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re: PLN21-141 / APN 558-41-033 at 19850 Old Santa Cruz Highway, Los Gatos/ Bill Chiocchi

Dear David Horwitz,  
Records at this office were reviewed to determine if this project could adversely affect cultural resources. **Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures. The review for possible historic-era building/structures, however, was limited to references currently in our office and should not be considered comprehensive.**

**Project Description:**

Building Site Approval and Grading Approval for a new single-family residence, driveway, retaining walls, and ancillary improvements, on a 12.75-acre vacant, wooded lot. Grading quantities include 920 cubic yards of cut and 704 cubic yards of fill with a maximum depth of 11-feet. The project includes the removal of several oak trees. The property is located directly east of HWY 17 and west of the Lexington Reservoir in unincorporated Santa Clara County.

**Previous Studies:**

XX Study #12291 (Garaventa et al 1990), which included portions of the project parcel, recorded one or more built-environment resources (*see recommendation below*).

XX Study # 24191 (Cartier 2001), Study #26162 (Cartier 2002), Study # 34600 (Cartier 2006), and Study # 54551 (Brady and Brewer 2019), covering approximately 100% of the proposed project area, identified no additional cultural resources (*see recommendation below*).

**Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:**

XX We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916)373-3710.

XX As per Study # 34600 (Cartier 2006), no further study for archaeological resources is recommended at this time. If archaeological resources are encountered during construction, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations.

**Built Environment Recommendations:**

XX The proposed project area contains a complex of recorded buildings or structures known as P-43-003652. Recorded as part of Study #12291 (Garaventa et al 1990), P-43-003652 is currently included in the Office of Historic Preservation's Built Environment Resources Directory, with OTIS ID 471106, from the 1990 Caltrans project (FHWA900925A). P-43-003652 was given a status of 6Y and determined ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places by consensus through a Section 106 process. However, it was not evaluated for the California Register or local listing. This built-environment resource was not part of Study # 34600 (Cartier 2006:6).

It is recommended that a qualified professional familiar with the architecture and history of Santa Clara County update the conditions of this resource on Office of Historic Preservation's DPR 523 resource recordation forms, assess potential impacts of the proposed project activities on this resource, and provide project-specific recommendations as warranted.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

For your reference, a list of qualified professionals in California that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be found at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>. If archaeological resources are encountered during the project, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds should be halted until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation. If you have any questions, please give us a call (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Richards". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped initial "D" and a cursive "Richards".

Dana Richards  
Researcher