**A**
**PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY,**
**BUENA VISTA AND MCCUTCHEON ROADS,**
**CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

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## Management Summary

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## 1.0 Introduction

At the request of Cornerstone Engineering, *Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates* conducted a Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for a residential project. The 19.36-acre property is located on the west side of Buena Vista Road, south of McCutcheon Road, in the City of Bakersfield, California in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City of Bakersfield acts as the Lead Agency to implement CEQA. The Phase I Cultural Resource Survey consisted of a pedestrian survey of the site, a cultural resource record search, and a Sacred Land File search at the Native American Heritage Commission.

CEQA is a California statute passed in 1970. Governor Ronald Reagan signed it into law, after the federal government passed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CEQA institutes a statewide policy of environmental protection. CEQA does not directly regulate land uses, but instead requires state and local agencies within California to follow a protocol of analysis and public disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed projects and, in a departure from NEPA, adopt all feasible measures to mitigate those impacts. CEQA makes environmental protection a mandatory part of every California state and local agency's decision making process.

CEQA was signed into law in 1970, in a time of increasing public concern for the environment. The statute required that for any public project, the government must conduct an environmental study to examine what impacts the project might have on things like air/water quality, noise, transportation, biological resources, or cultural resources, and generate an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) documenting the impacts as well as any potential and planned mitigations. In 1972, state courts interpreted a public project as a development project that needed government approval.

In 1969, NEPA passed into law. It is similar to CEQA in that both statutes set forth a policy of environmental protection, and a protocol by which all agencies in their respective jurisdictions make environmental protection part of their decision making process. NEPA is narrower in scope than CEQA. NEPA applies only to projects receiving federal funding or approval by federal agencies, while CEQA applies to projects receiving any form of state or local approval, permit, or oversight. Thus, development projects in California funded only by private sources and not requiring approval by a federal agency would be exempt from NEPA; but would likely be subject to CEQA.

The CEQA statute, California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., codifies a statewide policy of environmental protection. According to CEQA, state and local agencies must give consideration to environmental protection in regulating public and private activities and should not approve projects for

which feasible and environmentally superior mitigation measures or alternatives exist.

CEQA mandates actions that all state and local agencies must do to advance this policy. Specifically, for any project under CEQA's jurisdiction with potentially significant environmental impacts, agencies must identify mitigation measures and alternatives by preparing an Environmental Impact Report and must approve projects with feasible mitigation measures and the environmentally superior alternative. The California Natural Resources Agency promulgates the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Title 14 § 15000 et seq., which detail the protocol by which state and local agencies must comply with CEQA requirements. CEQA originally applied to only public projects, but California Supreme Court interpretation of the statute, as well as later revisions, expanded CEQA's jurisdiction to nearly all projects within California, including those proposed by private businesses and individuals. § 21002.1 states "Each public agency shall mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment of projects that it carries out or approves whenever it is feasible to do so." For private projects, CEQA applies when a discretionary government permit or other entitlement for use is necessary.

The lead agency, City of Bakersfield is responsible for conducting the CEQA review and has final approval of the project. The City of Bakersfield is also responsible for coordinating with the project applicant, public, and associated agencies during the CEQA process.

## 2.0 Survey Location

The project area is in the City of Bakersfield. It is a portion of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 36, T.30S., R.26E., Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, as displayed on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Stevens 7.5-minute quadrangle map (Figure 1). The 19.36-acre property is located on the west side of Buena Vista Road, south of McCutcheon Road, in the City of Bakersfield California.

## 3.0 Record Search

A record search of the project area and the environs within one half-mile was conducted at the Southern San Joaquin Information Center. Scott M. Hudlow conducted the record search on November 5, 2025, AIC# 24-471. The record search revealed that six surveys have been conducted within one half-mile of the project area. Two surveys have been conducted within the current project area (Murphy and Pruett 2004 and Pruett and Murphy 2006). Seven cultural resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the project area. Four of these resources are historic houses, and three additional resources are prehistoric lithic scatters. None of these previously recorded cultural resources are located within the confines of the current project area (Appendix II).

Additionally, a Sacred Lands File search was requested from the Native American Heritage Commission on October 28, 2025. The search revealed that no Native American cultural resources are located in close proximity to the current project area (Appendix II). Although no positive results were obtained from the Sacred Lands File search, which arrived on October 31, 2025; Native American consultation letters were sent out on November 10, 2025, notifying each interested Kern County Native Contact, per the list provided by the Native American Heritage Commission. Eleven parties were emailed letters. These letters both described the project and provide maps for further reference. By Friday, December 12, 2025, two parties returned responses. The Tejon Indian Tribe stated, it had no knowledge of any cultural resources on the property, and the Tachi responded stating that the property was out of their territory (Appendix II).

## 4.0 Environmental Background

The project area is located at elevations between 335 and 340 feet above mean sea level in the Great Central Valley, which is composed of two valleys-- the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley. The project area is located in the southwestern portion of the southern San Joaquin Valley, southeast of the Kern River. The project area is a home, which is approximately twenty years old, and the associated lot (Figures 2 and 3).

## 5.0 Prehistoric Archaeological Context

Limited archaeological research has been conducted in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Thus, consensus on a generally agreed upon regional cultural chronology has yet to be developed. Most cultural sequences can be summarized into several distinct time periods: Early, Middle, and Late sequences differ in their inclusion of various "horizons," "technologies," or "stages." A prehistoric archaeological summary of the southern San Joaquin Valley is available in Moratto (Moratto 1984).

Despite the preoccupation with chronological issues in most of the previous research, most suggested chronological sequences are borrowed from other regions with minor modifications based on sparse local data.

The following chronology is based on Parr and Osborne's Paleo-Indian, Proto-Archaic, Archaic, Post-Archaic periods (Parr and Osborne 1992:44-47). Most existing chronologies focus on stylistic changes of time-sensitive artifacts such as projectile points and beads rather than addressing the socioeconomic factors, which produced the myriad variations. In doing so, these attempts have encountered similar difficulties. These cultural changes are implied as environmentally determined, rather than economically driven.

Paleo-Indians, who roamed the region approximately 12,000 years ago, were highly mobile individuals. Their subsistence is assumed to have been primarily big game, which was more plentiful 12,000 years ago than in the late

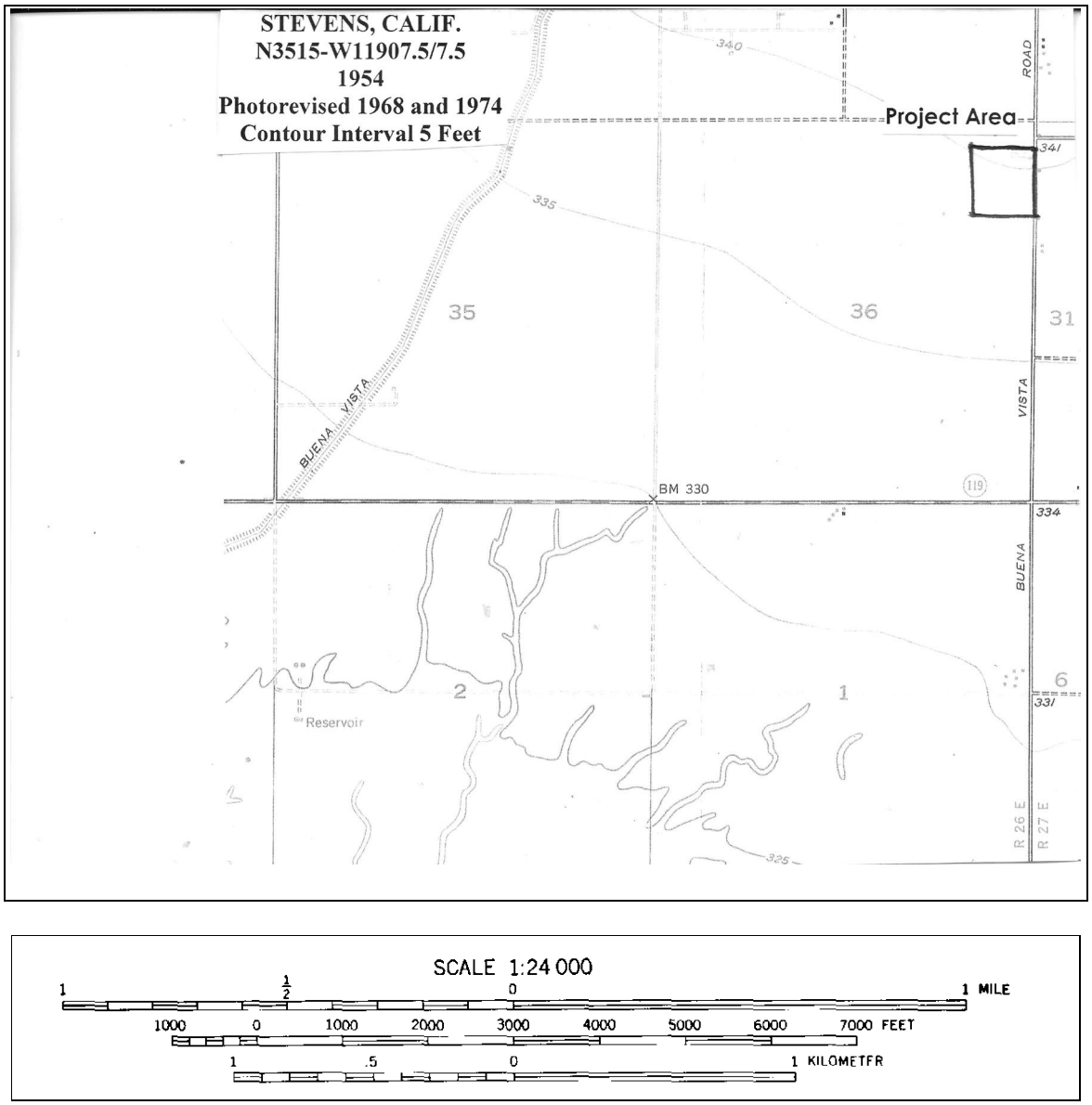


**Figure 1**
**Project Area Location Map**

twentieth century. However, in the Great Basin and California, Paleo people were also foragers who exploited a wide range of resources. Berries, seeds, and small game were also consumed. Their technology was portable, including manos (Parr and Osborne 1992:44). The paleo period is characterized by fluted Clovis and Folsom points, which have been identified throughout North America. The Tulare Lake region in Kings County has yielded several Paleo-Indian sites, which have included fluted points, scrapers, chipped crescents, and Lake Mojave-type points (Morratto 1984:81-2).

