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Reference: Archaeological Resources Survey Report for the Rio Vista Apartments Project, Brawley, California
(RECON Number 10631)

Dear Mr. DeHoyos:

This letter details the results of the archaeological resources survey conducted for the Rio Vista Apartments Project (project). RECON Environmental, Inc. (RECON) conducted background research, reviewed historic topographic maps and aerial photographs, and completed a pedestrian survey of the project area. This letter report has been prepared to provide necessary information to identify adverse impacts to potentially significant archaeological resources by implementation of the project.

1.0 Project Location and Description

The project is located in the northwestern portion of the city of Brawley in Imperial County, California (Figure 1). The project area occurs within Section 69, Township 13 South, Range 14 East, as depicted on the Brawley quadrangle of the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic map series (Figure 2). The 7.87-acre project area consists of five parcels (assessor parcel numbers 046-050-016, 046-050-030, 046-050-028, 046-050-039, and 046-050-038) bounded by West River Road to the south, North Rio Vista Avenue and a single-family residential property to the east, Pat Williams Park to the west, and vacant open space to the north (Figure 3). The project area is currently developed with two single-family residences, ancillary structures, small-animal husbandry pens, and equestrian training related facilities; all would be demolished as part of the project.

The project would construct a 144-unit apartment complex consisting of five separate buildings, providing a total of 42 one-bedroom units and 102 two-bedroom units. The project would also construct a 4,400-square-foot clubhouse with a swimming pool, three green spaces, and a sewer lift station. The project would also provide a total of 278 surface parking spaces. Access to the project site would be provided via a driveway connection to West River Road.

2.0 Natural Setting

The project area is developed with two single-family residences, ancillary structures, small-animal husbandry pens, and equestrian training related facilities. Current uses of adjoining properties are primarily single-family residential to the south and east, developed community park land to the west, and undeveloped vacant land to the north. The topography of the project area is a relatively flat-lying area that generally slopes to the north abutting manufactured slopes along the length of the eastern boundary. Project area elevation ranges between 141 feet below mean sea level along the northern boundary and 116 feet below mean sea level along the eastern boundary.

3.0 Methods

In order to determine if this project will adversely impact significant archaeological resources, RECON performed background research, a review of topographic maps and historic aerial photographs, and an on-foot survey of the project area. The pedestrian survey was conducted by RECON archaeologist Nathaniel Yerka and Gage Baay, a Kumeyaay Native American representative from Red Tail Environmental, on July 3, 2025. Prior to the survey, a records search was requested from the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) to identify any previously recorded cultural resources located within a one-mile radius of the project area (Confidential Attachment 1). In addition, a letter was sent on June 6, 2025, to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a search of their Sacred Lands File to identify spiritually significant and/or sacred sites or traditional use areas in the project vicinity (Attachment 1). The NAHC was also asked to provide a list of local Native American tribes, bands, or individuals that may have concerns or interests regarding cultural resources potentially occurring within the project area.

The primary goal of this survey was to determine (1) if there are previously unrecorded cultural resources present, and if so, document the resources' locations and what they consist of and (2) to update conditions of previously recorded cultural resources. The project area was inspected for evidence of archaeological materials such as flaked and ground stone tools or fragments, ceramics, milling features, and human remains. The spacing between field personnel was no more than 15 meters. Photographs and field notes were taken to document the environmental setting and general conditions. RECON used Field Maps for ArcGIS on a global positioning system (GPS)-enabled Apple iPad containing shapefiles and aerial photography to pinpoint our location in real-time, which was used to navigate the project area. RECON recorded the location of cultural constituents and geolocated photographs using an Apple iPad running ESRI's ArcGIS Field Maps application paired with a Trimble R1 sub-meter GPS unit.

California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) site forms were completed for the newly recorded cultural resources observed during the survey (Confidential Attachment 2). The completed DPR forms will be filed with the SCIC. A copy of the survey letter report will also be filed with the SCIC.

RECON archaeologist Carmen Zepeda-Herman, M.A. served as Principal Investigator. Ms. Zepeda-Herman is a member of the Register of Professional Archaeologists and meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

4.0 Background Research

The SCIC records search indicated that there have been nine cultural investigations conducted within one mile of the project area, two of which include the project area (see Confidential Attachment 1). The record search also identified 15 cultural resources recorded within one mile of the project area (Table 1). These cultural resources include 3 prehistoric sites, 1 isolated prehistoric artifact, and 11 historic-era sites. The prehistoric sites consist of three trails where the lone isolated prehistoric artifact is a piece of debitage. The historic-era resources represent single-family properties, a multi-family property, commercial properties, a trailer park, and a utility tower. Eleven historic addresses are also identified within the one-mile search area. None of these resources occur within the project area.

Table 1 Cultural Resources Recorded within One-Mile of the Project Area				
Primary #	Trinomial #	Period	Site Type	Recording Events
P-13-000879	CA-IMP-000879	Prehistoric	Trail	1854 (G. H. Derby)
P-13-000881	CA-IMP-000881	Prehistoric	Trail	1854 (G. H. Derby)
P-13-000907	CA-IMP-000907	Prehistoric	Trail	1856 (H. S. Washburn)
P-13-008002		Historic	Single-family property	1998 (Collins)
P-13-008029		Historic	Single-family property	1998 (Collins)
P-13-012399		Historic	Trailer park	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012400		Historic	Multi-family property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012401		Historic	Commercial property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012403		Historic	Engineering structure - utility tower	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012404		Historic	Commercial property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012407		Historic	Single-family property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012408		Historic	Single-family property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012409		Historic	Single-family property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-012419		Historic	Commercial property	1990 (RECON)
P-13-013744		Prehistoric	Isolate - debitage	2011 (Affinis)

