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**Subject: Cultural Resources Assessment for the Trumble and Watson Warehouse Project
City of Menifee, Riverside County, California**

Dear Mr. Brown:

The City of Menifee (City) retained Rincon Consultants, Inc (Rincon) to prepare a cultural resources assessment study in support of the Trumble and Watson Warehouse Project (project), located in the City of Menifee, Riverside County, California. This letter report documents the results of the assessment and tasks conducted by Rincon, including a California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) records search, a Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Land Files (SLF) search, background research, and a desktop geoarchaeological review of the project site. This study has been completed pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15064.5. The City is the lead agency under CEQA. Methods, results, and recommendations are presented below.

Project Site and Description

The 17.19-acre project site is located in the City of Menifee, Riverside County. The project site encompasses a portion of Section 10 of Township 5 South, Range 3 West on the *Romoland, California* United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. Specifically, the project site is located on Trumble Road south of the intersection with Watson Road within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 329-240-046, 329-240-048, 329-240-049, and 329-240-051 east of Interstate 215 and Highway 74 (Attachment 1: Figure 1 and Figure 2).

The project site, formerly known as the Trumble Pit Site (or Trumble Road Open Pit), was originally operated as an open pit mine and soil hauling (import and export) facility and has, most recently, been used as a soil and concrete recycling area. The former open pit was subject to rough grading and restoration between 2019 and 2022. The pit restoration involved 5,000 cubic yards (cy) of cut and 207,000 cy of fill import to fill the pit and level the site.

The current project proposes to construct a 328,205-square-foot warehouse building, including 15,000 square-feet of office space and associated parking lot and drive aisles (425 parking spaces, including 333 standard stalls and 92 trailer stalls). Watson Road would be improved while providing safe and adequate access across the railroad tracks to Highway 74.

Methods

This section presents the methods for each task completed during the preparation of this assessment.



Background Research

California Historical Resources Information System Records Search

On December 5, 2024, Rincon conducted a supplemental search of CHRIS at the South Coastal Information Center. The South Coastal Information Center is the official state repository for cultural resources records and reports for Riverside County. Rincon previously completed a CHRIS records search that captured the project site and a 0.5-mile search radius in 2018. The purpose of the 2024 supplemental records search was to obtain any previously recorded cultural resources and previously conducted cultural resources studies within the project site plus a 0.5-mile radius that have been completed since 2018. Rincon also reviewed the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, California Historical Landmarks list, Built Environment Resources Directory, and Archaeological Determination of Eligibility list. Results of the records search can be found in Attachment 2.

Sacred Lands File Search

Rincon contacted the NAHC on November 1, 2024, to request a search of the SLF and a contact list of Native Americans culturally affiliated with the project site vicinity (Attachment 3).

Geoarchaeological Review

A geoarchaeological review was conducted to assess the potential for subsurface archaeological resources to be present within the project site. Sources reviewed as part of this assessment include historical topographic maps, historical aerial photographs, geologic maps, and soil survey maps.

Findings

This section presents the findings of each task completed during the preparation of this assessment.

California Historical Resources Information System Records Search

Previous Cultural Resources Studies

The CHRIS records search results indicate 18 cultural resources studies have been previously conducted within 0.5 mile of the project site between 1989 and 2024 (Attachment 2). None of the studies were conducted within or adjacent to the project site. However, the entire project site has been previously studied by the cultural resources assessment prepared for the Trumble Road Open Restoration Project in 2018 (Hass and Duran 2018). This study is summarized below.

Previous Studies Covering the Project Site

The 2018 *Trumble Road Open Pit Restoration, Cultural Resources Records Search and Archaeological Survey, APN 329-240-046/048/049/051, Menifee, Riverside County, California*, was prepared by Hannah Haas and Christopher Duran for the North Pacific Development, Inc. in June 2018 and consists of a records search and an archaeological field survey of the project site (Hass and Duran 2018). The study was conducted (within the context of the City of Menifee's Tribal Consultation with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians [Soboba], pursuant to Assembly Bill 52). The Soboba had requested that a cultural resources records search, archaeological survey, and report be prepared for the Trumble Road Open Pit Restoration Project. The 2018 study encompassed 100 percent of the current project site. The study concluded that due to the level of previous disturbance of the mining pit operation, the project site is not considered to be sensitive for archaeological resources and is



unlikely to impact any previously unrecorded resources. Hass and Duran recommended a standard unanticipated discoveries measure for all project-related ground-disturbing activities (Hass and Duran 2018).

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

The CHRIS records search identified 10 previously recorded cultural resources within a 0.5-mile radius of the project site (Table 1). All resources identified are historic built environment resources. Two of these (P-33-015743 [California Southern Railway mainline] and P-33-021493 [Watson Road]) are recorded adjacent to the project site. None of these resources were identified within the project site.

Table 1 Previously Recorded Resources within 0.5-Mile of the Project Site

Primary Number and Trinomial	Resource Type	Description	Recording Events	NR/CR Status	Relationship to Project Site
33-007701	Historic Building	Vernacular single-family residence	1982 (W. Hedges)	5D: Contributor to a district or designated locally	Outside
33-015383	Historic Building	Craftsman style single-family residence	2006 (M. Rees)	6; Recommended ineligible for the NR, or CR through survey evaluation	Outside
33-015389	Historic Building	Ranch style single-family residence	2006 (M Rees)	6; Recommended ineligible for the NR, or CR through survey evaluation	Outside
33-020448/ CA-RIV-10349	Historic Road	4th Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020449/ CA-RIV-10350	Historic Road	2nd Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020450/ CA-RIV-10351	Historic Road	1st Street	2012 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020502/ CA-RIV-10403	Historic Road	Sherman Road	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020503/ CA-RIV-10404	Historic Road	3rd Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-021493/ CA-RIV-11281	Historic Road	Watson Road	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Adjacent
33-020448/ CA-RIV-10349	Historic Road	4th Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside

NR = National Register of Historic Places; CR = California Register of Historical Resources

Source: South Coastal Information Center 2018 and December 2024

Sacred Land File Search

On November 23, 2024, the NAHC responded to Rincon's SLF search request, stating the results of the SLF search were positive. See Attachment 3 for the NAHC response.

