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RE: Archaeological Review and Monitoring Recommendation for the 1855 Spindrift Drive Project, La Jolla, City of San Diego, California (PRJ-1141390; APN 346-451-11)

Dear Jeff:

The following letter provides a review of the results of the cultural resources monitoring program conducted by BFSA Environmental Services, a Perennial Company (BFSA), for the 1855 Spindrift Drive Project (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 346-451-11) in 2023 and the associated Report of Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation provided by Geotechnical Exploration, Inc. (Cerros and Reed 2023). This letter report was prepared for submission to the City of San Diego to document the need for no further archaeological testing at this time and the recommendation for an archaeological and Native American monitoring program for future work within the subject property.

The 1855 Spindrift Drive Project is located at 1855 Spindrift Drive in the La Jolla community of the city of San Diego, California. The subject property (APN 346-451-11) is situated within Township 15 South, Range 4 West, as shown on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) *La Jolla, California* (7.5-minute) topographic quadrangle map (Figures 1 through 3, attached). In anticipation of future improvements within the parcel, geotechnical exploration through boring was required in 2023 (Figure 4, attached).

As a result, an archaeological and Native American monitoring program for the 1855 Spindrift Drive Project was required, which involved the observation of the geotechnical exploration conducted within the property in compliance with City of San Diego environmental regulations and the conditions set forth under Bulletin 560. The monitoring of the geotechnical exploration was necessary as the project parcel is situated within the recorded boundary of prehistoric Site SDI-39. The site consists of a widespread shell midden spanning both the Archaic and Late Prehistoric periods that has been impacted by the residential development of the area.

However, intact significant elements of the site have been discovered throughout this area of La Jolla, south of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club.

BFSA conducted the archaeological monitoring associated with geotechnical testing for the project in 2023. During the monitoring program, careful attention was paid to the excavation process and the excavated soils. Monitoring of the geotechnical boring at the 1855 Spindrift Drive Project was conducted on April 11, 2023, by BFSA staff archaeologist Sabrina Corcoran under the supervision of Principal Investigator Tracy A. Stropes, M.A., RPA. Lawrence Douglas, a Native American monitor from Red Tail Environmental, was also present and monitored the excavation process.

During the course of monitoring, no elements of SDI-39 or cultural resources in general were identified within the excavated borings. Review of the geotechnical borings indicates that all site boring locations were overlain with three to four feet of fill (Cerros and Reed 2023). In addition, no cultural materials were identified in remaining portions of the geotechnical excavations that exceeded well beyond that depth. Based upon the placement of the boring locations (see Figure 4, attached), and the even level of fill identified within them (Cerros and Reed 2023), it is highly likely that even fill was placed across the entirety of the property to a depth between three and four feet during the previous construction for the property.

Therefore, based upon the results of the 2023 monitoring program in conjunction with the data from the 2023 Geotechnical Exploration, Inc. report for the property, it is recommended that the project be allowed to proceed without any further archaeological testing. However, given the sensitivity of the project area and the potential to identify pockets of disturbed or intact elements of SDI-39 beneath the existing building, a monitoring program is recommended for any future work within the property in order to account for any potential inadvertent discoveries associated with the project. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Figures 1 through 4