4.1 Review of Historic Aerial Photographs and Topographic Maps

A review of historic aerial photographs and topographic maps demonstrate that the project area has suffered ground disturbance by as early as 1953. The 1953 aerial photograph—the earliest available aerial photograph online at Nationwide Environmental Title Research LLC—exhibits the current centrally located single-family residence situated amongst a southwest-northeast alignment of trees. The 1953 photograph also exhibits the remainder of the project area as vacant land with grading disturbances within the southern half and is bounded to the south by a windbreak of trees on the north side of an orchard, to the east by an agricultural field, and vacant open land to the west and north. The earliest available topographic map dates to 1955 and represents the centrally located single-family residence, an orchard adjacent to the south, and the current alignments of West River Drive and North Rio Vista Avenue running, respectively, west and south from the southeast project area corner. The 1958 topographic map represents a driveway leading to the current single-family residence from the southeast project area corner. Continued grading disturbance is also exhibited in the 1959 aerial photograph. The 1965 aerial photograph exhibits the addition of the large oval riding arena in the southwest project area corner, further grading near the southeast project area corner, and the current single-family residence adjacent to the east of the project area. The 1979 topographic map depicts the mobile home residence pad to the southeast of the single-family residence which is later exhibited in the 1984 aerial photograph. The 1984 aerial photograph also exhibits numerous ancillary structures or staged material along portions of the western project area boundary, assorted husbandry pens south and west of the two residences, along with single-family residential development to the east. No notable changes to the project area are represented in subsequent topographic maps. Aerial photographs from 1996, 2002, 2005, 2009, and 2010 exhibit infill of numerous ancillary equestrian related structures, circular riding pens, possible animal husbandry pens, and staged rectangular storage containers (either Conex containers or tractor trailers). The 2012 aerial photograph exhibits removal of several structures and/or storage containers along the northern, western, and southern project area boundaries where aerial photographs from 2014, and 2016 exhibit no notable changes. Finally, aerial photographs from 2018, 2020, and 2022 exhibit progressive but minimal removal of assorted ancillary structures and/or storage containers from the project area (Nationwide Environmental Title Research LLC 2025).

4.2 Native American Heritage Commission and Tribal Responses

The NAHC responded on June 30, 2025, indicating that their search results were positive (Attachment 1). The NAHC also provided a list of Native American tribes who may have knowledge of cultural resources within the project area and vicinity. Sacred Lands outreach letters were emailed or mailed to tribal members on the NAHC provided list on July 25, 2025; three responses have been received to date (see Attachment 1). Ray Teran from the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians (Viejas) responded via email on July 25, 2025, stating in part that Viejas has determined that the project site has cultural significance or ties to Viejas, that cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the project area, and that they request that a Kumeyaay cultural monitor be on-site for ground-disturbing activities and to inform them of any new developments such as inadvertent discovery of cultural artifacts, cremation sites, or human remains. Jill McCormick, representing the Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe (tribe) responded on July 26, 2025, and stated that the tribe does not wish to provide comments on this project. Xitlaly Madrigal of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians recognized via an emailed letter dated July 30, 2025, that the project area is not located within their reservation boundaries but is situated within their Traditional Use Area and laid out a series of requests; these requests are found in Attachment 1.

5.0 Survey Results

No prehistoric archaeological resources were observed during the survey of the project area. Two historic-era resources were recorded during the survey of the project area (one concrete standpipe and one single-family property).

The pedestrian survey commenced in the southeast project area corner, crossed the southern general half of the project area in north-south transects that translated across the project area from east to west, and finished in the northern general half of the project area with north-south transects moving west to east. The project area is disturbed by grading, single-family residence development, a mobile home pad, numerous ancillary structures, concrete foundations, animal husbandry pens, equestrian riding pens, a water feature, dirt road alignments, overhead utilities, underground service water and irrigation alignments, septic systems, import materials, and ornamental vegetation. Ground surface visibility across the project area was excellent due to large areas of bare dirt.

The southeastern project area portion exhibit two manufactured slopes that supply subjacent support to North Rio Vista Avenue and West River Road along the respective eastern and southern project area boundaries. The current project area driveway exhibiting an improved asphalt surface enters/exits the project area from North Rio Vista Avenue at the top of the eastern slope. A concrete water feature/standpipe is located within this eastern slope near the southeast project area corner (Photograph 1). This general project area corner also exhibits road signage along with overhead utilities and underground service water and irrigation alignments. Moving west within the southern-central project area portion is a mobile home pad surrounded by shade structures (Photograph 2), ornamental trees and ground cover, chain-link and wooden board interior fencing, a single-family residence, a fifth-wheel trailer, a tractor trailer (Photograph 3), a shed, underground utilities (service water, irrigation, and septic tank with leach lines), numerous animal husbandry pens and associated structures (Photograph 4), project area perimeter chain-link fencing, along with a plethora of dense and dispersed staged assorted surface material. The southwestern project area portion exhibits a large oval riding arena and associated structures (Photograph 5), concrete foundation for large-animal washing, overhead lighting fixtures, overhead utility poles, ornamental trees, project area perimeter chain-link fencing, stockpiles of import material (Photograph 6), and dispersed staged assorted surface material.

The northern general half of the project area exhibited a concrete foundation for large-animal washing, a small concrete utility hub, a circular riding arena, utility poles, underground irrigation alignments, Conex containers, and dispersed staged assorted surface material (Photographs 7 and 8). Also in this area, the eastern project area

boundary incorporates a manufactured slope providing subjacent support to the single-family property adjacent to the east of the project area. A small portion of the eastern project area boundary also exhibits a retaining wall consisting of vertically placed wooden utility pole segments.