The Proto-Archaic period, which dates from approximately 11,000 to 8,000 years ago, was characterized by a reduction in mobility and conversely an increase in sedentism. This period is classified as the Western Pluvial Lake Tradition or the Proto-Archaic, of which the San Dieguito complex is a major aspect (Moratto 1984: 90-99; Warren 1967). An archaeological site along Buena Vista Lake in southwestern Kern County displays a similar assemblage to the San Dieguito type site. Claude Warren proposes that a majority of Proto-Archaic southern California could be culturally classified as the San Dieguito Complex (Warren 1967). The Buena Vista Lake site yielded manos, millingstones, large stemmed and foliate points, a mortar, and red ochre. During this period, subsistence patterns began to change. Hunting focused on smaller game and plant collecting became more integral. Large stemmed, lancelote (foliate) projectile points represent lithic technology during this period. Millingstones become more prevalent. The increased sedentism possibly began to create regional stylistic and cultural differences not evident in the paleo period.

The Archaic period persisted in California for the next 4000 years. In 1959, Warren and McKusiak proposed a three-phase chronological sequence based on a small sample of burial data for the Archaic period (Moratto 1984:189; Parr and Osborne 1992:47). It is distinguished by increased sedentism and extensive seed and plant exploitation. Millingstones, shaped through use, were abundant. Bedrock manos and metates were the most prevalent types of millingstones (Parr and Osborne 1992:45). The central valley began to develop distinct cultural variations, which can be distinguished by different regions throughout the valley, including Kern County.

In the Post-Archaic period enormous cultural variations began manifesting themselves throughout the entire San Joaquin Valley. This period extends into the contact period in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Sedentary village life was emblematic of the Post-Archaic period, although hunting and gathering continued as the primary subsistence strategy. Agriculture was absent in California, partially due to the dense, predictable, and easily exploitable natural resources. The ancestral Yokuts have possibly been in the valley for the last three thousand years, and by the eighteenth century were the largest pre-contact population, approximately 40,000 individuals, in California (Moratto 1984).

**Figure 2**
**Project Area, View to the Southeast**

**Figure 3**
**Project Area, View to the Northwest**

## 6.0 Ethnographic Background

The Yokuts are a Penutian-speaking, non-political cultural group. Penutian speakers inhabit the San Joaquin Valley, the Bay Area, and the Central Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Yokuts are split into three major groups, the Northern Valley Yokuts, the Southern Valley Yokuts, and the Foothill Yokuts.

The southern San Joaquin Valley in the Bakersfield and associated Kern County area was home to the Yokuts tribelet, Yawelmani. The tribelets averaged 350 people in size, had a special name for themselves, and spoke a unique dialect of Yokuts. Land was owned collectively and every group member enjoyed the right to utilize food resources. The Yawelmani inhabited a strip of the southeastern San Joaquin Valley, north of the Kern River to the Tehachapi Mountains on the south, and from the mountains on the east, to approximately the old south fork of the Kern River on the west (Wallace 1978:449; Parr and Osborne 1992:19). The Yawelmani were the widest ranging of the Yokuts tribelets. A half dozen villages were located along the Kern River, including *Woilo* ("planting place" or "sowing place"), which was located in downtown Bakersfield, where the Amtrak station is located. A second village was located across the Kern River from *Woilo*, on the west bank.

The Southern Valley Yokuts established a mixed domestic economy emphasizing fishing, hunting, fowling, and collecting shellfish, roots, and seeds. Fish were the most prevalent natural resource; fishing was a productive activity throughout the entire year. Fish were caught in many different manners, including nets, conical basket traps, catching with bare hands, shooting with bows and arrows, and stunning fish with mild floral toxins. Geese, ducks, mud hens and other waterfowl were caught in snares, long-handled nets, stuffed decoys, and brushing brush to trick the birds to fly low into waiting hunters. Mussels were gathered and steamed on beds of tule. Turtles were also consumed as were dogs, which might have been raised for consumption (Wallace 1978:449-450).

Wild seeds and roots provided a large portion of the Yokuts' diet. Tule seeds, grass seeds, fiddleneck, alfilaria were also consumed. Acorns, the staple crop for many California native cultures, were not common in the San Joaquin Valley. Acorns were traded into the area, particularly from the foothills. Land mammals, such as rabbits, ground squirrels, antelope and tule elk, were not hunted often (Wallace 1978:450).

The Yokuts occupied permanent structures in permanent villages for most of the year. During the late and early summer, families left for several months to gather seeds and plant foods, shifting camp locations when changing crops. Several different types of fiber-covered structures were common in Yokuts settlements. The largest was a communal tule mat-covered, wedge-shaped structure, which could house upward of ten individuals. These structures were established in a row, with the village chief's house in the middle and his

messenger's houses were located at the ends of the house row. Dance houses and assembly buildings were located outside the village living area (Nabokov and Easton 1989:301).

The Yokuts also built smaller, oval, single-family tule dwellings. These houses were covered with tall mohya stalks or with sewn tule mats. Bent-pole ribs that met a ridgepole held by two crotched poles framed these small houses. The Yokuts also built a cone-shaped dwelling, which was framed with poles tied together with a hoop and then covered with tule or grass. These cone-shaped dwellings were large enough to contain multiple fireplaces (Nabokov and Easton 1989:301). Other structures included mat-covered granaries for storing food supplies, and a dirt-covered communally owned sweathouse.

Clothing was minimal, men wore a breechclout or were naked. Women wore a narrow-fringed apron. Rabbitskin or mud hen blankets were worn during the cold season. Moccasins were worn in certain places; however, most people went barefoot. Men wore no head coverings, but women wore basketry caps when they carried burden baskets on their heads. Hair was worn long. Women wore tattoos from the corners of the mouth to the chin; both men and women had ear and nose piercings. Bone, wood or shell ornaments were inserted into the ears and noses (Wallace 1978:450-451).

Tule dominated the Yokut's material culture. It was used for many purposes, including sleeping mats, wall coverings, cradles, and basketry. Ceramics are uncommon to Yokuts culture as is true throughout most California native cultures. Basketry was common to Yokuts culture. Yokuts made cooking containers, conical burden baskets, flat winnowing trays, seed beaters, and necked water bottles. Yokuts also manufactured wooden digging sticks, fire drills, mush stirrers, and sinew-backed bows. Knives, projectile points, and scraping tools were chipped from imported lithic materials including obsidian, chert, and chalcedony. Stone mortars and pestles were secured in trade. Cordage was manufactured from milkweed fibers, animal skins were tanned, and awls were made from bone. Marine shells, particularly olivella shells, were used in the manufacture of money and articles of personal adornment. Shells were acquired from the Chumash along the coast (Wallace 1978:451-453).

The basic social and economic unit was the nuclear family. Lineages were organized along patrilineal lines. Fathers transmitted totems, particular to each paternal lineage, to each of his children. The totem was a bird or animal that no lineage member would kill or eat; the totems were dreamed of and prayers were given to the totems. The mother's totem was not passed to her offspring but was treated with respect. Families sharing the same totem formed an exogamous lineage. The lineage had no formal leader nor did it own land. The lineage was a mechanism for transmitting offices and performing ceremonial functions. The lineages formed two moieties, East and West, which consisted of several different lineages. Moieties were customarily exogamous. Children followed the paternal moiety. Certain official positions within the villages were associated with certain totems. The most important was the Eagle lineage from

which the village chief was appointed. A member of the Dove lineage acted as the chief's assistant. He supervised food distribution and gave commands during ceremonies. Another hereditary position was common to the Magpie lineage, was that of spokesman or crier.

## 7.0 Historical Overview

The city of Shafter was settled in the 1860s, soon after California joined the United States after the passage of the Compromise of 1850. The Compromise of 1850 allowed California to join the Union as a free state even though a major portion of the state lay beneath the Missouri Compromise line and was potentially subject to southern settlement and slavery. Americans had long been visiting and working in California prior to the admission of California into the Union.

European exploration of the region begins in the 1770s with the Spanish. In 1772, Pedro Fages arrived in the San Joaquin Valley searching for army deserters. Father Francisco Garces, a Jesuit priest, soon visited the vicinity in 1776. The Spanish empire collapsed in 1820, and California became Mexican territory. American exploration of the San Joaquin Valley begins in the 1820s with Jedediah Smith, Kit Carson, and Joseph Walker looking for commercial opportunities. The United States government began exploring California in the 1830s. Soon, the Americans will be searching for intercontinental railroad routes to link the eastern and western halves of the continent.