Geoarchaeological Review

Historical Map and Aerial Photograph Review

Historical maps reviewed include the 1865 and 1877 General Land Office plat map (Bureau of Land Management 2024), the 1901 *Elsinore, California* 30-minute USGS topographic quadrangle, the 1942 15-minute *Perris and Murrieta, California* USGS topographic quadrangles, and the 1953 *Perris and Romoland, California* 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles (USGS 2024). Historical aerial photographs of the project site were available for 1938, 1953 (University of California, Santa Barbara 2024), 1966, 1967, 1978, 1985, 1996, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 (NETR Online 2024).

The 1865 and 1877 General Land Office plat maps show the project site within the Menifee Valley, immediately east of the San Jacinto Nuevo Land Grant. The maps do not show any development within the project site. The nearest waterway to the project site is the San Jacinto River, which appears on the maps as early as 1865, 1903–1930 topographic maps and is shown approximately 2 miles to the northwest of the project site. The aerial photograph for the year 1938 and 1942 and 1953 topographic maps show the roadway adjacent to the project site to be generally consistent with the layout of present-day Watson Road and Trumble Road. Between 1938, and well into the early 1960s, topographic maps and aerial photographs show the project site and its vicinity as agricultural land. By 1967, the project site was graded and changed from agricultural use to soil mining. The aerial photographs for the years ranging from 1970 to 1990s depict the open mining pit operations. The soil mining activity continued on the project site until 2018, when the pit restoration project started. Overall, the project site has been subject to agricultural use, and excavations of the Trumble Road Open Pit mining activities. The 2022 photograph depicts the project site's current condition following the restoration of the open pit and leveling of the site (NETR Online 2024).

Geologic Map Review

The project site is situated in the Peninsular Ranges, one of the 11 major geomorphic provinces in California (California Geological Survey 2002). The Peninsular Ranges consist of northwest-southeast trending mountain ranges and faults (Norris and Webb 1976). These mountains are comprised of Mesozoic to Cenozoic plutonic and extrusive igneous and Cretaceous marine sedimentary rocks. Specifically, the project site is located in the Perris Valley, which is part of the Perris Block, a geophysical block with low topographic relief which is bounded to the west by the Elsinore Fault Zone and to the east by the San Jacinto Fault Zone (Morton and Miller 2006).

The project site is situated at an elevation of 1,420 feet above mean sea level. The San Jacinto River approximately 2 miles to the west is nearest water source to the project site. the river's headwaters are in the Santa Rosa Mountains and San Jacinto Mountains and northwestern until they empty into Lake Elsinore.

Geologic mapping indicates Quaternary old alluvial fan deposits (Qof) dating to the late to middle Pleistocene epoch (2.58 million years to 11,700 years ago) are mapped at the surface within the project. Quaternary old alluvial fan deposits consist of reddish-brown, moderately to well-consolidated, silt, sand, and gravel, (Morton and Miller 2006). The age of this formation largely pre-dates human occupation of the area. The entire project site has been heavily disturbed and modified by the previous mining operation and soil hauling, which resulted in the removal of native soils through the process of soil import and export as early as 1966 through 2018, this was followed by the Trumble Road Open Pit restoration project, which started in 2019 and involved cut and filling the project site with import soils to restore the open pit and level the site surface. Due to the age of the formation and the extent of disturbances, the likelihood of encountering surface or subsurface archaeological materials is low.



Conclusions and Recommendations

The project proposes the construction of a warehouse building and associated office and parking space. Ground-disturbing excavations associated with the project development may reach the depth of 8 feet for utility line trenching. Excavation for stormwater infrastructure may reach maximum depth of to 20 feet below the current ground surface.

No prehistoric or historic-period archaeological resources were identified within the project site. The geoarchaeological review suggests the likelihood for encountering surface or subsurface archaeological resources is low given the age of the geologic unit mapped at surface within the project site and the previous disturbances by the mining pit operation and restoration. As such, project-related ground disturbance is not likely to encounter intact archaeological resources that may qualify as historical resources or unique archaeological resources pursuant to CEQA. However, unanticipated discoveries during construction remain a possibility. Rincon presents the following recommended mitigation measure for unanticipated discoveries during construction. With adherence to this measure, Rincon recommends a finding of **less-than-significant impact with mitigation for archaeological resources under CEQA.**

Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources

In the event that archaeological resources are unexpectedly encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work within 50 feet of the find shall halt, and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology (National Park Service 1983) shall be contacted immediately to evaluate the resource. If the resource is determined by the qualified archaeologist to be prehistoric, then a Native American representative shall also be contacted to participate in the evaluation of the resource. If the qualified archaeologist and/or Native American representative determines it to be appropriate, archaeological testing for CRHR eligibility shall be completed. If the resource proves to be eligible for the CRHR and significant impacts to the resource cannot be avoided via project redesign, a qualified archaeologist shall prepare a data recovery plan tailored to the physical nature and characteristics of the resource, per the requirements of California Code of Regulations Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C). The data recovery plan shall identify data recovery excavation methods, measurable objectives, and data thresholds to reduce any significant impacts to cultural resources related to the resource. Pursuant to the data recovery plan, the qualified archaeologist and Native American representative, as appropriate, shall recover and document the scientifically consequential information that justifies the resource's significance. The City shall review and approve the treatment plan and archaeological testing as appropriate, and the resulting documentation shall be submitted to the regional repository of the CHRIS, per California Code of Regulations Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C).