5.1 Newly Recorded Resources

10631-F-1

The resource is one standpipe. The concrete structure is composed of, at minimum, four formed concrete 8.5-x-2-foot storm drainpipe segments, stacked vertically and cemented together. There are likely additional buried storm drainpipe segments. The structure exhibits a flat concrete cap of matching diameter cemented to the upper cylindrical segment, with a central 2-foot circular access port, flanked by two rebar handles/attachment points. The resource is out of working order, has suffered integrity damage, missing any ancillary service plumbing, is partially filled with soil and other debris, and exhibits some paint to most likely cover graffiti. The resource is inset into a manufactured slope 0.33 miles east of the active New River watercourse. The resource is possibly exhibited on the 1959 and 1965 aerial photographs available online at Nationwide Environmental Title Research LLC (2025) and is exhibited on the 1984 aerial photograph (Nationwide Environmental Title Research LLC 2025; see Confidential Attachment 2).

10631-F-2

The property at 4605 N. Rio Vista Avenue is a Minimal Traditional one-story wood-framed single-family house with a cross-gabled roof (McAlester 1991). The exact construction date is unknown; however, based on the 1953 aerial photograph noted above, the house was constructed prior to 1953. The 1955 topographic map exhibits a centrally located structure (Nationwide Environmental Title Research LLC 2025). The 1965 aerial photograph exhibits a rectangular addition to the northwest, which changed the house's rectangle floorplan to an L-shaped floorplan. The roof has a normal pitch and is covered in composition shingles. The house features a wooden clapboard sided exterior on what appears to be a poured-concrete foundation. The main (northeast) elevation includes a centrally located front door topped by a wooden awning and flanked by two vinyl windows (Photograph 9). The front door exhibits 10 fixed lights. The southeast elevation features two vinyl windows and additional air conditioning ducting between the two windows (Photograph 10). All windows appear to have been replaced at different times. The small rectangular addition extending northwest of the original floorplan's northwest elevation exhibits a low-pitched gable roof covered in composite shingles. This addition includes an aluminum-framed window and a wooden door with a metal screened door on its northeast elevation (see Photograph 9). The roof on this addition appears in poor condition and may be original to the addition. The roof on the main part of the house appears to be in good condition and is a likely replacement to the original roof. The rear (southwest) and northwest elevations were not accessible at the time of the survey (see Confidential Attachment 2).

6.0 Regulatory Context

6.1 California Environmental Quality Act

The regulatory framework and methods for determining impacts on cultural resources include compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements as defined in Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, Determining the Significance of Impacts to Archaeological and Historical Resources. These guidelines require the identification of cultural resources that could be affected by the project, the evaluation of the significance of such resources, an assessment of the project impacts on significant resources, and a development of a research design and data recovery program to avoid or address adverse effects to significant resources. Significant resources, also

called historical resources, are those cultural resources (whether prehistoric or historic) that have been evaluated and determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR).

According to CEQA Section 15064.5(a), a historical resource includes the following:

1. A resource listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing on, the California Register of Historical Resources.
2. A resource included in the local register.
3. A resource which an agency determines to be historically significant. Generally, a resource shall be considered to be "historically significant," if the resource meets the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Places (Public Resources Code Section 5024.1 Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 4852) including the following:
 - A. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history or cultural heritage;
 - B. Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
 - C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
 - D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history.
4. The fact that a resource is not listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the CRHR or a local register does not preclude a lead agency from determining that the resource may be an historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code Sections 5020.1(j) or 5024.1.

A resource must meet one of the above criteria and must have integrity; that is, it must evoke the resource's period of significance or, in the case of criterion D, it may be disturbed, but it must retain enough intact and undisturbed deposits to make a meaningful data contribution to regional research issues.

6.2 Evaluation of Resources

The standpipe (10631-F-1) is possibly associated with the installation of water infrastructure by the Imperial Irrigation District sometime between 1967 and 1978. The Stanley Canal is depicted approximately 1,400 feet east of the project area on the same alignment as West River Road on a 1979 Brawley quadrangle USGS topographic map; however, there is no evidence of the canal adjacent to the project area. The Stanley Canal is part of the Imperial Irrigation District network of canals and drains that transformed agricultural development and settlement of the Imperial and Coachella valleys. The All-American Canal built between 1934 and 1940 brings water from the Colorado River to Imperial Valley and has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 by the Bureau of Reclamation and California State Historic Preservation Officer, and by extension the Westside Main Canal, as part of the All-American Canal system, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion A/1 for its significance in association with development of the Imperial Valley (SWCA Environmental Consultants 2007). These two canals, along with the Coachella Canal, are the main canals to which smaller drains and canals in Imperial Valley connect. The majority of these smaller drains and canals have not played a key role in the agricultural development of Imperial Valley, and are therefore not considered significant resources. Likewise, although the standpipe may be associated with the irrigation infrastructure, it is not key to the overall development of the irrigation network and therefore does not qualify under Criterion A as being associated with a significant event to the history of Brawley. Additionally, it is not associated with a person significant to the past (Criterion B). The standpipe's method of construction is not unique or distinctive and, therefore, it does not qualify under Criterion C. The standpipe does not qualify under Criterion D as they do not possess important data to the

local history. It lacks characteristics that would qualify it for listing on the CRHR. Therefore, the standpipe is not a historical resource under the CRHR.