The defeat of the Mexicans during the Mexican-American War and the subsequent discovery of gold will drastically alter the complicated political realities of the west. The Mexican-American War was ostensible fought to settle a boundary dispute wit h the Mexicans over the western boundary of the newly-annexed state of Texas, which had fought a successful rebellion against the Mexican Army in the mid 1830s. The Republic of Texas was an independent country for nine years until Texas was annexed by the United States in 1845. The outcome of the Mexican-American War was that Mexico rescinded its claims to much of the American southwest, in 1848, bringing these territories into the United States, including California.

In January 1849, the discovery of gold in Coloma, California changed the settlement of California, forever. In the summer of 1849, when the gold strike was publicly announced, the overnight settlement of California began. The Mexican population of California was small and limited to the coasts and a few of southern California's interior valleys. A sizable native population settled the remainder of California; Bakersfield and Kern County was Yokuts territory. The Gold Rush tipped the balance of native communities throughout California, as many of California's natives were decimated.

Many areas experienced smaller gold rushes, including the Kern River Valley, when gold was discovered in Keyesville in 1853. The gold was soon played and the true future of the region was soon identified, farming, as the gold

prospectors came down from the mountains. Kern Island, a median point along the Kern Delta, between the mouth of the Kern River and Kern Lake, was settled in 1860. Soon, Col. Thomas Baker bought the property from the original owner, Christian Bohna and the settlement of Bakersfield began in earnest.

Col. Baker was lured to California by the prospects of gold but was tamed by the farming. He was a practicing lawyer and surveyor and was slowly moving west from Ohio. He was involved in Iowa's territorial government and served in both the California senate and assembly before arriving in the area in the 1840s and 1850s. Col. Baker realized he had to drain the Kern Delta to manufacture usable farmland, and he also improved his land, creating one of the only transit locations between Los Angeles and Visalia in the 1860s.

Baker laid out the town and began the process of draining, diverting, and controlling the Kern River. In 1873, Bakersfield was incorporated and was the first city in the newly-created Kern County, which was previously a portion of Tulare County. In 1874, Bakersfield got a rail link with the establishment of the Southern Pacific line over the Tehachapi Pass. The train station was located in Sumner, a spite town that was established by the Southern Pacific about a mile east of downtown Bakersfield, now located in east Bakersfield. Bakersfield could now flourish as an agricultural community, producing fruits and grains.

The city of Bakersfield expanded to the north in the early twentieth-century toward the Kern River, after its 1898 reincorporation. The city centered along Chester Avenue, which was the main north/south thoroughfare. The community of Sumner lied to the east, and the surrounding area in all directions was farmland. The city of Bakersfield was a small community at the turn of the century, slightly less than 5,000 people lived in Bakersfield; an additional 17,000 people lived in Kern County (Maynard 1997:43). Bakersfield was a quiet city in the center of a farming region.

However, the discovery of the Kern River oil field in May 1899 quickly changed the face of the region. Bakersfield quickly became the center of a California oil boom, which made over the community. The population more than doubled in less than ten years, bringing prosperity to the area (Maynard 1997:43). Many people recognized that prosperity could not only be achieved through working in oil, but also through providing necessary services, such as milk products and lodging. The city of Bakersfield grew tremendously.

Between 1900 and 1950, Bakersfield and the greater Kern County region grew tremendously under the influence of two economic forces, agriculture and oil. By 1950, Bakersfield was a mid-sized city of approximately 50,000. It sported minor league baseball, had a regional airport, and was a major link along Route 99, which connected northern and southern California. In the late 1960s, Bakersfield was beginning to change again, as the Kern County Land Company was sold to Tenneco West, and Bakersfield began to suburbanize.

## 8.0 Field Procedures and Methods

On November 10, 2025, Scott M. Hudlow (for qualifications see Appendix I) conducted a pedestrian survey of the entire proposed project area. Hudlow surveyed in north/south transects at 15-meter (49 feet) intervals across the entire parcel.

## 9.0 Report of Findings

No cultural resources were identified; the complex on the parcel is approximately twenty years old.

## 10.0 Management Recommendations

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Full resume is available upon request.

## Appendix II

## Report List

| Report No. | Other IDs | Year | Author(s) | Title | Affiliation | Resources |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KE-02970 | Submitter - Project #040406 | 2004 | Murphy, Peggy B. and Pruett, Catherine Lewis | Cultural Resources Assessment for 1,260 Acres, Located in Southwest Bakersfield, Kern County, California | Three Girls and a Shovel | 15-011445, 15-011446, 15-011447, 15-011448, 15-011449, 15-011450, 15-011451 |
| KE-03084 | Submitter - Project #040406 | 2005 | Pruett, Catherine Lewis and Murphy, Peggy | A Cultural Resources Assessment for Old River Ranch, Located in Southwest Bakersfield, Kern County, California | Three Girls and a Shovel, LLC. | 15-011445, 15-011446, 15-011447, 15-011448, 15-011449, 15-011450, 15-011451, 15-011647, 15-011648, 15-011649, 15-011650, 15-011651, 15-011652, 15-011653, 15-011654, 15-011655, 15-011656, 15-011657, 15-011658, 15-011659, 15-011660, 15-011661, 15-011662 |
| KE-03091 | | 2005 | Hudlow, Scott M. | A Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for Centex Homes, Buena Vista Road, City of Bakersfield, California | Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates | 15-012661, 15-012662, 15-012663 |
| KE-03519 | | 2005 | Hudlow, Scott M. | A Phase I Cultural Resource Survey for a Residential Project at Taft Highway and Buena Vista Road, City of Bakersfield, California | Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates | 15-012650 |
| KE-03642 | | 2006 | Lewis Pruett, Catherine and Fleagle, Dorothy | Excavation Report for Four Sites Near Old River, South of Bakersfield, Kern County, California | Three Girls and a Shovel (Bakersfield) | 15-011446, 15-011653, 15-011654, 15-011655 |
| KE-05441 | | 2022 | Hudlow, Scott M. | A Phase I Cultural Resource Survey, Mountain Vista Drive and McCutchen Road, City of Bakersfield, California | Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates | |

## Resource List

| Primary No. | Trinomial | Other IDs | Type | Age | Attribute codes | Recorded by | Reports |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P-15-011446 | | Resource Name - Destefani-2 | Other | Prehistoric | AP02 | 2009 (C. Pruett, P. Murphy, Three Girls and a Shovel) | KE-02970, KE-03084, KE-03642 |
| P-15-011447 | CA-KER-006668 | Resource Name - Destefani-3 | Site | Prehistoric | AP02; AP15 | 2004 (Catherine Lewis Pruett, Peggy B. Murphy, Three Girls and a Shovel) | KE-02970, KE-03084 |
| P-15-011655 | CA-KER-006761 | Resource Name - PM#3 | Site | Prehistoric | AP02 | 2005 (Catherine Lewis Pruett, Dorothy Fleagle, Peggy Murphy, Three Girls and a Shovel) | KE-03084, KE-03642 |
| P-15-011661 | | Resource Name - ORR 6; Resource Name - Rossi Farms | Building | Historic | HP33 | 2005 (Chris Brewer, Vintage Resources) | KE-03084 |
| P-15-012661 | | Resource Name - MC-1; Baroncini House | Building | Historic | HP02 | 2005 (S. Hudlow, Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates) | KE-03091 |
| P-15-012662 | | Resource Name - MC-2; Othart House | Building | Historic | HP02 | 2005 (S. Hudlow, Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates) | KE-03091 |
| P-15-012663 | | Resource Name - MC-3; Lester Baroncini House | Building | Historic | HP02 | 2005 (S. Hudlow, Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates) | KE-03091 |

# Kern County SLF Record Search

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## Message Body

Hi,

I have a new SLF Record Search request for a residential project in Kern County. Thanks. Scott Hudlow, HCRA

## Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

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*Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search*

**Project:** Residential Development, Buena Vista and MCutcheon Roads

**County:** Kern

**USGS Quadrangle Name:** Stevens

**Township:** 30S **Range:** R26E **Section(s):** 36

**Company/Firm/Agency:** Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates

**Street Address:** 1405 Sutter Lane

**City:** Bakersfield **Zip:** 93309

**Phone:** (661) 834-9183

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**Project Description:**

Residential Development in rural Kern County, southwest of Bakersfield

# Residential Development, Buena Vista and MCutcheon Roads Project

- Lin, Mathew@NAHC

  To: me · Fri, Oct 31 at 9:20 AM

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-Best,

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kern | Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians | N | Delia Dominguez, Chairperson | 115 Radio Street<br>Bakersfield, CA, 93305 | (626) 339-6785 | | 2deedominguez@gmail.com | Kitanemuk<br>Southern Valley Yokut | Fresno,Kern,Kings,Los Angeles,Madera,Monterey,San Benito,San Luis Obispo,Tulare | |
| | Northern Chumash Tribal Council | N | Violet Walker, Chairperson | P.O. Box 6533<br>Los Osos, CA, 93412 | (760) 549-3532 | | violetsagewalker@gmail.com | Chumash | Kern,Los Angeles,San Luis Obispo,Santa Barbara,Ventura | 6/5/2023 |
| | Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe | F | Shana Powers, THPO | P.O. Box 8<br>Lemoore, CA, 93245 | (559) 423-3900 | | | Southern Valley Yokut | Fresno,Kern,Kings,Merced,Monterey,San Benito,San Luis Obispo,Tulare | 10/3/2023 |
| | Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe | F | Samantha McCarty, Cultural Specialist II | P.O. Box 8<br>Lemoore, CA, 93245 | (559) 633-3440 | | smccarty@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov | Southern Valley Yokut | Fresno,Kern,Kings,Merced,Monterey,San Benito,San Luis Obispo,Tulare | 10/3/2023 |
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| | Tule River Indian Tribe | F | Felix Christman, THPO | 340 North Reservation Road<br>Porterville, CA, 93257 | (559) 719-0420 | | felix.christman@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov | Yokut | Alameda,Amador,Calaveras,Contra Costa,Fresno,Inyo,Kern,Kings,Madera,Mariposa,Merced,Monterey,Sacramento,San | 8/12/2025 |
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Record: PROJ-2025-006077
Report Type: List of Tribes
Counties: Kern
NAHC Group: All