Human Remains

No human remains are known to be present within the project site. However, the discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground-disturbing activities. If human remains are found, the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event of an unanticipated discovery of human remains, the County Coroner must be notified immediately. If the human remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which will determine and notify a most likely descendant (MLD). The MLD has 48 hours from being granted site access to make recommendations for the disposition of the remains. If the MLD does not make recommendations within 48 hours, the landowner shall reinter the remains in an area of the property secure from subsequent disturbance.



With adherence to existing regulations, Rincon recommends a finding of less-than-significant impact to human remains under CEQA.

Should you have any questions concerning this study, please do not hesitate to contact Kholood Abdo at 951-405-2351 or kabdo@rinconconsultants.com.

Sincerely,
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Attachments

- Attachment 1 Figures
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- Attachment 3 Sacred Lands File Search Results



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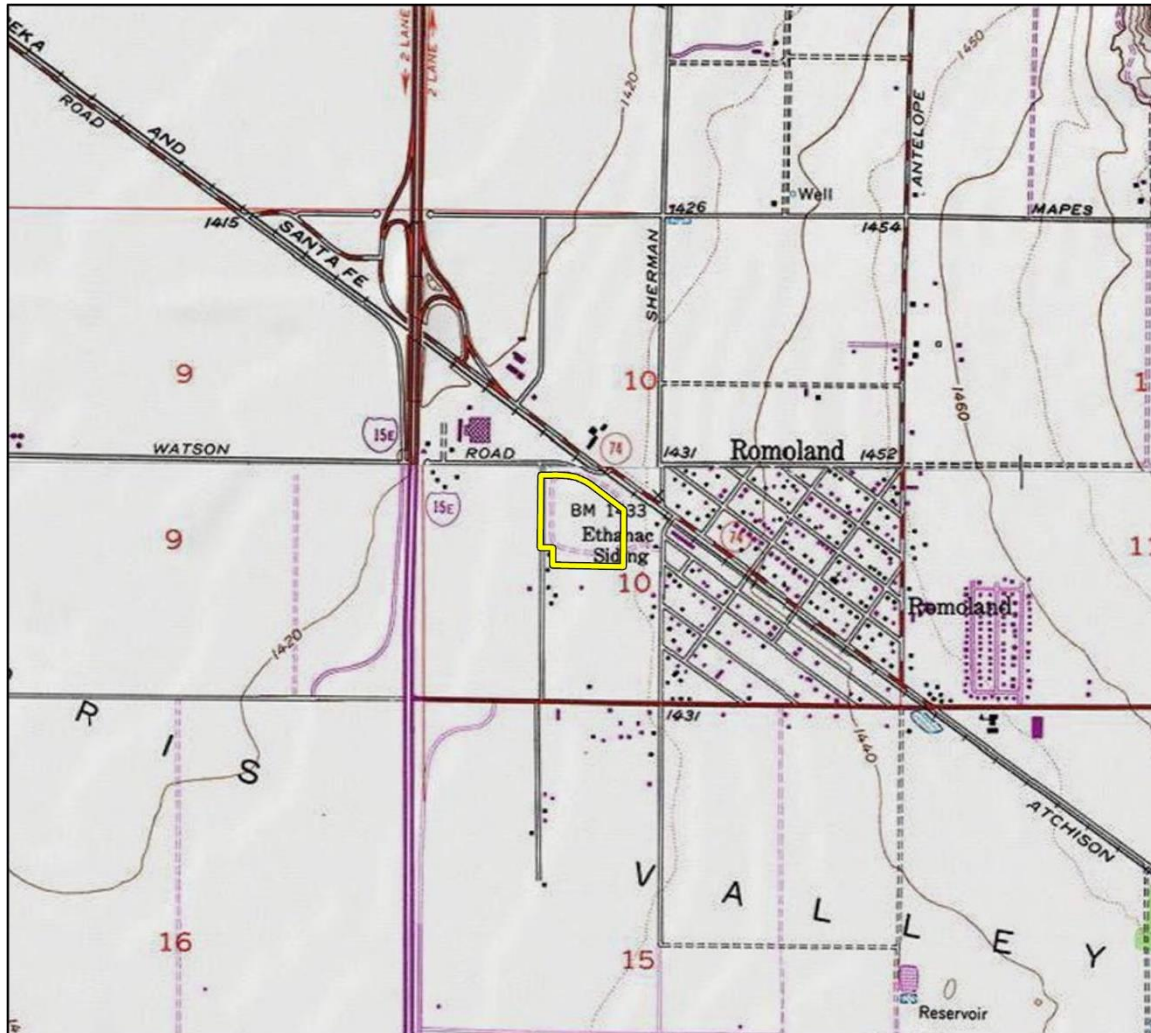
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Attachment 1

Figures

Figure 1 Regional Location



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Fig 1 Regional Location - Topo