The single-family house (10631-F-2) is not recommended eligible for the CRHR. The house appears to have been moderately altered. The wood clapboard siding appears to be original, but the windows have been replaced and an air conditioning tube has been added to the southeast elevation. The addition on the northwest elevation has similar clapboard siding with windows in a different style than the main house. This addition to the northwest affects the integrity of design of the original house while the window replacement affects the integrity of materials. The addition of a modern mobile home to the southeast of the house has impacted the integrity of setting, feeling, and association. Because the house lacked some integrity, it was not evaluated for qualifying under criteria A and B. No research of past owners of the house or significant events that the house may have been associated with was completed; therefore, it is not known whether the property is associated with significant people or a significant event. The house is not recommended eligible under Criterion C because it exhibits common Minimal Traditional features, such as limited exterior detailing, a small entrance, and wood wall cladding, which are not representative of high artistic values of the Minimal Traditional style of architecture, and the house was not associated with a master architect. It is not likely to yield information important in prehistory or history because the house likely does not have an intact buried component, and therefore does not qualify under Criterion D.

7.0 Management Recommendations

No significant prehistoric or historic resources were observed during the survey. The SCIC records search did not identify any archaeological resources within the project area; therefore, the project would not result in an adverse impact to known archaeological resources. However, construction monitoring by an archaeologist and Native American monitor is recommended because of the potential for buried archaeological resources due to the project's vicinity to the New River and its alluvial floodplain. A construction monitoring program as a mitigation measure would reduce the potential impacts to undiscovered significant archaeological deposits or features.

Please call me at (619) 308-9333 extension 192 or Carmen Zepeda-Herman at extension 133 if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

Sincerely,



Nathaniel Yerka
Project Archaeologist, Author



Carmen Zepeda-Herman, RPA
Principal Investigator

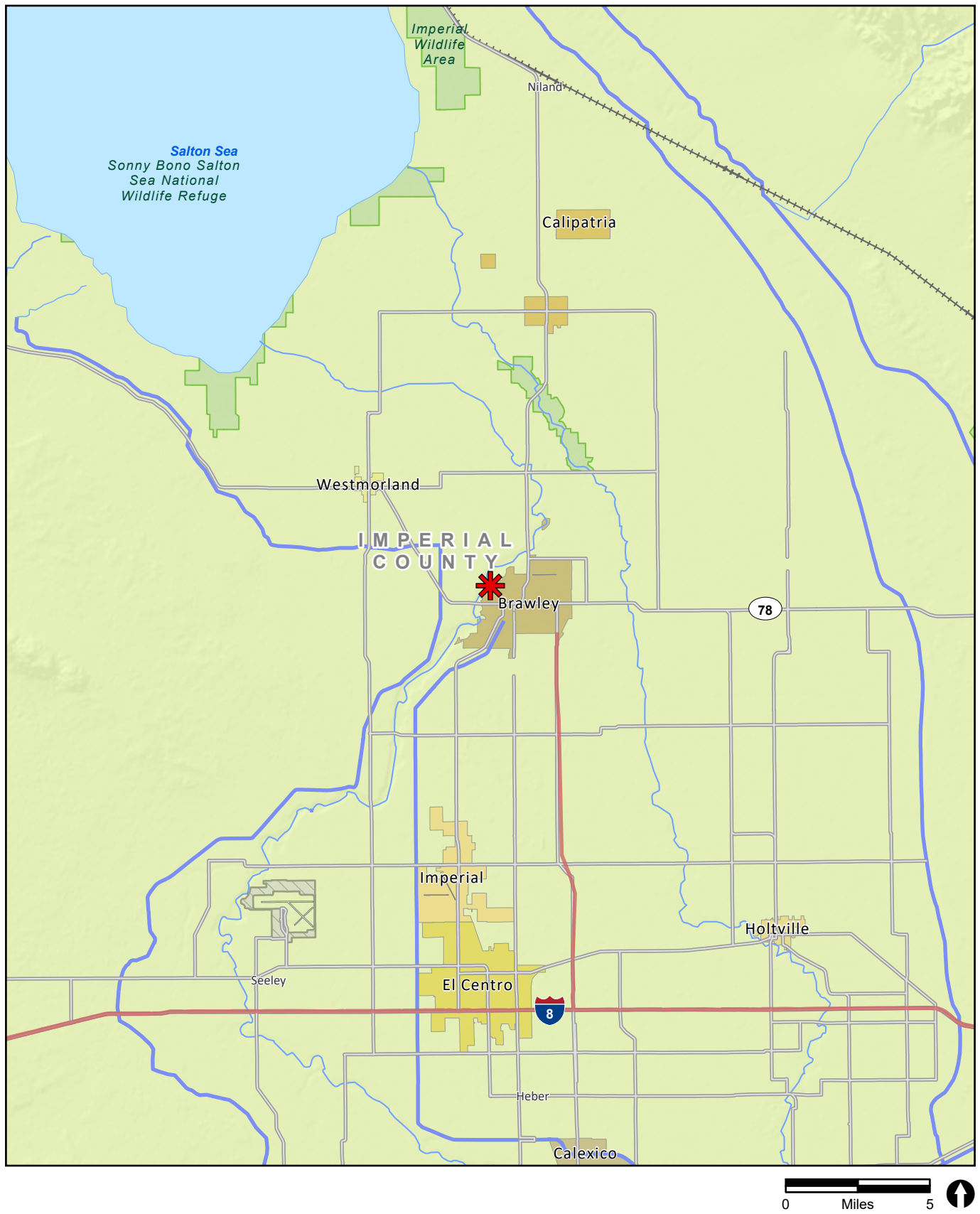
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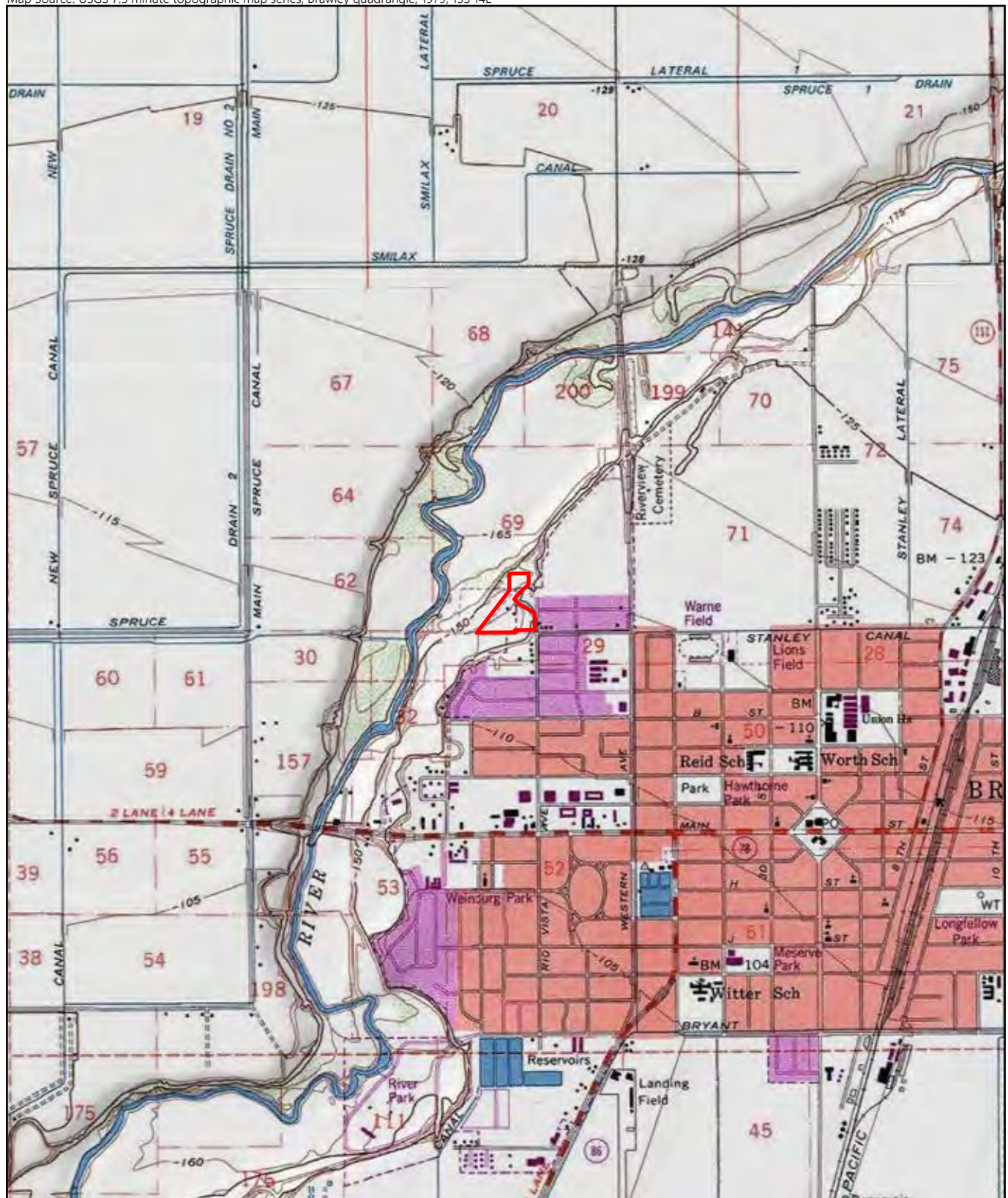
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 Project Location