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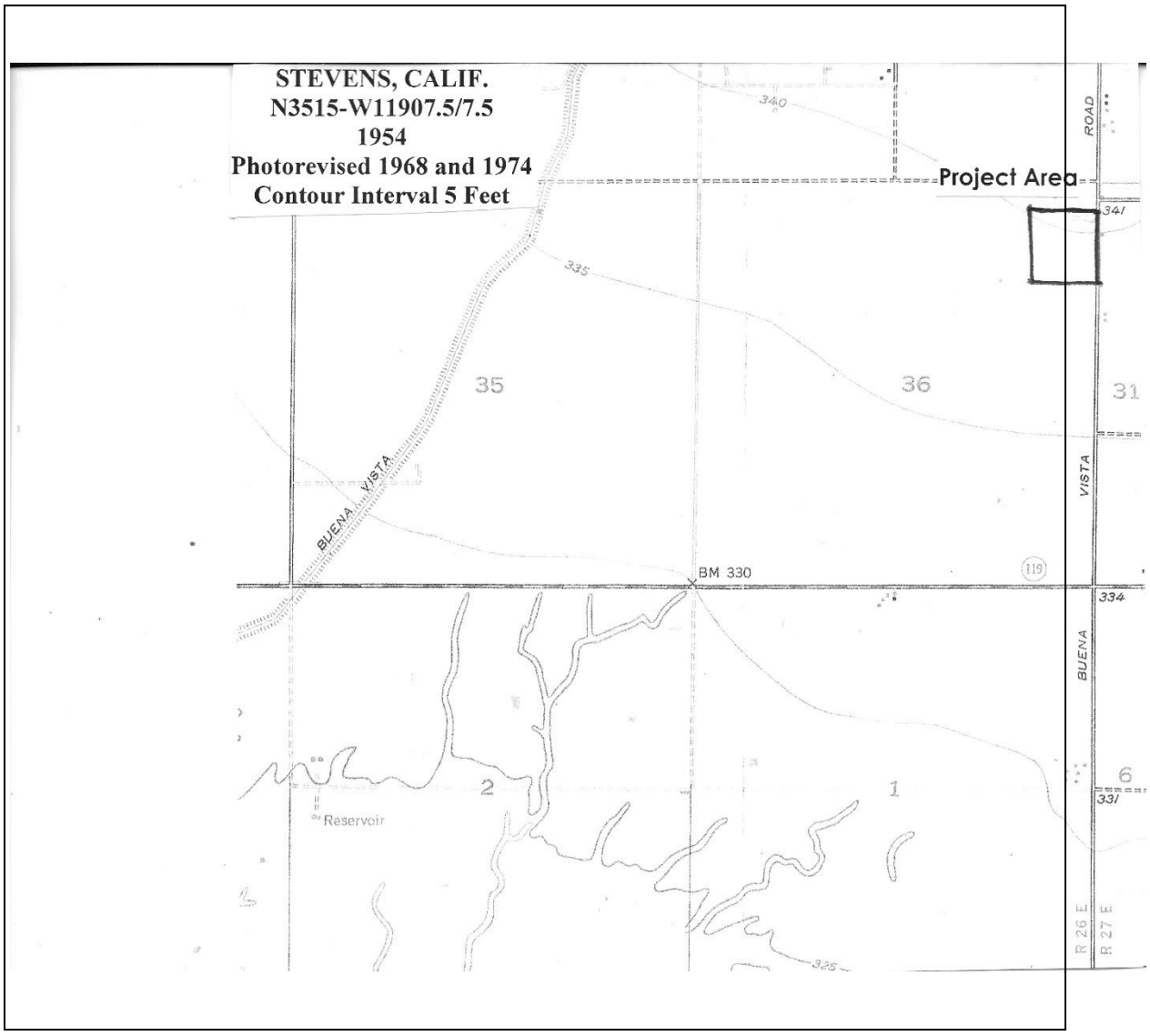


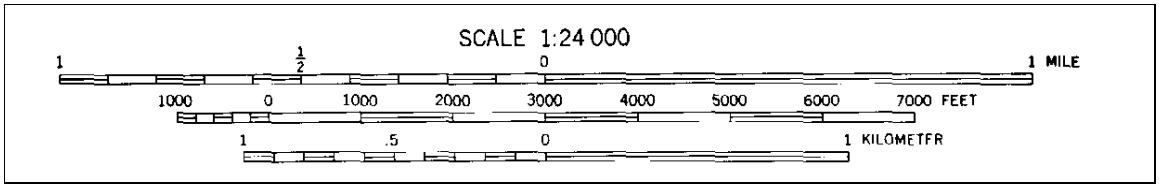


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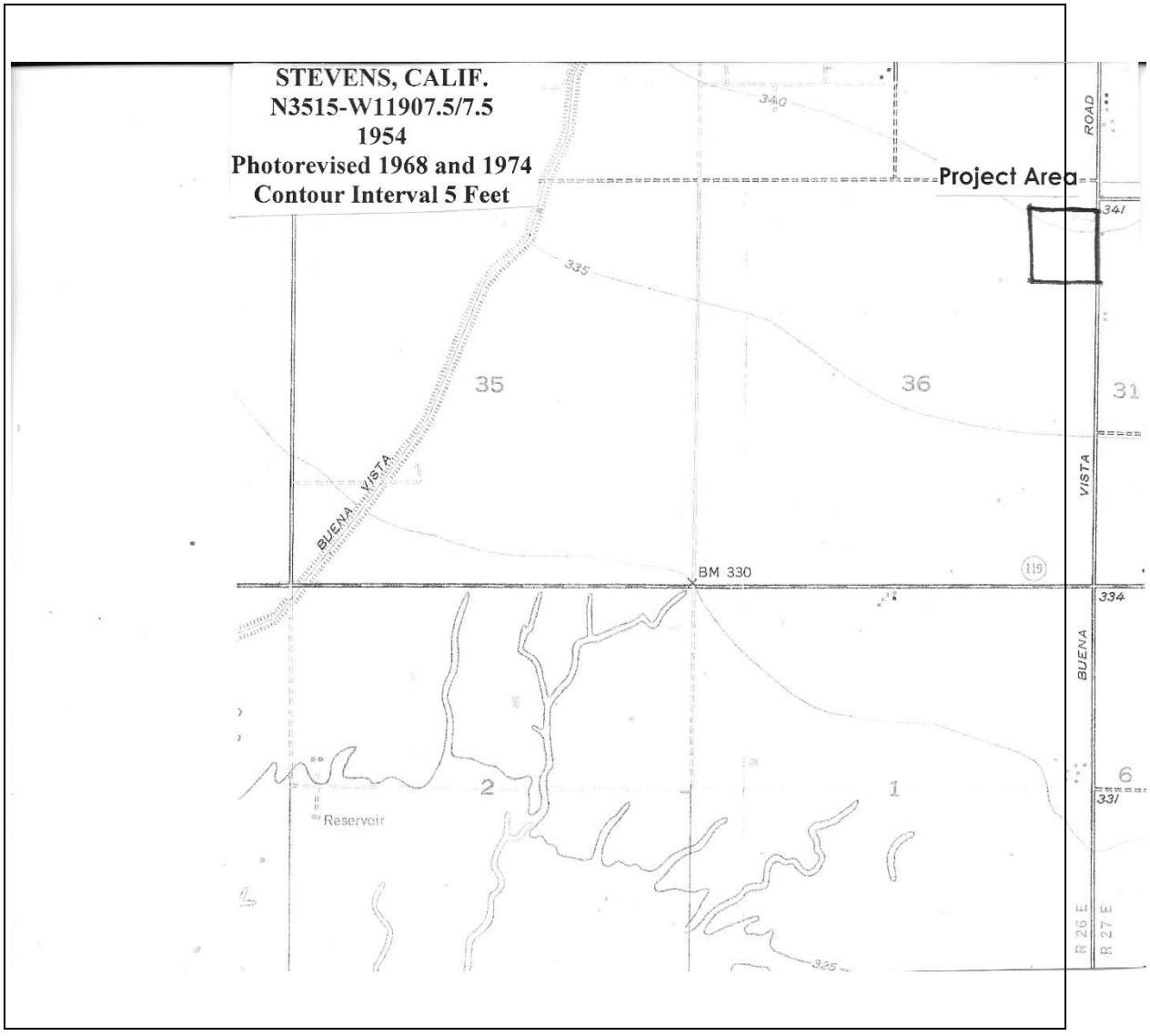