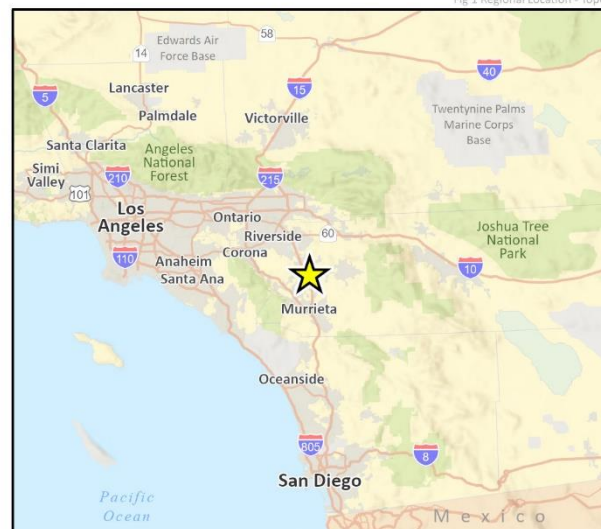


Figure 2 Project Location



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Fig 2 Project Location

Attachment 2

California Historic Resources Information System Search Results

Report List

Report No.	Other IDs	Year	Author(s)	Title	Affiliation	Resources
RI-02475	NADB-R - 1082968; Voided - MF-2707	1989	Christopher E. Drover	A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Menifee North Project, Near Hemet, California	Christopher E. Drover	33-000978, 33-001175, 33-002607, 33-003714
RI-02476	NADB-R - 1083236; Voided - MF-2707	1990	Christopher E. Drover, PhD	A Cultural Resource Inventory: An Addendum to the Menifee North Project near Hemet, California.	Christopher E. Drover, PhD	
RI-04130	NADB-R - 1085318; Voided - MF-4605	1998	MASON, ROGER, PHILIPPE LAPIN, and WAYNE H. BONNER	CULTURAL RESOURCES RECORDS SEARCH AND SURVEY REPORT FOR A PACIFIC BELL MOBILE SERVICES TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: CM 125-21 CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA	CHAMBERS GROUP, INC.	
RI-04474	NADB-R - 1085835; Submitter - 01-3	2001	ROBINSON, MARK C.	CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 2.0 ACRES: HCI INCORPORATED 25201A TRUMBLE ROAD PROJECT, PERRIS, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	GREAT LAKES RESEARCH	
RI-04894	NADB-R - 1086261; Submitter - CAP-05-652.ARS	2005	HOOVER, ANNA M. and WILLIAM R. GILLEAN	A PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT ON APNS 327-220-005 & -012 TO -016, +68 ACRES, CITY OF PERRIS, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	L&L ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	
RI-05799	NADB-R - 1087162	2004	KYLE, CAROLYN E.	CULTURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT FOR AT&T WIRELESS FACILITY 950-031-034A, LOCATED AT 25110 TRUMBLE ROAD, CITY OF ROMOLAND, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	KYLE CONSULTING	33-028179
RI-06018	NADB-R - 1087381; Submitter - 1104	2003	Bai Tang, Michael Hogan, Mariam Dahdul, and Daniel Ballester	Historical/Archaeological Resources Survey Report: Menifee Valley North Drainage Facilities Project, In and Near the Communities of Romoland and Homeland, Riverside County, California	CRM TECH	
RI-06239	NADB-R - 1087602; Submitter - CRM TECH CONTRACT #1281	2004	TANG, BAI, MICHAEL HOGAN, and JOSH SMALLWOOD	HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 329-030-051, NEAR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF ROMOLAND, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	CRM TECH	
RI-06355	NADB-R - 1087718; Submitter - CONTRACT #1380	2004	TANG, BAI, MICHAEL HOGAN, and MATTHEW WETHERBEE	HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT: PERRIS VALLEY RWRF EXPANSION, IN THE CITY OF PERRIS, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA	CRM TECH	

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Report No.	Other IDs	Year	Author(s)	Title	Affiliation	Resources
RI-06888	Submitter - 06-63	2006	Lerch, Michael K. and Gray, Marlesa A.	Cultural Resources Assessment of the Valley-Ivyglen Transmission Line Project, Riverside County, California	Statistical Research, Inc.	33-015346, 33-015347, 33-015348, 33-015349, 33-015350, 33-015351, 33-015352, 33-015353, 33-015354, 33-015355, 33-015356, 33-015357, 33-015358, 33-015359, 33-015360, 33-015361, 33-015362, 33-015363, 33-015364, 33-015365, 33-015375, 33-015376, 33-015377, 33-015378, 33-015379, 33-015380, 33-015416, 33-015417, 33-015418, 33-015419, 33-015420, 33-015422, 33-015423, 33-015424, 33-015425, 33-015427
RI-07397		2006	Lord, Kenneth J.	Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment with Paleontological Records Review CP Business Center Romoland Area, Riverside County, California	MBA	
RI-07407		2007	Jean A. Keller	A Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment of APN 329-030-012 Thru 016, +- 5.0 Acres of Land in Romoland Riverside County, California, USGS Romoland, California Quadrangle, 7.5' Series	Jean A. Keller	
RI-08396		2010	Joan George and Dennid McDougall	Cultural Resources Report for the Sun City Force Main and Recycled Water Project, Riverside County, California.	Applied EarthWorks, Inc.	
RI-08770	Submitter - Project No. 16720.00	2011	Jay K. Sanders	Archaeological Survey Report for SCE's Idle Facilities Removal Project	TD# 525428	
RI-08981		2013	Matthew M. DeCarlo, Scott C. Justus, and William T. Eckhardt	Summary Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Proposed Southern California Edison Devers-Palo Verde 2 500kV Transmission Line Project, Riverside County, California	ASM Affiliates	33-001383, 33-001811, 33-013572, 33-013576, 33-013588, 33-013589, 33-018117, 33-018118, 33-018119, 33-018120, 33-018121, 33-018137, 33-018138, 33-018150, 33-018153, 33-018157, 33-018158, 33-018166, 33-018171, 33-018172, 33-018175, 33-018178
RI-09002		2014	Bai "Tom" Tang	Letter Report: Update to Historical/ Archaeological Resources Survey Report: Menifee Valley North Drainage Facilities Project, Cities of Menifee and Perris; Unincorporated Homeland and Romoland Areas, Riverside County, California, CRM TECH Contract No. 1104/2771	CRM TECH	33-015743, 33-020504, 33-020644

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RI-10461	Other - 18142.00	2015	William T. Eckhardt, Matthew M. DeCarlo, Doug Mengers, Sherri Andrews, Don Laylander, and Tony Quach	Archaeological Investigations and Monitoring for the Construction of the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project, Riverside County, California	ASM Affiliates	33-018128, 33-020289, 33-020290, 33-020294, 33-020317, 33-020318, 33-020319, 33-020320, 33-020321, 33-020322, 33-020323, 33-020324, 33-020325, 33-020336, 33-020409, 33-020410, 33-020975, 33-020976, 33-020977, 33-020978, 33-020979, 33-021001, 33-021014, 33-022103, 33-022105, 33-023799
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Attachment 3

Sacred Lands File Search Results

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (c), attached is a consultation list of tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the above-listed project. Please note that the intent of the AB 52 amendments to CEQA is to avoid and/or mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)) ("Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource.")

Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21084.3(c) require CEQA lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that have requested notice from such agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribes on projects for which a Notice of Preparation or Notice of Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been filed on or after July 1, 2015. Specifically, Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) provides:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The AB 52 amendments to CEQA law does not preclude initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction prior to receiving requests for notification of projects in the tribe's areas of traditional and cultural affiliation. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) recommends, but does not require, early consultation as a best practice to ensure that lead agencies receive sufficient information about cultural resources in a project area to avoid damaging effects to tribal cultural resources.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that agencies should also include with their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential effect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:

- A listing of any and all known cultural resources that have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
- Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
- Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate, or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
- If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:

- Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254.10.

3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission was positive. Please contact the Pechanga Band of Indians on the attached list for more information.

4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the APE; and

5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS are not exhaustive and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

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 consultation list remains current.

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

Sincerely,

Cody Campagne

Cody Campagne
Cultural Resources Manager

Attachment

**Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Riverside County
11/23/2024**

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Riverside	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
	Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians	F	Tribal Operations,	84-001 Avenue 54 Coachella, CA, 92236	(760) 398-4722		info@augustinetribe-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	4/18/2024
	Cabazon Band of Cahuilla Indians	F	Doug Welmas, Chairperson	84-245 Indio Springs Parkway Indio, CA, 92203	(760) 342-2593	(760) 347-7880	jstapp@cabazonindians-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	
	Cahuilla Band of Indians	F	Erica Schenk, Chairperson	52701 CA Highway 371 Anza, CA, 92539	(951) 590-0942	(951) 763-2808	chair@cahuilla-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	2/1/2024
	Cahuilla Band of Indians	F	BobbyRay Esparza, Cultural Director	52701 CA Highway 371 Anza, CA, 92539	(951) 763-5549		besparza@cahuilla-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	6/28/2023
	Cahuilla Band of Indians	F	Anthony Madrigal, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	52701 CA Highway 371 Anza, CA, 92539	(951) 763-5549		anthonymad2002@gmail.com	Cahuilla	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	6/28/2023
	Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians	F	Ray Chapparosa, Chairperson	P.O. Box 189 Warner Springs, CA, 92086-0189	(760) 782-0711	(760) 782-0712		Cahuilla Cupeno	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	
	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	
	Pala Band of Mission Indians	F	Shasta Gaughen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road Pala, CA, 92059	(760) 891-3515		sgaughen@palatribe.com	Cupeno Luiseño	Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	11/27/2023
	Pala Band of Mission Indians	F	Christopher Nejo, Legal Analyst/Researcher	PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road Pala, CA, 92059	(760) 891-3564		cnejo@palatribe.com	Cupeno Luiseño	Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	11/27/2023
	Pala Band of Mission Indians	F	Alexis Wallick, Assistant THPO	PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road Pala, CA, 92059	(760) 891-3537		awallick@palatribe.com	Cupeno Luiseño	Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	11/27/2023
	Pechanga Band of Indians	F	Tuba Ebru Ozdil, Pechanga Cultural Analyst	P.O. Box 2183 Temecula, CA, 92593	(951) 770-6313	(951) 695-1778	eo2dil@pechanga-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	8/22/2023
	Pechanga Band of Indians	F	Steve Bodmer, General Counsel for Pechanga Band of Indians	P.O. Box 1477 Temecula, CA, 92593	(951) 770-6171	(951) 695-1778	sbodmer@pechanga-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	8/22/2023
	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
	Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Manfred Scott, Acting Chairman - Kw'ts'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
	Ramona Band of Cahuilla	F	Joseph Hamilton, Chairperson	P.O. Box 391670 Anza, CA, 92539	(951) 763-4105	(951) 763-4325	admin@ramona-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	
	Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Denise Turner Walsh, Attorney General	One Government Center Lane Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 689-5727		dwalsh@rincon-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	7/7/2023
	Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Joseph Linton, Tribal Council/Culture Committee Member	One Government Center Lane Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 803-3548		jlinton@rincon-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	5/31/2023
	Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Cheryl Madrigal, Cultural Resources Manager/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	One Government Center Lane Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 648-3000		cmadrigal@rincon-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	5/31/2023
	Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Laurie Gonzalez, Tribal Council/Culture Committee Member	One Government Center Lane Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 484-4835		lgonzalez@rincon-nsn.gov	Luiseño	Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego,Santa Barbara,Ventura	5/31/2023
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	Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians	F	Steven Estrada, Tribal Chairman	P.O. Box 391820 Anza, CA, 92539	(951) 659-2700	(951) 659-2228	sestrada@santarosa-nsn.gov	Cahuilla	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	4/8/2024
	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Jessica Valdez, Cultural Resource Specialist	P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA, 92581	(951) 663-6261	(951) 654-4198	jvaldez@soboba-nsn.gov	Cahuilla Luiseño	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	7/14/2023
	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians	F	Joseph Ontiveros, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	P.O. Box 487 San Jacinto, CA, 92581	(951) 663-5279	(951) 654-4198	jontiveros@soboba-nsn.gov	Cahuilla Luiseño	Imperial,Los Angeles,Orange,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	7/14/2023
	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	F	Alesia Reed, Cultural Committee Chairwoman	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA, 92274	(760) 397-0300		lisareed990@gmail.com	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	10/30/2023
	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	F	Gary Resvaloso, TM MLD	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA, 92274	(760) 777-0365		grestmtm@gmail.com	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	10/30/2023
	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	F	Thomas Tortez, Chairperson	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA, 92274	(760) 397-0300	(760) 397-8146	thomas.tortez@tmdci.org	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	10/30/2023
	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	F	Abraham Becerra, Cultural Coordinator	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA, 92274	(760) 397-0300		abecerra@tmdci.org	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	10/30/2023
	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	F	Mary Belardo, Cultural Committee Vice Chair	P.O. Box 1160 Thermal, CA, 92274	(760) 397-0300		belardom@gmail.com	Cahuilla	Imperial,Riverside,San Bernardino,San Diego	10/30/2023

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 Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed Trumble and Watson Warehouse Project, Riverside County.