Project Boundary



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PHOTOGRAPH 1

Overview of Southeastern APE Portion with North Rio Vista Avenue and Concrete Standpipe in Background; Looking East



PHOTOGRAPH 2

Overview of Southern-Central APE Portion with Mobile Home Pad, Shade Structures, and Ornamental Vegetation; Looking South-Southwest



PHOTOGRAPH 3

Overview within Southern-Central APE Portion with Tractor Trailer and Typical Staged Assorted Surface Material; Looking Northwest



PHOTOGRAPH 4

Overview within Southern-Central APE Portion Typical Animal Husbandry Pens and Associated Structures; Looking North



PHOTOGRAPH 5
Overview of Large Ovular Riding Arena from Southwestern Project APE
Corner; Looking Northeast



PHOTOGRAPH 6
Stockpile of Import Material along Southern APE Boundary;
Looking Southwest



PHOTOGRAPH 7
Overview of Northern APE General Half; Looking Northeast



PHOTOGRAPH 8
Overview of Northern APE General Half from Northeast Project APE Corner;
Looking Southwest



PHOTOGRAPH 9

Overview of 10631-F-2, Northeast (Main) Elevation; Looking Southwest



PHOTOGRAPH 10

Overview of 10631-F-2, Southeast and Northeast Elevations;
Looking Northwest

ATTACHMENT 1

Native American Heritage Commission Correspondence

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

June 30, 2025

Carmen Zepeda-Herman
Recon Environmental, Inc.