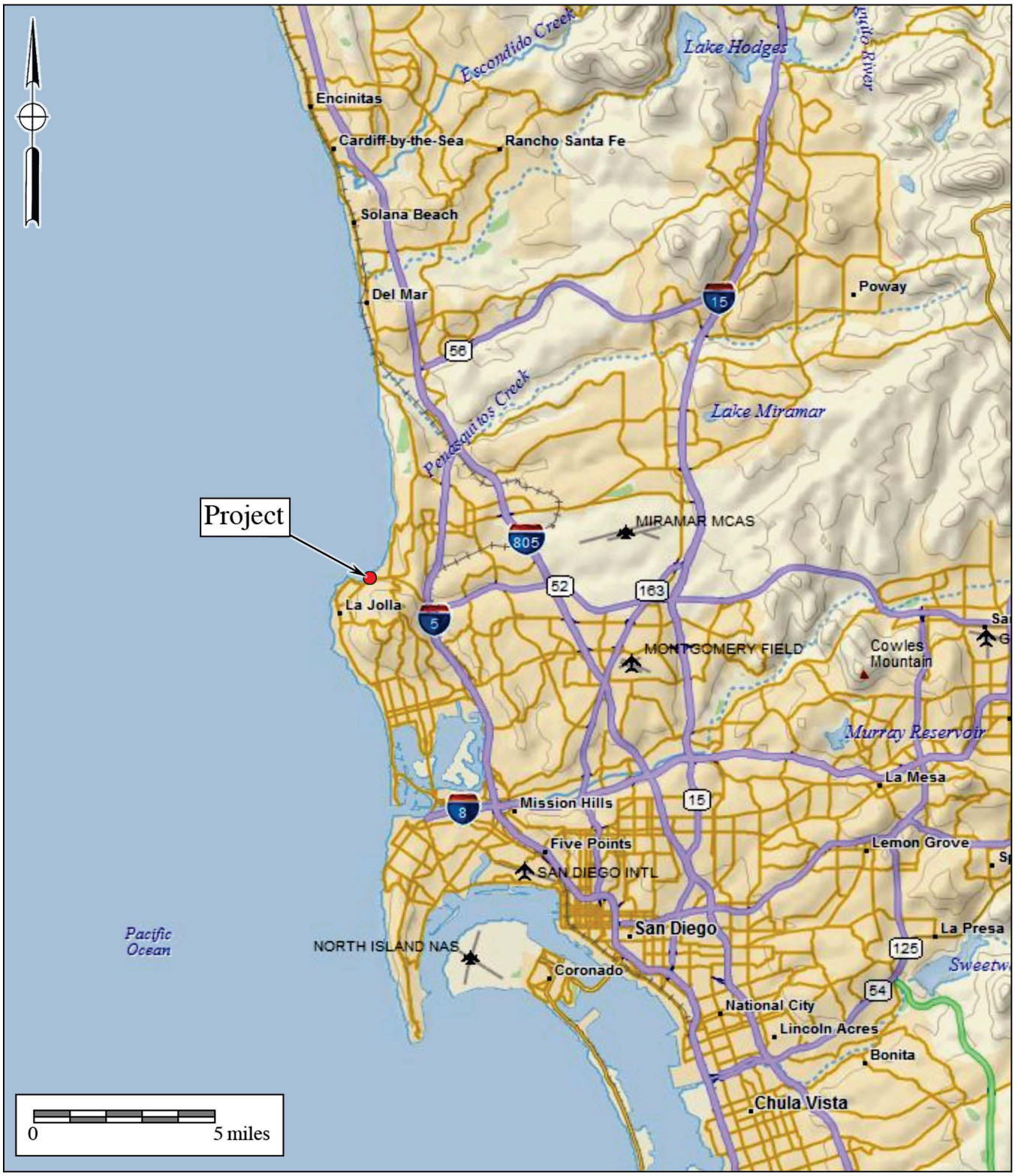

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Figure 1
General Location Map
The 1855 Spindrift Drive Project
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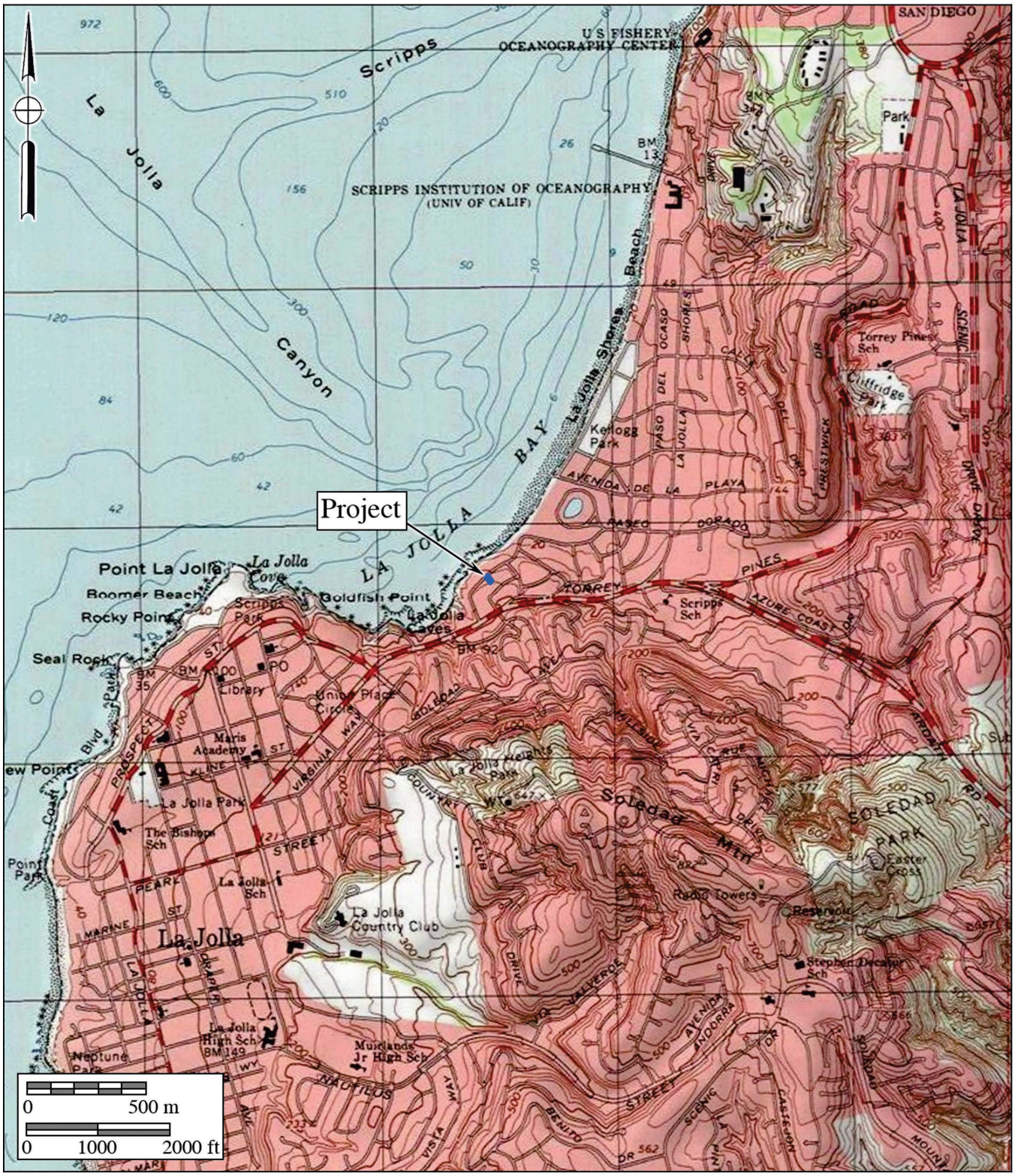