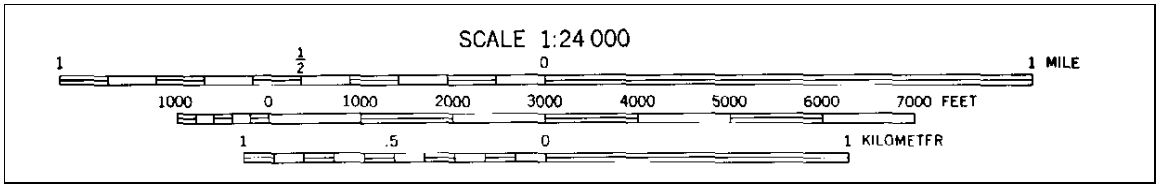


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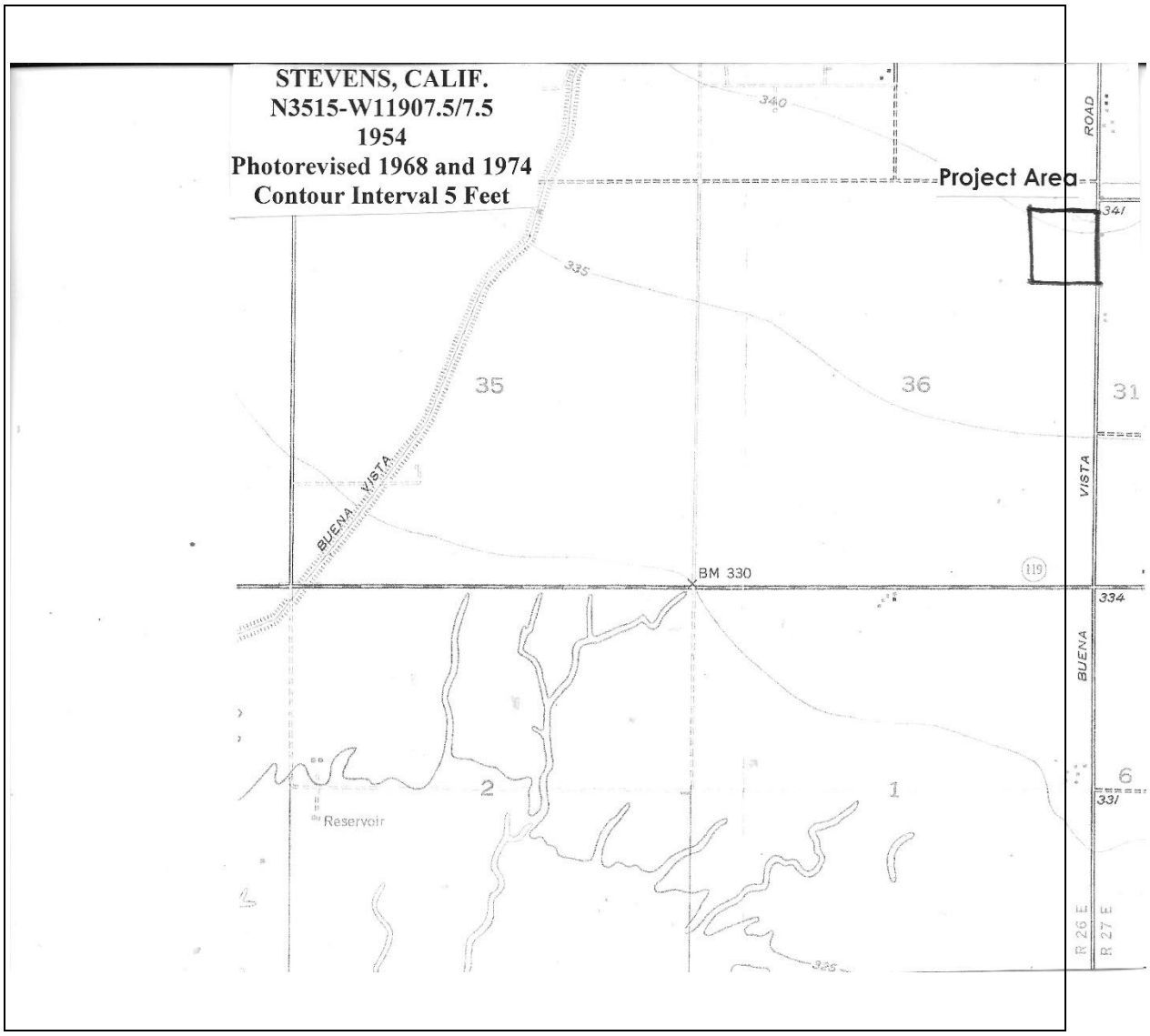


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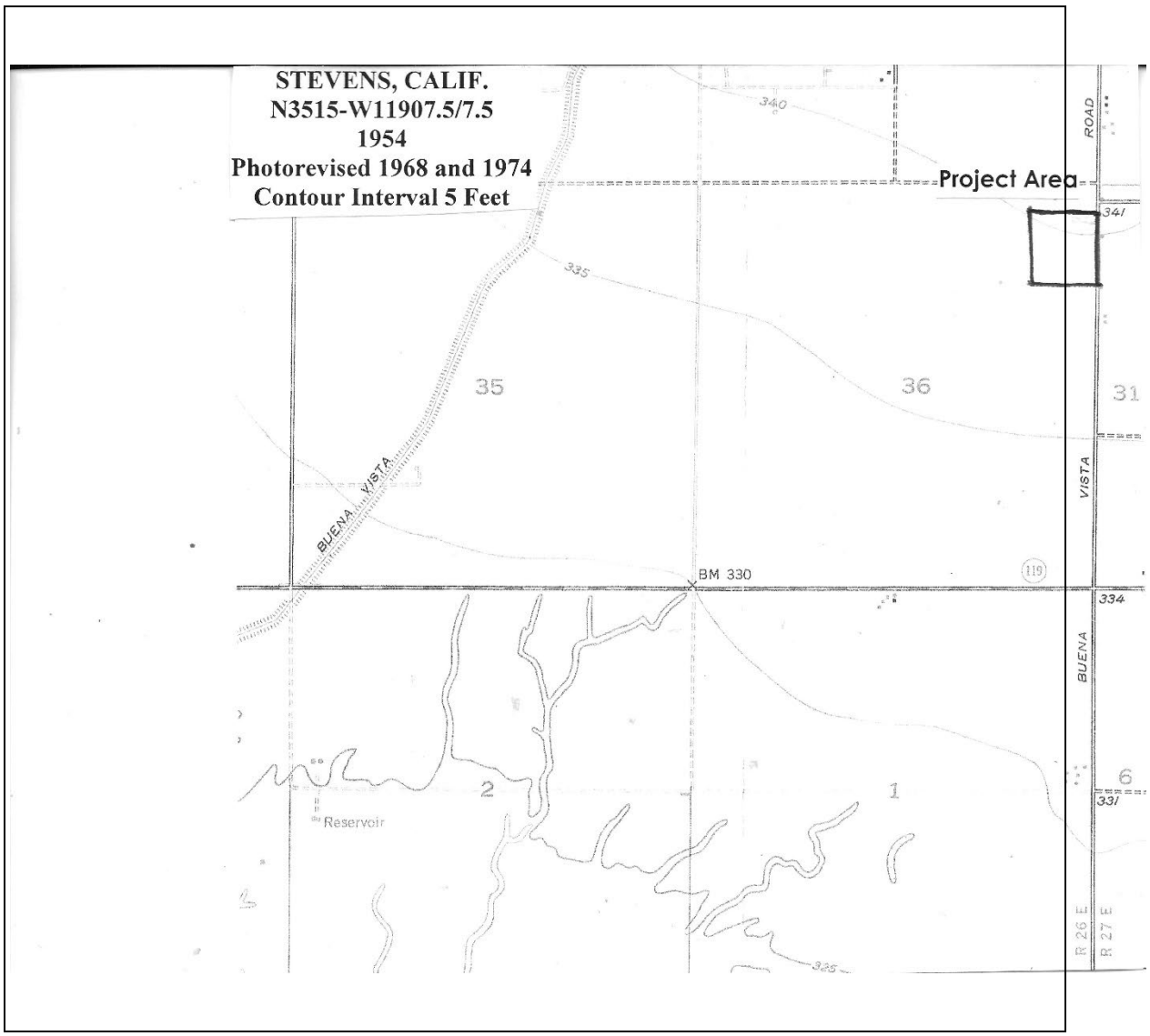