Via Email to: czepeda@reconenvironmental.com

Re: Brawley Apartments/10631 Project, Imperial County

To Whom It May Concern:

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 Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians 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 Mathew.lin@nahc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Mathew Lin

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Attachment



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**Native American Heritage Commission
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County	Tribe Name	Fed (F) Non-Fed (N)	Contact Person	Contact Address	Phone #	Fax #	Email Address	Cultural Affiliation	Counties	Last Updated
Imperial	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
	Barona Group of the Capitan Grande	F	Art Bunce, Attorney	1095 Barona Road Lakeside, CA, 92040	(760) 489-0329		buncelaw@aol.com	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	7/25/2023
	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Marcus Cuero, Chairperson	36190 Church Road, Suite 1 Campo, CA, 91906	(619) 478-9046		marcuscuero@campo-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	5/15/2024
	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Ben Dyche, Vice Chairperson	36190 Church Road, Suite 1 Campo, CA, 91906	(619) 478-9046		bdyche@campo-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	5/24/2024
	Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Daniel Tsosie, THPO	36190 Church Road, Suite 1 Campo, CA, 91906	(619) 760-6480		dtosie@campo-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	5/24/2024
	Ewilaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	F	Robert Pinto, Chairperson	4054 Willows Road Alpine, CA, 91901	(619) 368-4382	(619) 445-9126	ceo@ebki-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Ewilaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	F	Michael Garcia, Vice Chairperson	4054 Willows Road Alpine, CA, 91901	(619) 933-2200	(619) 445-9126	michaelg@leaningrock.net	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Ilipay Nation of Santa Ysabel	F	Clint Linton, Director of Cultural Resources	P.O. Box 507 Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070	(760) 803-5694		clint@redtailenvironmental.com	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	11/30/2023
	Inaja-Cosmit Band of Indians	F	Rebecca Osuna, Chairperson	2005 S. Escondido Blvd. Escondido, CA, 92025	(760) 737-7628	(760) 747-8568		Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Jamul Indian Village	F	Erica Pinto, Chairperson	P.O. Box 612 Jamul, CA, 91935	(619) 669-4785	(619) 669-4817	epinto@jiv-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Jamul Indian Village	F	Lisa Cumper, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	P.O. Box 612 Jamul, CA, 91935	(619) 669-4855		lcumper@jiv-nsn.gov	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	9/5/2018

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	La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Eric La Chappa, Chairman	8 Crestwood Road Boulevard, CA, 91905	(619) 478-2113	(619) 478-2125	ELaChappa@lptribe.net	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	5/7/2025
	Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation	F	Angela Elliott Santos, Chairperson	P.O. Box 1302 Boulevard, CA, 91905	(619) 766-4930	(619) 766-4957		Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Michael Linton, Chairperson	P.O. Box 270 Santa Ysabel, CA, 92070	(760) 782-3818	(760) 782-9092		Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Jonathan Koteen, President, Quechan Tribal Council	P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ, 85366-1899	(760) 919-3600		executivesecretary@quechantribe.com	Quechan	Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego	6/4/2025
	Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation	F	Jill McCormick, Historic Preservation Officer	P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ, 85366-1899	(928) 261-0254		historicpreservation@quechantribe.com	Quechan	Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego	1/31/2025
	San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	John Flores, Environmental Coordinator	P. O. Box 365 Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 749-3200	(760) 749-3876	johnf@sanpasqualtribe.org	Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	8/16/2016
	San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians	F	Allen Lawson, Chairperson	P.O. Box 365 Valley Center, CA, 92082	(760) 749-3200	(760) 749-3876		Diegueno	Imperial, San Diego	
	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	F	Cody Martinez, Chairman	Sycuan Tribal Office: 1 Kwaaypaay Court El Cajon, CA, 92019	(619) 445-2613		cmartinez@sycuan-nsn.gov	Kumeyaay	Imperial, San Diego	8/7/2023
	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	F	Bernice Paipa, Cultural Resource Specialist	Sycuan Cultural Center: 910 Willow Glen Drive El Cajon, CA, 92019	(619) 445-6917		bpaipa2@sycuan-nsn.gov	Kumeyaay	Imperial, San Diego	8/7/2023
	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	F	Ernest Pingleton, THPO	1 Viejas Grade Road Alpine, CA, 91901	(619) 445-3810		epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov	Kumeyaay	Imperial, San Diego	6/29/2023
	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians	F	Ray Teran, Resource Management Director	1 Viejas Grade Road Alpine, CA, 91901	(619) 659-2312		rteran@viejas-nsn.gov	Kumeyaay	Imperial, San Diego	6/29/2023

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Brawley Apartments/10631 Project, Imperial County.

Record: PROJ-2025-003503
Report Type: List of Tribes
Counties: Imperial
NAHC Group: Federally
Recognized Tribe



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July 25, 2025

Reference: Archaeological Survey Report for the Rio Vista Apartments Project, Brawley, California
(RECON Number 10631)

Dear Native American Tribal Representative:

RECON Environmental, Inc. (RECON) has been tasked to conduct an archaeological cultural resources survey for the Rio Vista Apartments Project (project) in the city of Brawley, Imperial County, California. The project area occurs within Section 69, Township 13 South, Range 14 East, as depicted on the Brawley quadrangle of the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic map series (Figures 1, 2, and 3). The 7.87-acre project area consists of five parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 046-050-016, 046-050-030, 046-050-028, 046-050-039, and 046-050-038) bounded by West River Road to the south, North Rio Vista Avenue to the east, Pat Williams Park to the west, and vacant open space to the north. The project would construct a 144-unit apartment complex consisting of five separate buildings, providing a total of 42 one-bedroom units and 102 two-bedroom units. The project would also construct a 4,400-square-foot clubhouse with a swimming pool, three green spaces, and a sewer lift station. The project would also provide a total of 278 surface parking spaces. Access to the project site would be provided via a driveway connection to West River Road. The project site is currently developed with an equestrian center that would be demolished as part of the project.

