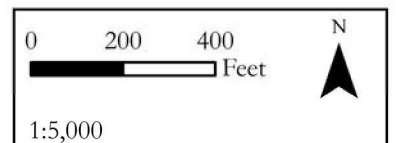


Figure 3. Project Aerial Photo
Tawney Ridge, Victorville (C-0566)



Project Area



ATTACHMENT 2

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION LETTER

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

September 5, 2024

Morgan Beigle
DUKE CRMVia Email to: morganbeigle@dukecrm.com

Re: C-0566 Tawney Ridge, Victorville Project, San Bernardino County

Dear Mr. Beigle:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information submitted for the above referenced project. The results were positive. Please contact the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe on the attached list for information. Please note that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the SLF, nor are they required to do so. A SLF search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with a project's geographic area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites, such as the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) archaeological Information Center for the presence of recorded archaeological sites.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
San Bernardino County
9/5/2024

County	Tribe Name	Fed (F) Non-Fed (N)	Contact Person	Contact Address	Phone #	Fax #	Email Address	Cultural Affiliation	Counties	Last Updated
San Bernardino	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	F	Lacy Padilla, Director of Historic Preservation/THPO	5401 Dinah Shore Drive Palm Springs, CA, 92264	(760) 333-5222	(760) 699-6919	ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	1/11/2024
	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	F	Kaitlyn Snodgrass, Cultural Director	PO Box 1976 Havasu Lake, CA, 92363	(760) 858-4219		cultural@cit-nsn.gov	Chemehuevi	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino	9/29/2023
	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	F	Glenn Lodge, Chairman	PO Box 1976 Havasu Lake, CA, 92363	(760) 858-4219		chairman@cit-nsn.gov	Chemehuevi	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino	9/29/2023
	Kern Valley Indian Community	N	Brandy Kendrick, Tribal Member Monitor	30741 Foxridge Court Tehachapi, CA, 93561	(661) 821-1733		krazykendricks@hotmail.com	Kawaisu Tubatulabal	Inyo,Kern,Los Angeles,San Bernardino,Tulare	1/29/2024
	Kern Valley Indian Community	N	Robert Robinson, Chairperson	P.O. Box 1010 Lake Isabella, CA, 93240	(760) 378-2915		bbutterbredt@gmail.com	Kawaisu Tubatulabal	Inyo,Kern,Los Angeles,San Bernardino,Tulare	1/29/2024
	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	F	Robert Martin, Chairperson	12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA, 92220	(951) 755-5110	(951) 755-5177	abrierty@morongo-nsn.gov	Cahuilla Serrano	Imperial,Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	
	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	F	Ann Brierty, THPO	12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA, 92220	(951) 755-5259	(951) 572-6004	abrierty@morongo-nsn.gov	Cahuilla Serrano	Imperial,Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	
	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman - Kwts'an Cultural Committee	P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ, 85366	(928) 210-8739		culturalcommittee@quechantribe.com	Quechan	Imperial,Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	5/16/2023
	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Jill McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer	P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ, 85366	(928) 261-0254		historicpreservation@quechantribe.com	Quechan	Imperial,Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	5/16/2023
	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Jordan Joaquin, President, Quechan Tribal Council	P.O.Box 1899 Yuma, AZ, 85366	(760) 919-3600		executivesecretary@quechantribe.com	Quechan	Imperial,Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	5/16/2023
	San Fernando Band of Mission Indians	N	Donna Yocum, Chairperson	P.O. Box 221838 Newhall, CA, 91322	(503) 539-0933	(503) 574-3308	dyocum@sfbmi.org	Kitanemuk Vanyume Tataviam	Kern,Los Angeles,San Bernardino,Ventura	5/8/2023
	San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	F	Alexandra McCleary, Senior Manager of Cultural Resources Management	26569 Community Center Drive Highland, CA, 92346	(909) 633-0054		alexandra.mccleary@sanmanuel-nsn.gov	Serrano	Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino	1/16/2024
	Serrano Nation of Mission Indians	N	Mark Cochrane, Co-Chairperson	P. O. Box 343 Patton, CA, 92369	(909) 578-2598		serranonation1@gmail.com	Serrano	Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino	10/10/2023
	Serrano Nation of Mission Indians	N	Wayne Walker, Co-Chairperson	P. O. Box 343 Patton, CA, 92369	(253) 370-0167		serranonation1@gmail.com	Serrano	Kern,Los Angeles,Riverside,San Bernardino	10/10/2023
	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	F	Nicolas Garza, Cultural Resources Specialist	46-200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA, 92236	(760) 863-2486		nicolas.garza@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov	Chemehuevi	Imperial,Inyo,Riverside,San Bernardino	11/15/2023
	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	F	Christopher Nicosia, Cultural Resources Manager/THPO Manager	46-200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA, 92236	(760) 863-3972		christopher.nicosia@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov	Chemehuevi	Imperial,Inyo,Riverside,San Bernardino	11/15/2023
	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	F	Sarah O'Brien, Tribal Archivist	46-200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA, 92236	(760) 863-2460		sobrien@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov	Chemehuevi	Imperial,Inyo,Riverside,San Bernardino	11/15/2023

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

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed C-0566 Tawney Ridge, Victorville Project, San Bernardino County.

Record: PROJ-2024-004620
Report Type: List of Tribes
Counties: San Bernardino
NAHC Group: All

ATTACHMENT 3

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Site overview. View to north.



Site overview. View to south.



Site overview. View to southwest.



Site overview. View to west.



Site overview. View to east.



Site overview. View to northeast.



Site overview. View to northwest.



Overview of vegetation. View to southeast.



Vegetation and debris. View to southeast.



Overview of dirt paths and tire marks. View to east.



Overview of tire marks. View to east.



Closeup of exposed sediment. Plan view.