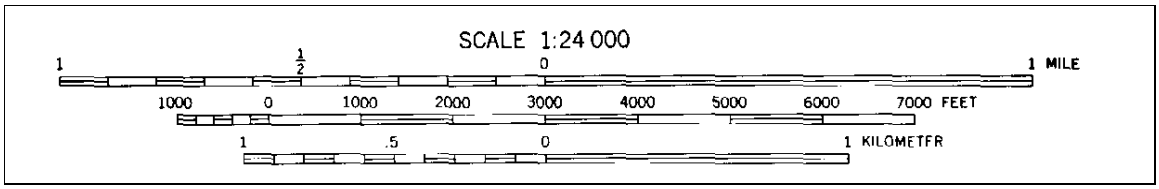


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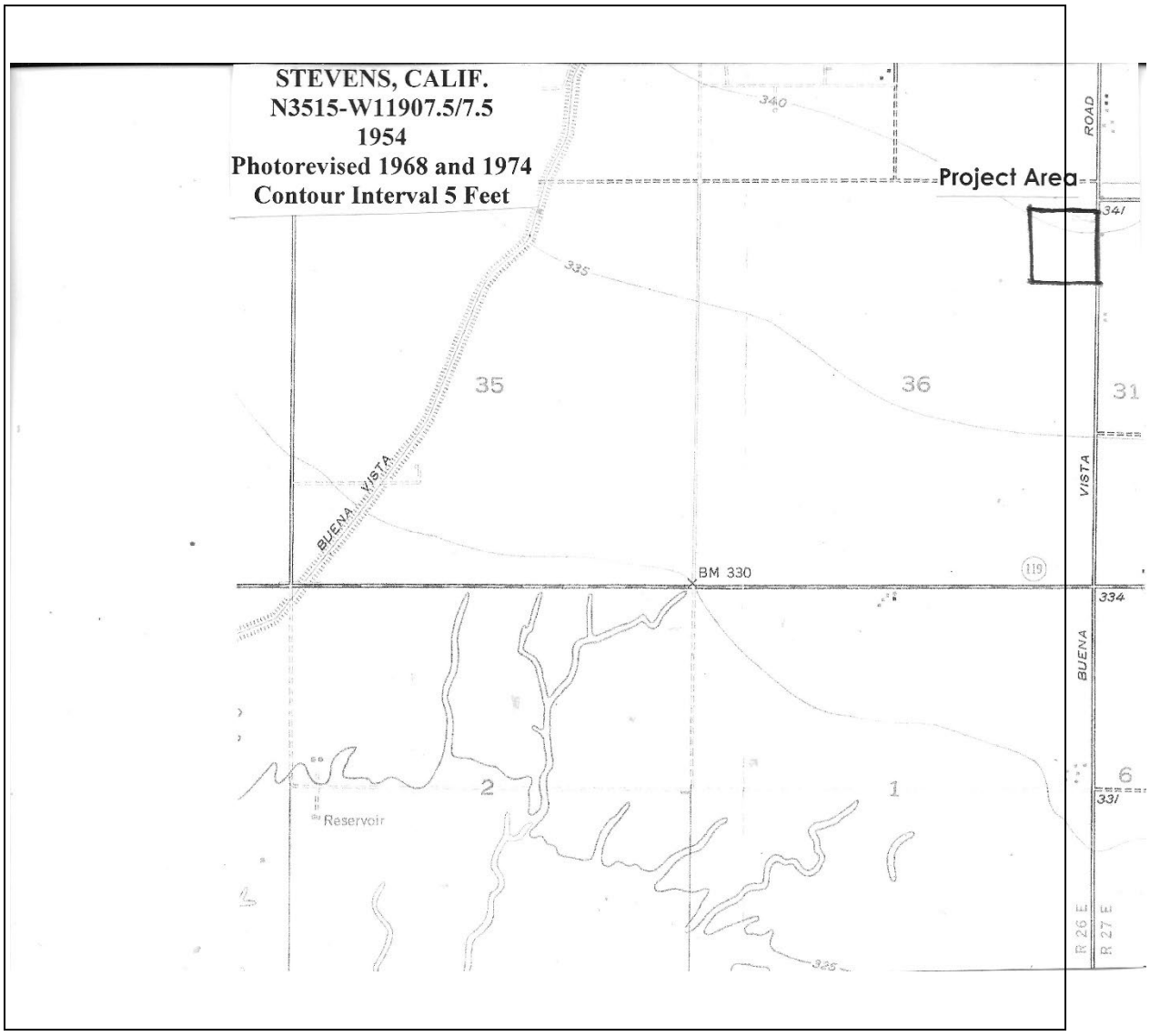


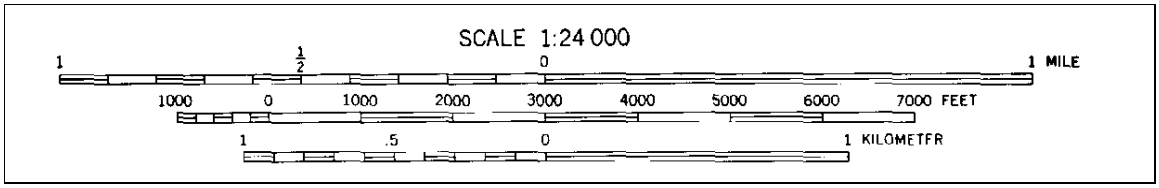


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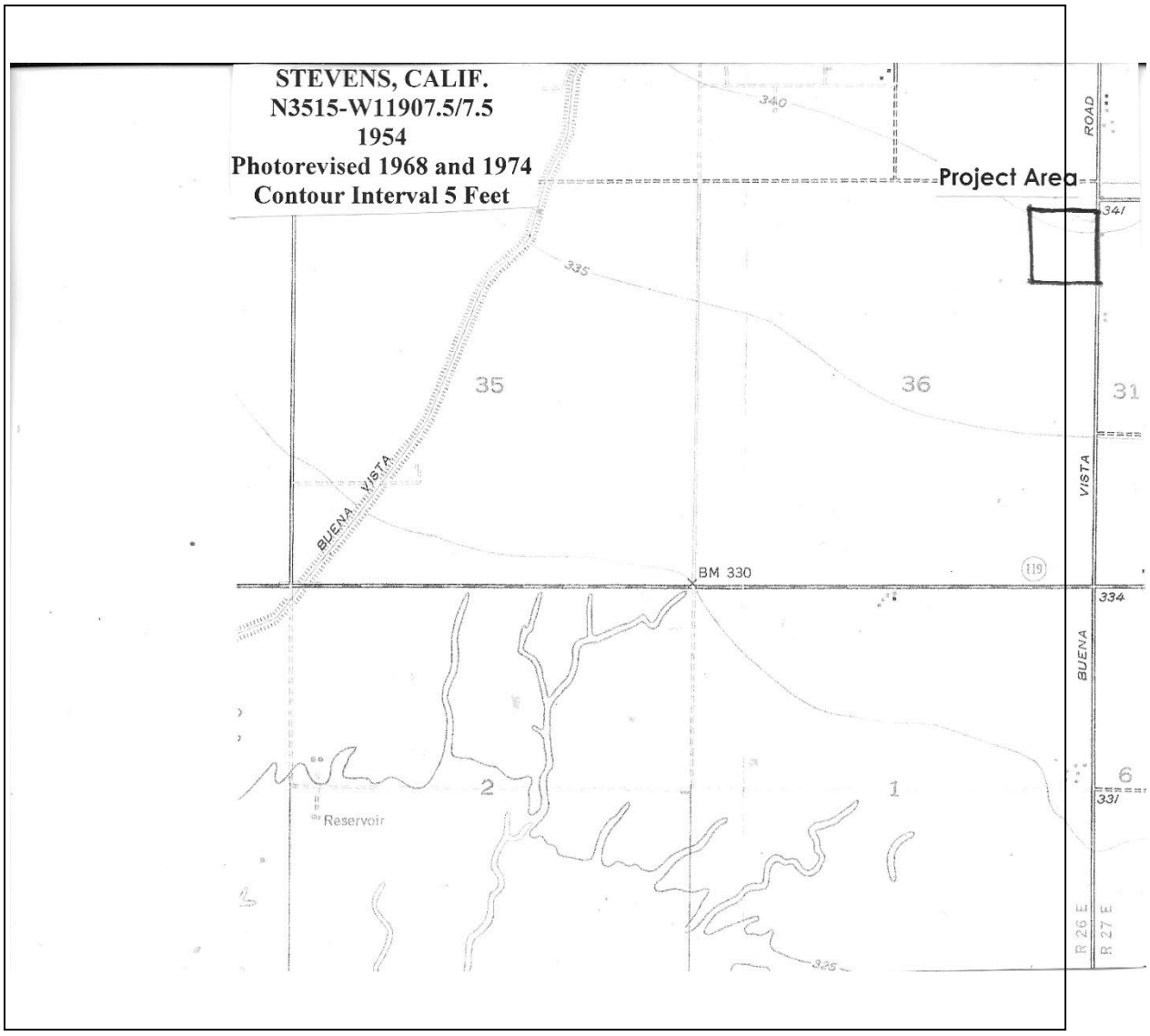