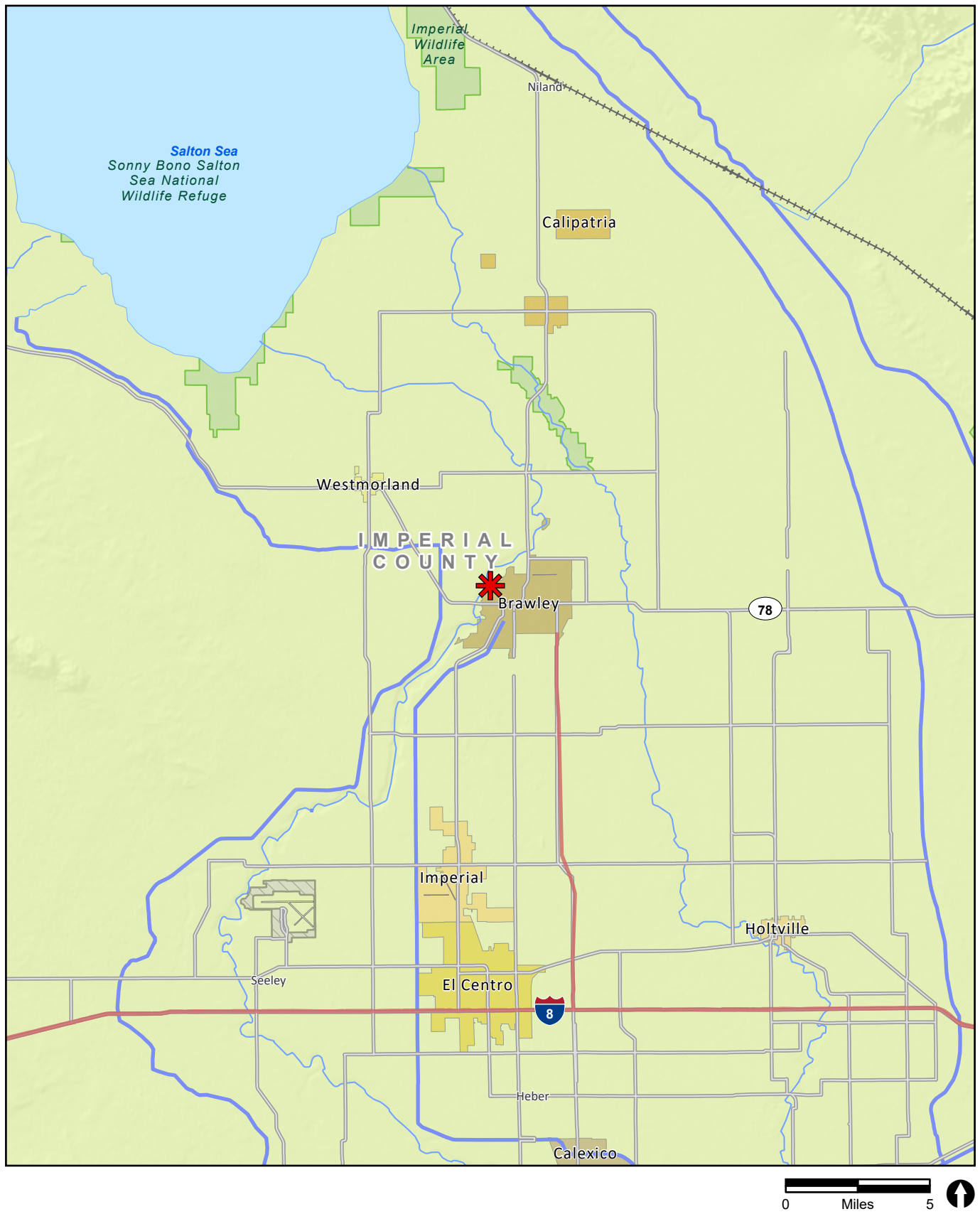
A records search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File was requested for the proposed project vicinity and the sacred land search results from the NAHC were positive. Additionally, a records search was conducted of the archaeological databases maintained at the California Historical Resources Information System, South Coastal Information Center at San Diego State University. The files at the South Coastal Information Center indicate that there are no previously recorded cultural resources identified within the proposed project area. A RECON archaeologist accompanied by a Native American monitor surveyed the project area and did not identify any cultural resources.

Pursuant to the letter received in response from the NAHC, we are contacting you as a potentially interested party. We would like to know if you have any concerns regarding the project as it relates to Native American issues or interests. Would you have any information on sacred sites in the vicinity of the project that may help us advise the client to avoid impacts to these sites? We would like to obtain Native American input early enough in the environmental process to ensure adequate time to address any concerns you may have.

The City of Brawley is the lead agency who will conduct Assembly Bill 52 consultation. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at 619-308-9333 extension 133 or by e-mail at czepeda@reconenvironmental.com. If we have not heard from you by August 22, 2025, we will assume that you have no comments. Thank you for your assistance.