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Figure 2
Project Location Map

The 1855 Spindrift Drive Project

USGS *La Jolla OE West* and *La Jolla* Quadrangles (7.5-minute series)



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Figure 3
Project Location Map

The 1855 Spindrift Drive Project

Shown on The City of San Diego 1" to 800' Scale Engineering Map

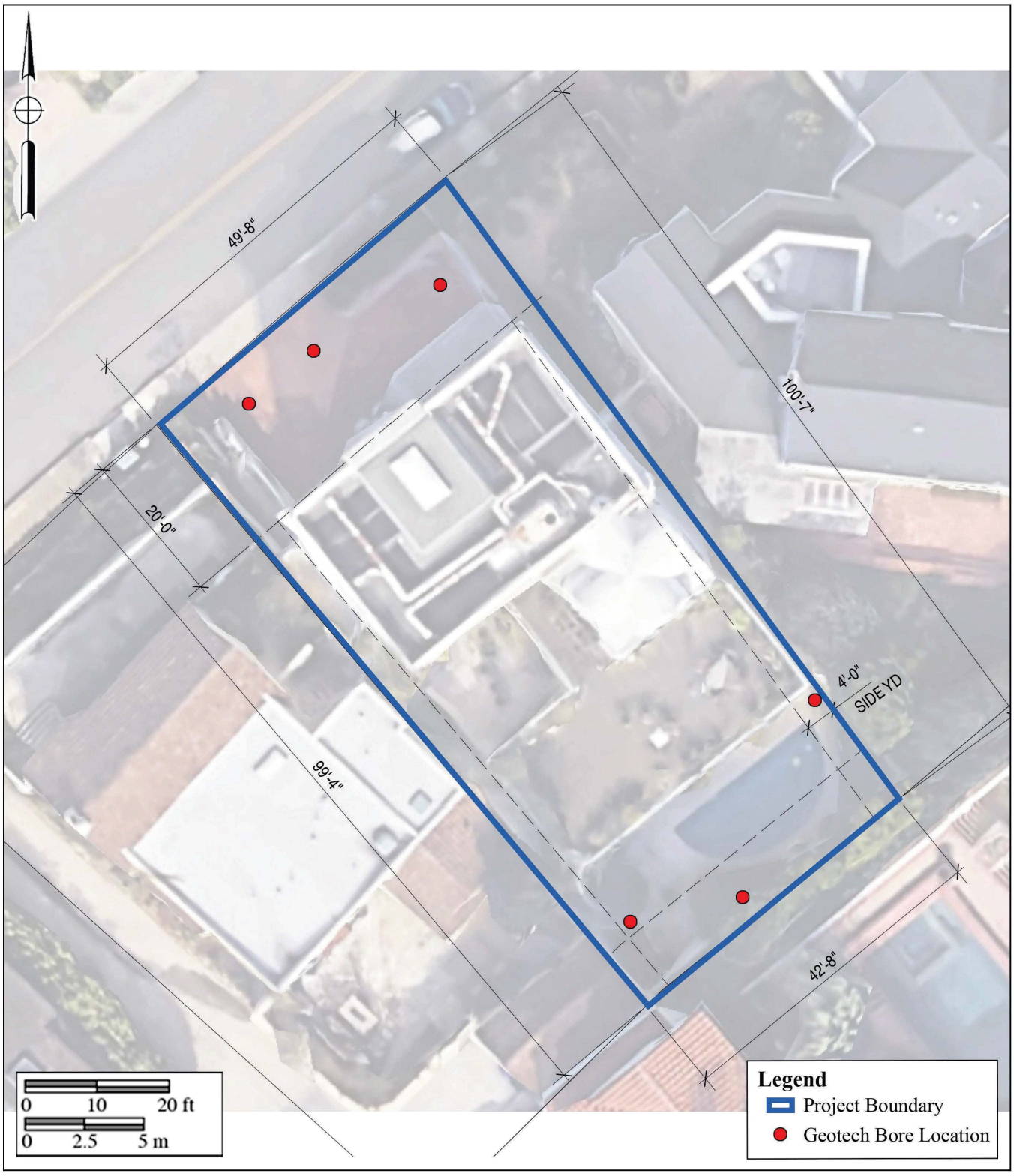

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Figure 4
Geologic Testing Locations
The 1855 Spindrift Drive Project