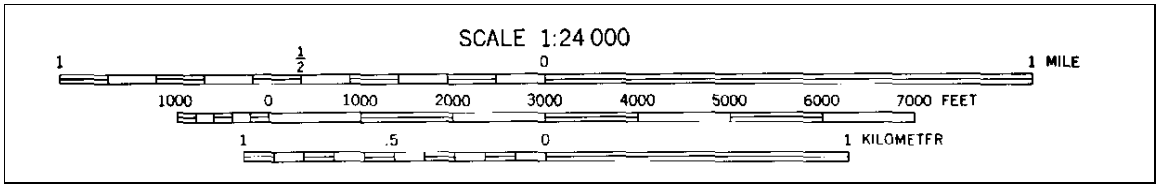


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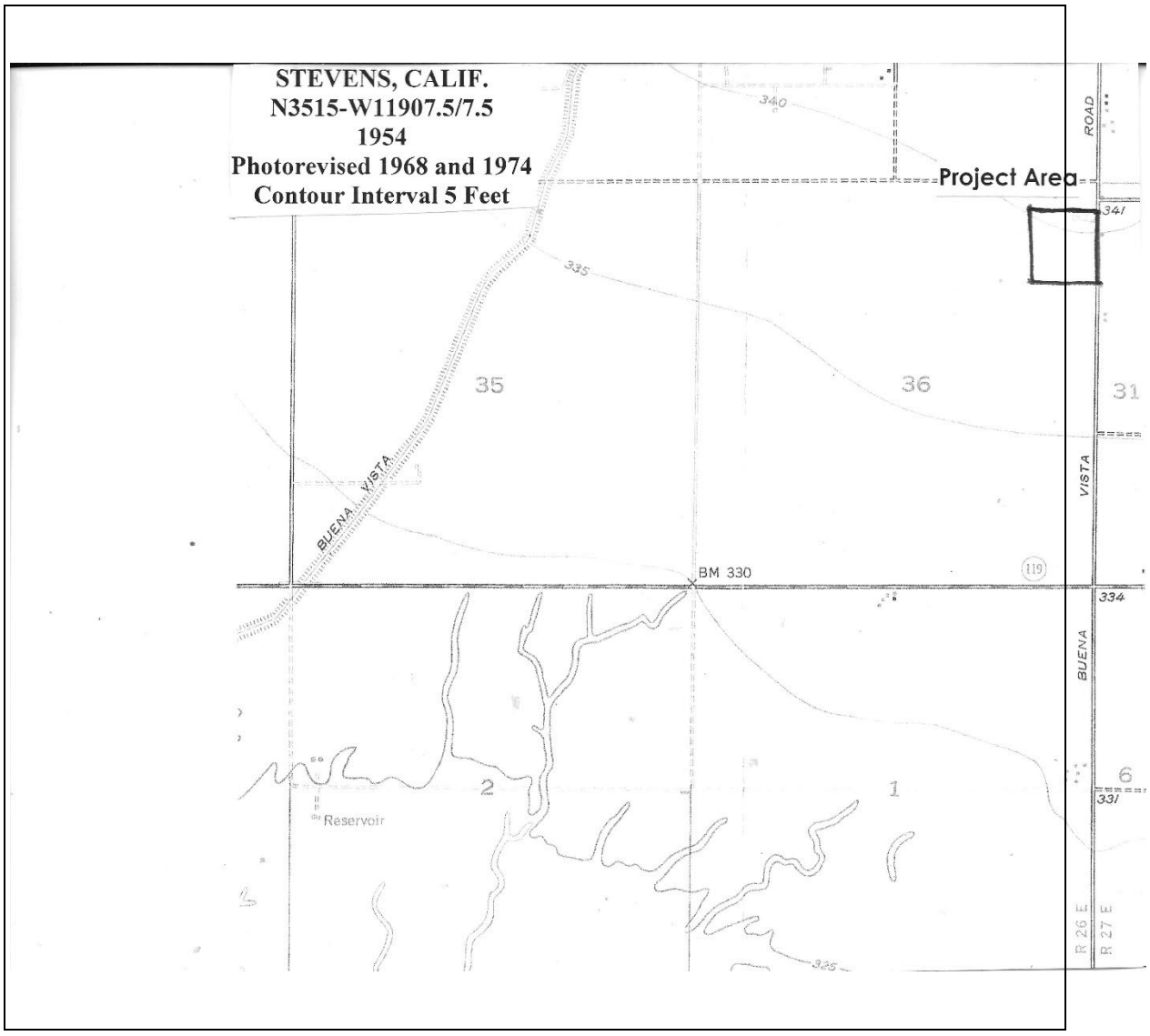


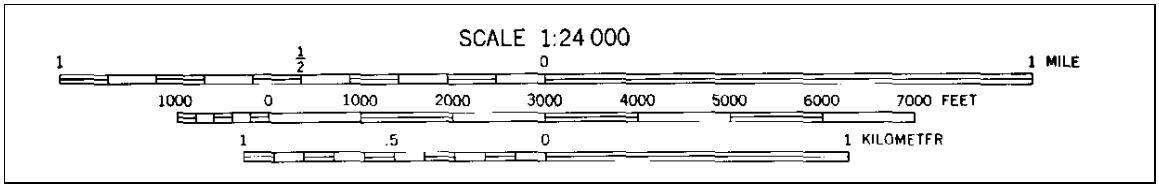


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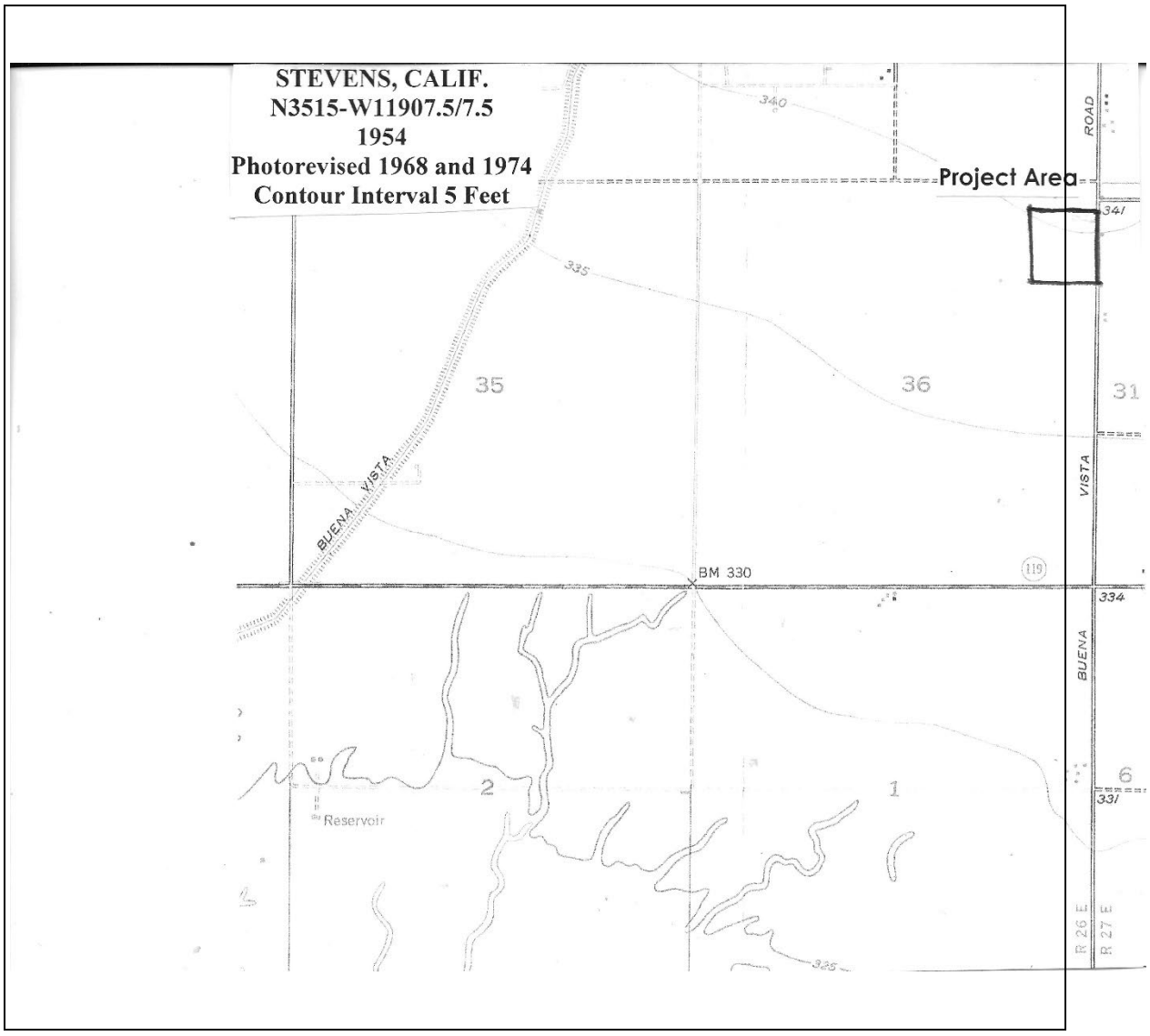