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Counties: Riverside
NAHC Group: All



Background Research

California Historical Resources Information System Records Search

On December 5, 2024, Rincon conducted a supplemental search of CHRIS at the South Coastal Information Center. The South Coastal Information Center is the official state repository for cultural resources records and reports for Riverside County. Rincon previously completed a CHRIS records search that captured the project site and a 0.5-mile search radius in 2018. The purpose of the 2024 supplemental records search was to obtain any previously recorded cultural resources and previously conducted cultural resources studies within the project site plus a 0.5-mile radius that have been completed since 2018. Rincon also reviewed the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, California Historical Landmarks list, Built Environment Resources Directory, and Archaeological Determination of Eligibility list. Results of the records search can be found in Attachment 2.

Sacred Lands File Search

Rincon contacted the NAHC on November 1, 2024, to request a search of the SLF and a contact list of Native Americans culturally affiliated with the project site vicinity (Attachment 3).

Geoarchaeological Review

A geoarchaeological review was conducted to assess the potential for subsurface archaeological resources to be present within the project site. Sources reviewed as part of this assessment include historical topographic maps, historical aerial photographs, geologic maps, and soil survey maps.

Findings

This section presents the findings of each task completed during the preparation of this assessment.

California Historical Resources Information System Records Search

Previous Cultural Resources Studies

The CHRIS records search results indicate 18 cultural resources studies have been previously conducted within 0.5 mile of the project site between 1989 and 2024 (Attachment 2). None of the studies were conducted within or adjacent to the project site. However, the entire project site has been previously studied by the cultural resources assessment prepared for the Trumble Road Open Restoration Project in 2018 (Hass and Duran 2018). This study is summarized below.

Previous Studies Covering the Project Site

The 2018 *Trumble Road Open Pit Restoration, Cultural Resources Records Search and Archaeological Survey, APN 329-240-046/048/049/051, Menifee, Riverside County, California*, was prepared by Hannah Haas and Christopher Duran for the North Pacific Development, Inc. in June 2018 and consists of a records search and an archaeological field survey of the project site (Hass and Duran 2018). The study was conducted (within the context of the City of Menifee's Tribal Consultation with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians [Soboba], pursuant to Assembly Bill 52). The Soboba had requested that a cultural resources records search, archaeological survey, and report be prepared for the Trumble Road Open Pit Restoration Project. The 2018 study encompassed 100 percent of the current project site. The study concluded that due to the level of previous disturbance of the mining pit operation, the project site is not considered to be sensitive for archaeological resources and is



unlikely to impact any previously unrecorded resources. Hass and Duran recommended a standard unanticipated discoveries measure for all project-related ground-disturbing activities (Hass and Duran 2018).

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

The CHRIS records search identified 10 previously recorded cultural resources within a 0.5-mile radius of the project site (Table 1). All resources identified are historic built environment resources. Two of these (P-33-015743 [California Southern Railway mainline] and P-33-021493 [Watson Road]) are recorded adjacent to the project site. None of these resources were identified within the project site.

Table 1 Previously Recorded Resources within 0.5-Mile of the Project Site

Primary Number and Trinomial	Resource Type	Description	Recording Events	NR/CR Status	Relationship to Project Site
33-007701	Historic Building	Vernacular single-family residence	1982 (W. Hedges)	5D: Contributor to a district or designated locally	Outside
33-015383	Historic Building	Craftsman style single-family residence	2006 (M. Rees)	6; Recommended ineligible for the NR, or CR through survey evaluation	Outside
33-015389	Historic Building	Ranch style single-family residence	2006 (M Rees)	6; Recommended ineligible for the NR, or CR through survey evaluation	Outside
33-020448/ CA-RIV-10349	Historic Road	4th Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020449/ CA-RIV-10350	Historic Road	2nd Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020450/ CA-RIV-10351	Historic Road	1st Street	2012 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020502/ CA-RIV-10403	Historic Road	Sherman Road	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-020503/ CA-RIV-10404	Historic Road	3rd Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside
33-021493/ CA-RIV-11281	Historic Road	Watson Road	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Adjacent
33-020448/ CA-RIV-10349	Historic Road	4th Street	2011 (J. Trampier)	No record of evaluation for NR or CR listing	Outside

NR = National Register of Historic Places; CR = California Register of Historical Resources

Source: South Coastal Information Center 2018 and December 2024

Sacred Land File Search

On November 23, 2024, the NAHC responded to Rincon's SLF search request, stating the results of the SLF search were positive. See Attachment 3 for the NAHC response.



Geoarchaeological Review

Historical Map and Aerial Photograph Review

Historical maps reviewed include the 1865 and 1877 General Land Office plat map (Bureau of Land Management 2024), the 1901 *Elsinore, California* 30-minute USGS topographic quadrangle, the 1942 15-minute *Perris and Murrieta, California* USGS topographic quadrangles, and the 1953 *Perris and Romoland, California* 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles (USGS 2024). Historical aerial photographs of the project site were available for 1938, 1953 (University of California, Santa Barbara 2024), 1966, 1967, 1978, 1985, 1996, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022 (NETR Online 2024).