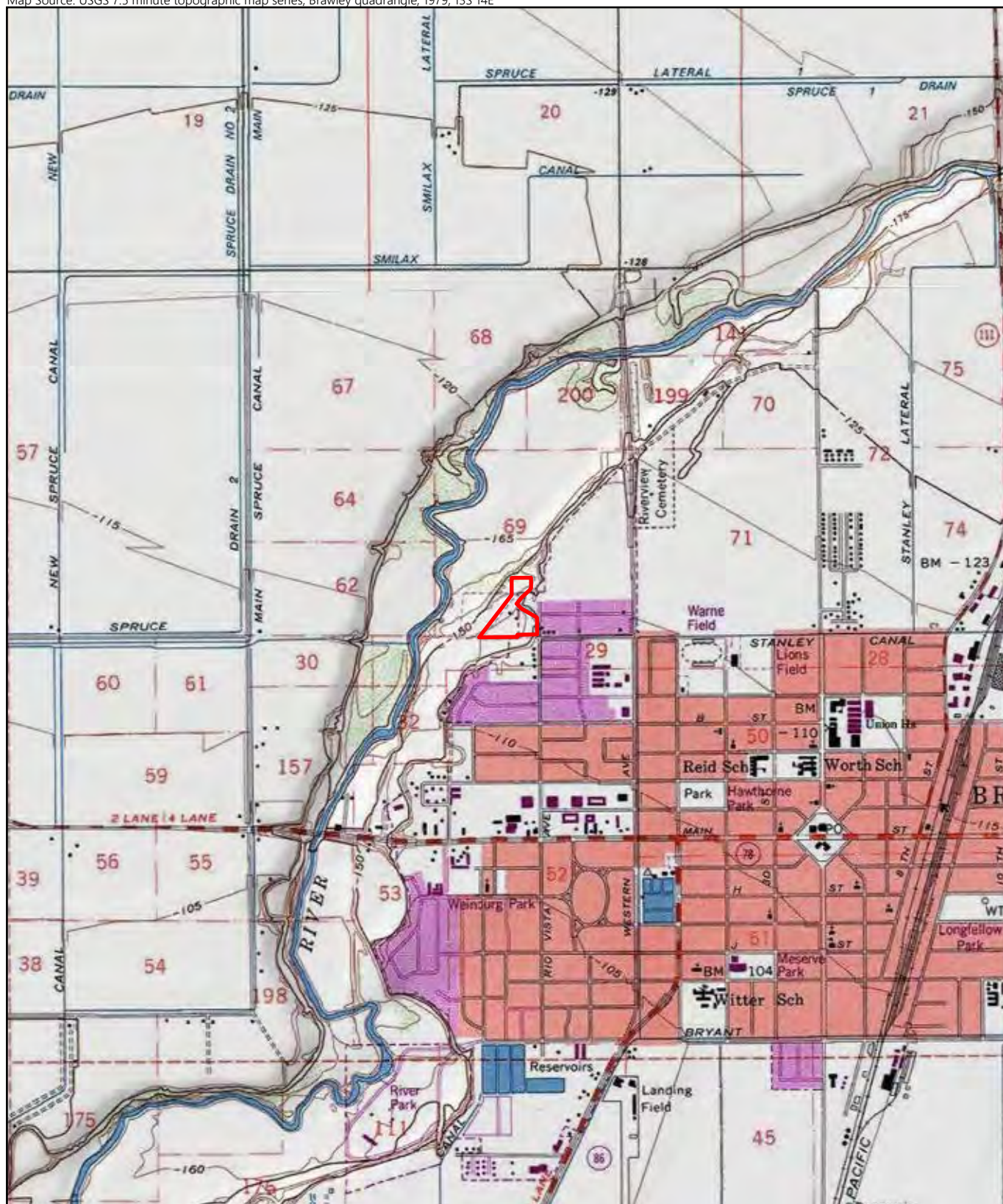
Sincerely,

Carmen Zepeda-Herman
Principal Investigator



 Project Location

FIGURE 1
Regional Location



Project Boundary



 Project Boundary

Carmen Zepeda-Herman

From: Ray Teran <rteran@viejas-nsn.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 3:46 PM
To: Jennifer Gutierrez
Cc: Carmen Zepeda-Herman; Ernest Pingleton
Subject: [External] RE: Archaeological Survey Report for the Rio Vista Apartments Project, Imperial County, California (RECON Number 10631)

The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians ("Viejas") has reviewed the proposed project and at this time we have determined that the project site has cultural significance or ties to Viejas. Cultural resources have been located within or adjacent to the APE-DE of the proposed project.

Viejas Band request that a Kumeyaay Cultural Monitor be on site for ground disturbing activities and to inform us of any new developments such as inadvertent discovery of cultural artifacts, cremation sites, or human remains.

If you wish to utilize Viejas cultural monitors (Viejas rate is \$54.15/hr. plus GSA mileage), please call Ernest Pingleton at 619-655-0410 or email, epingleton@viejas-nsn.gov, for contracting and scheduling. Thank you.

If a Tribe, having a closer proximity to the Project, requests to perform cultural monitoring, Viejas will differ to them.

From: Jennifer Gutierrez <jgutierrez@reconenvironmental.com>
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2025 3:34 PM
Cc: Carmen Zepeda-Herman <czepeda@reconenvironmental.com>
Subject: Archaeological Survey Report for the Rio Vista Apartments Project, Imperial County, California (RECON Number 10631)

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Please contact Carmen Zepeda-Herman (czepeda@reconenvironmental.com; 619-308-9333 extension 133) with any questions or comments.

Thank You

Jennifer Gutierrez
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Carmen Zepeda-Herman

From: Jill McCormick <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 26, 2025 6:51 AM
To: Jennifer Gutierrez
Cc: Carmen Zepeda-Herman
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Archaeological Survey Report for the Rio Vista Apartments Project, Imperial County, California (RECON Number 10631)

Good morning,

This email is to inform you that the Historic Preservation Office of the Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe does not wish to provide comments on this project.

Jill

H. Jill McCormick, M.A.
Historic Preservation Office
Ft. Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe
P.O. Box 1899
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From: Jennifer Gutierrez <jgutierrez@reconenvironmental.com>
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[VIA EMAIL TO: czepeda@reconenvironmental.com]

RECON

Carmen Zepeda-Herman
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San Diego, CA 92108-5726

Re: Rio Vista Apartments

Dear Carmen Zepeda-Herman,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Rio Vista Apartments project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

- *A cultural resources inventory of the project area by a qualified archaeologist prior to any development activities in this area.
- *Copies of any cultural resource documentation (report and site records) generated in connection with this project.
- *A copy of the records search with associated survey reports and site records from the information center.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760) 423-3485. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

Xitlaly Madrigal
Cultural Resources Analyst
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
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