The 1865 and 1877 General Land Office plat maps show the project site within the Menifee Valley, immediately east of the San Jacinto Nuevo Land Grant. The maps do not show any development within the project site. The nearest waterway to the project site is the San Jacinto River, which appears on the maps as early as 1865, 1903–1930 topographic maps and is shown approximately 2 miles to the northwest of the project site. The aerial photograph for the year 1938 and 1942 and 1953 topographic maps show the roadway adjacent to the project site to be generally consistent with the layout of present-day Watson Road and Trumble Road. Between 1938, and well into the early 1960s, topographic maps and aerial photographs show the project site and its vicinity as agricultural land. By 1967, the project site was graded and changed from agricultural use to soil mining. The aerial photographs for the years ranging from 1970 to 1990s depict the open mining pit operations. The soil mining activity continued on the project site until 2018, when the pit restoration project started. Overall, the project site has been subject to agricultural use, and excavations of the Trumble Road Open Pit mining activities. The 2022 photograph depicts the project site's current condition following the restoration of the open pit and leveling of the site (NETR Online 2024).

Geologic Map Review

The project site is situated in the Peninsular Ranges, one of the 11 major geomorphic provinces in California (California Geological Survey 2002). The Peninsular Ranges consist of northwest-southeast trending mountain ranges and faults (Norris and Webb 1976). These mountains are comprised of Mesozoic to Cenozoic plutonic and extrusive igneous and Cretaceous marine sedimentary rocks. Specifically, the project site is located in the Perris Valley, which is part of the Perris Block, a geophysical block with low topographic relief which is bounded to the west by the Elsinore Fault Zone and to the east by the San Jacinto Fault Zone (Morton and Miller 2006).

The project site is situated at an elevation of 1,420 feet above mean sea level. The San Jacinto River approximately 2 miles to the west is nearest water source to the project site. The river's headwaters are in the Santa Rosa Mountains and San Jacinto Mountains and northwestern until they empty into Lake Elsinore.

Geologic mapping indicates Quaternary old alluvial fan deposits (Qof) dating to the late to middle Pleistocene epoch (2.58 million years to 11,700 years ago) are mapped at the surface within the project. Quaternary old alluvial fan deposits consist of reddish-brown, moderately to well-consolidated, silt, sand, and gravel, (Morton and Miller 2006). The age of this formation largely pre-dates human occupation of the area. The entire project site has been heavily disturbed and modified by the previous mining operation and soil hauling, which resulted in the removal of native soils through the process of soil import and export as early as 1966 through 2018, this was followed by the Trumble Road Open Pit restoration project, which started in 2019 and involved cut and filling the project site with import soils to restore the open pit and level the site surface. Due to the age of the formation and the extent of disturbances, the likelihood of encountering surface or subsurface archaeological materials is low.



Conclusions and Recommendations

The project proposes the construction of a warehouse building and associated office and parking space. Ground-disturbing excavations associated with the project development may reach the depth of 8 feet for utility line trenching. Excavation for stormwater infrastructure may reach maximum depth of to 20 feet below the current ground surface.

No prehistoric or historic-period archaeological resources were identified within the project site. The geoarchaeological review suggests the likelihood for encountering surface or subsurface archaeological resources is low given the age of the geologic unit mapped at surface within the project site and the previous disturbances by the mining pit operation and restoration. As such, project-related ground disturbance is not likely to encounter intact archaeological resources that may qualify as historical resources or unique archaeological resources pursuant to CEQA. However, unanticipated discoveries during construction remain a possibility. Rincon presents the following recommended mitigation measure for unanticipated discoveries during construction. With adherence to this measure, Rincon recommends a finding of **less-than-significant impact with mitigation for archaeological resources under CEQA.**

Unanticipated Discovery of Cultural Resources

In the event that archaeological resources are unexpectedly encountered during ground-disturbing activities, work within 50 feet of the find shall halt, and an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology (National Park Service 1983) shall be contacted immediately to evaluate the resource. If the resource is determined by the qualified archaeologist to be prehistoric, then a Native American representative shall also be contacted to participate in the evaluation of the resource. If the qualified archaeologist and/or Native American representative determines it to be appropriate, archaeological testing for CRHR eligibility shall be completed. If the resource proves to be eligible for the CRHR and significant impacts to the resource cannot be avoided via project redesign, a qualified archaeologist shall prepare a data recovery plan tailored to the physical nature and characteristics of the resource, per the requirements of California Code of Regulations Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C). The data recovery plan shall identify data recovery excavation methods, measurable objectives, and data thresholds to reduce any significant impacts to cultural resources related to the resource. Pursuant to the data recovery plan, the qualified archaeologist and Native American representative, as appropriate, shall recover and document the scientifically consequential information that justifies the resource's significance. The City shall review and approve the treatment plan and archaeological testing as appropriate, and the resulting documentation shall be submitted to the regional repository of the CHRIS, per California Code of Regulations Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C).

Human Remains

No human remains are known to be present within the project site. However, the discovery of human remains is always a possibility during ground-disturbing activities. If human remains are found, the State of California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. In the event of an unanticipated discovery of human remains, the County Coroner must be notified immediately. If the human remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the Coroner will notify the NAHC, which will determine and notify a most likely descendant (MLD). The MLD has 48 hours from being granted site access to make recommendations for the disposition of the remains. If the MLD does not make recommendations within 48 hours, the landowner shall reinter the remains in an area of the property secure from subsequent disturbance.



With adherence to existing regulations, Rincon recommends a finding of less-than-significant impact to human remains under CEQA.

Should you have any questions concerning this study, please do not hesitate to contact Kholood Abdo at 951-405-2351 or kabdo@rinconconsultants.com.

Sincerely,
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Attachments

- Attachment 1 Figures
- Attachment 2 California Historic Resources Information System Search Results
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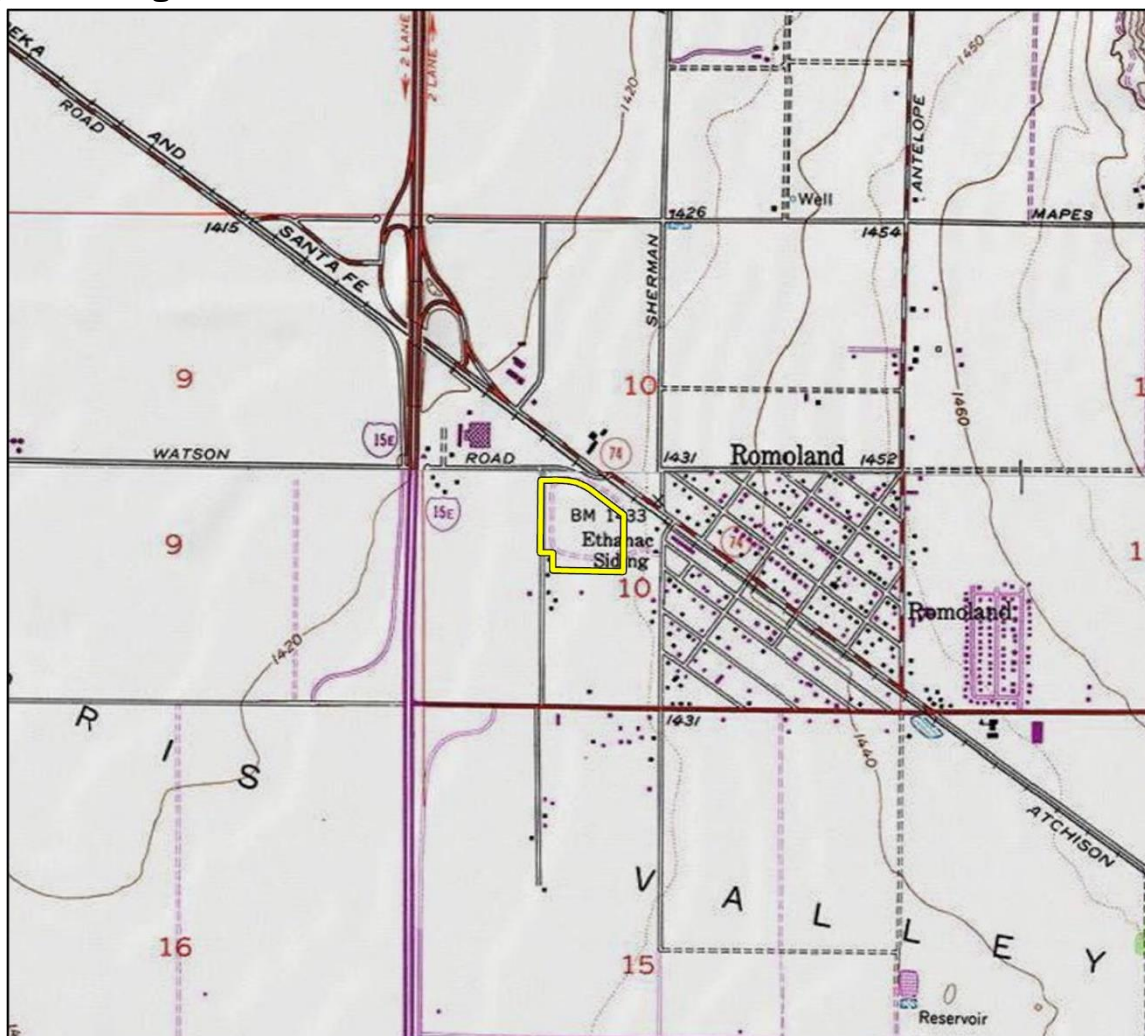
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Figure 1 Regional Location



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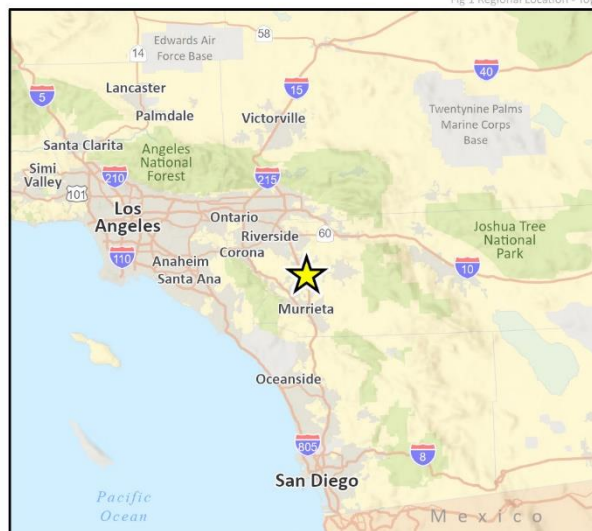


Figure 2 Project Location



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Fig 2 Project Location

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (c), attached is a consultation list of tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the above-listed project. Please note that the intent of the AB 52 amendments to CEQA is to avoid and/or mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)) ("Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource.")

Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21084.3(c) require CEQA lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that have requested notice from such agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribes on projects for which a Notice of Preparation or Notice of Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been filed on or after July 1, 2015. Specifically, Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) provides:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The AB 52 amendments to CEQA law does not preclude initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction prior to receiving requests for notification of projects in the tribe's areas of traditional and cultural affiliation. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) recommends, but does not require, early consultation as a best practice to ensure that lead agencies receive sufficient information about cultural resources in a project area to avoid damaging effects to tribal cultural resources.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that agencies should also include with their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential effect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:

- A listing of any and all known cultural resources that have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
- Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
- Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate, or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
- If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:

- Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254.10.

3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission was positive. Please contact the Pechanga Band of Indians on the attached list for more information.

4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the APE; and

5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS are not exhaustive and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

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 consultation list remains current.

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

Sincerely,

Cody Campagne

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Attachment