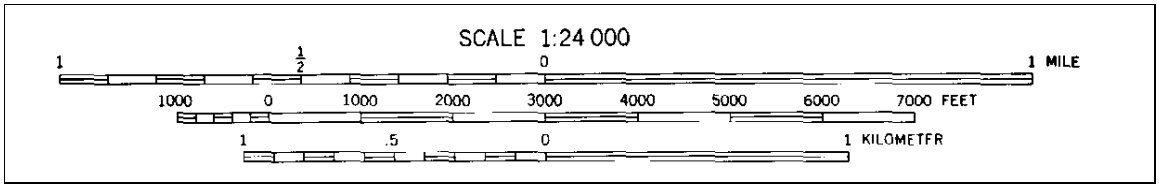


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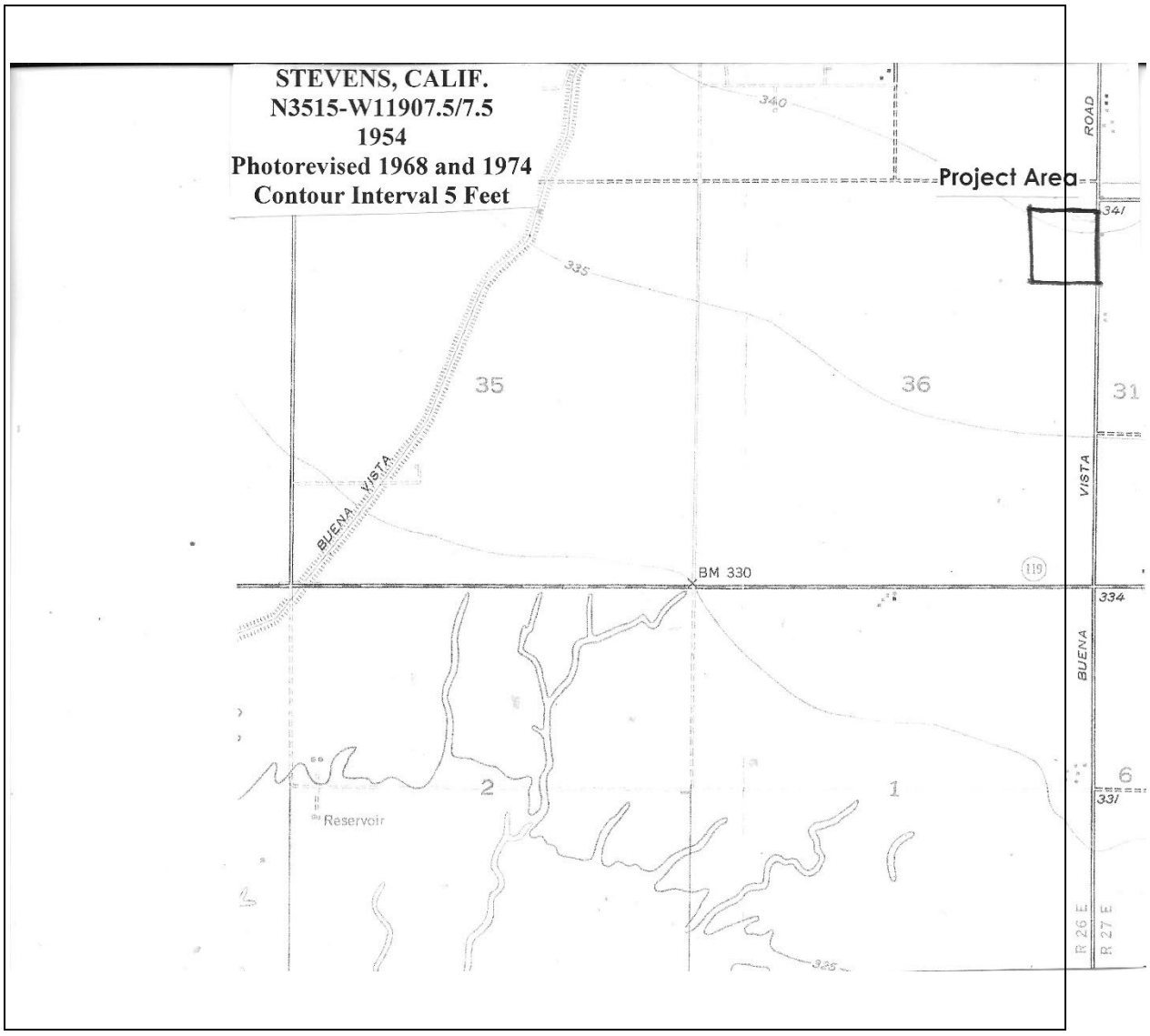


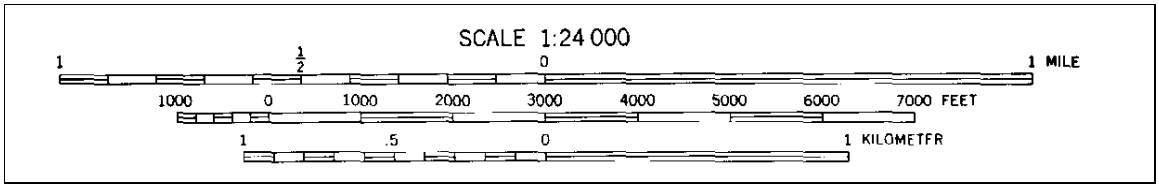


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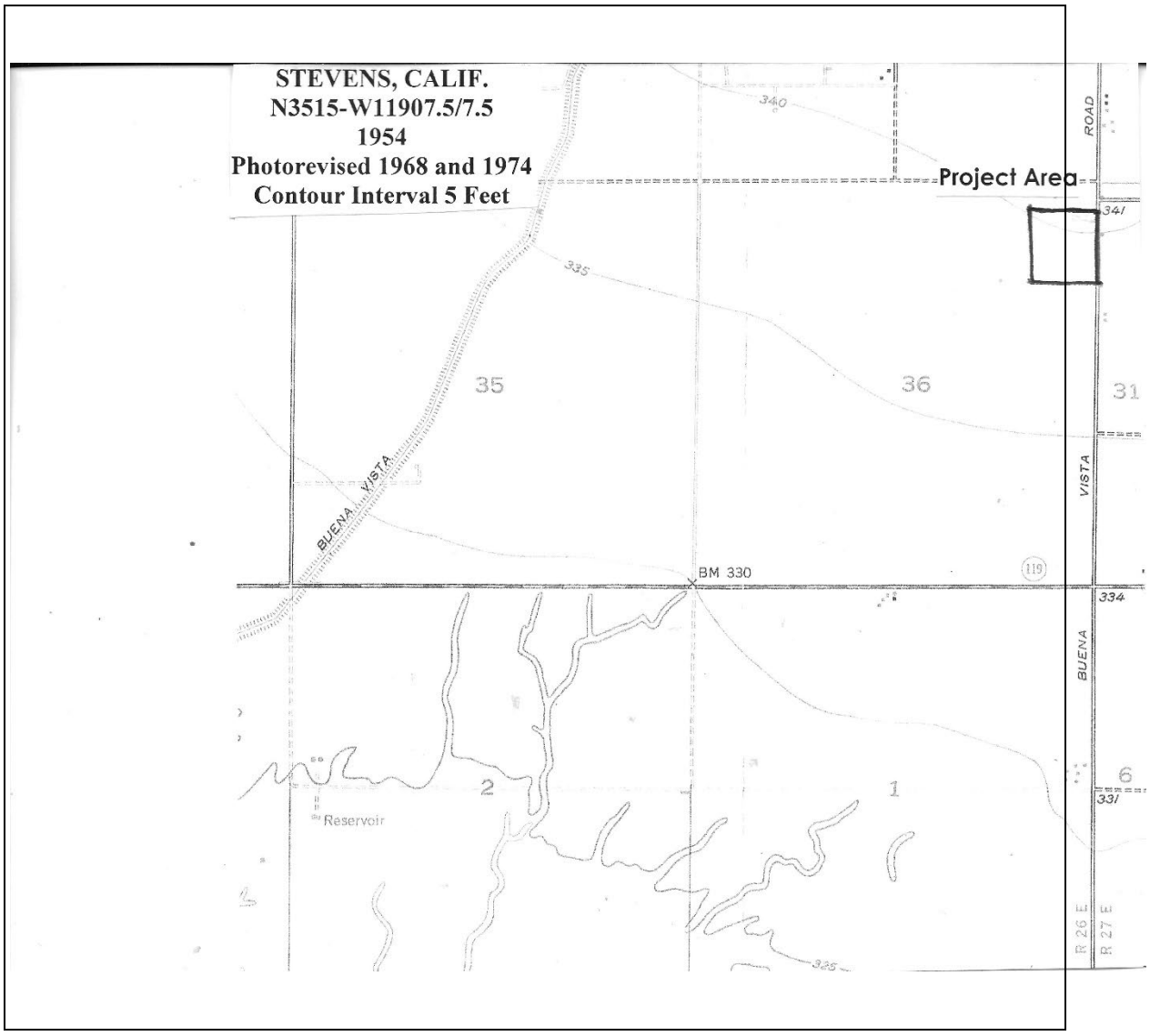


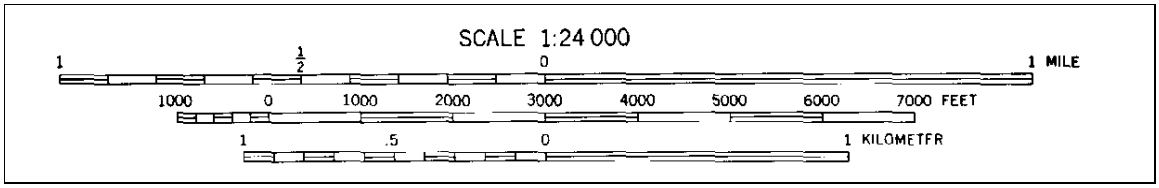


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Sincerely,

Mathew Lin

Mathew Lin, MPP
*Cultural Resources Analyst*

Attachment

Tejon Indian Tribe
Curtis Alcantar, Cultural and Natural Resource Manager
4941 David Road
Bakersfield, California 93307

November 9, 2025

Dear Mr. Alcantar,

Cornerstone Engineering is doing the planning for the construction of a single family residential tract on a parcel that is currently a wedding venue, in the City of Bakersfield, California. The parcel lies on the west side of Buena Vista Road, south of McCutcheon Road in Bakersfield, California. After consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission, the project area is not known to have Native American cultural resources in close proximity. The record search and reporting were performed in a manner consistent with SHPO guidelines. These guidelines are prescribed in "Instructions for Recording Historical Resources", "Archaeological Resources Management Reports (ARMR) Recommended Contents and Format," and "Guidelines for Archaeological Research Designs".

Cornerstone Engineering retained Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates of Bakersfield, California on behalf of itself to conduct a cultural resource survey, an Information Center record search, and a Sacred Land Search.

This project falls within SB 18 guidelines and is subject to Native comment and consultation. As such, this letter informs your group that this project is proceeding and requests comments with respect to the proposed project as outlined above.

The cultural resource has not been performed, but is anticipated to be completed the week of November 10, 2025.

If you have any questions, comments, or need additional information, please inform Scott M. Hudlow in writing on or before Friday, December 12, 2025. My business address is below.

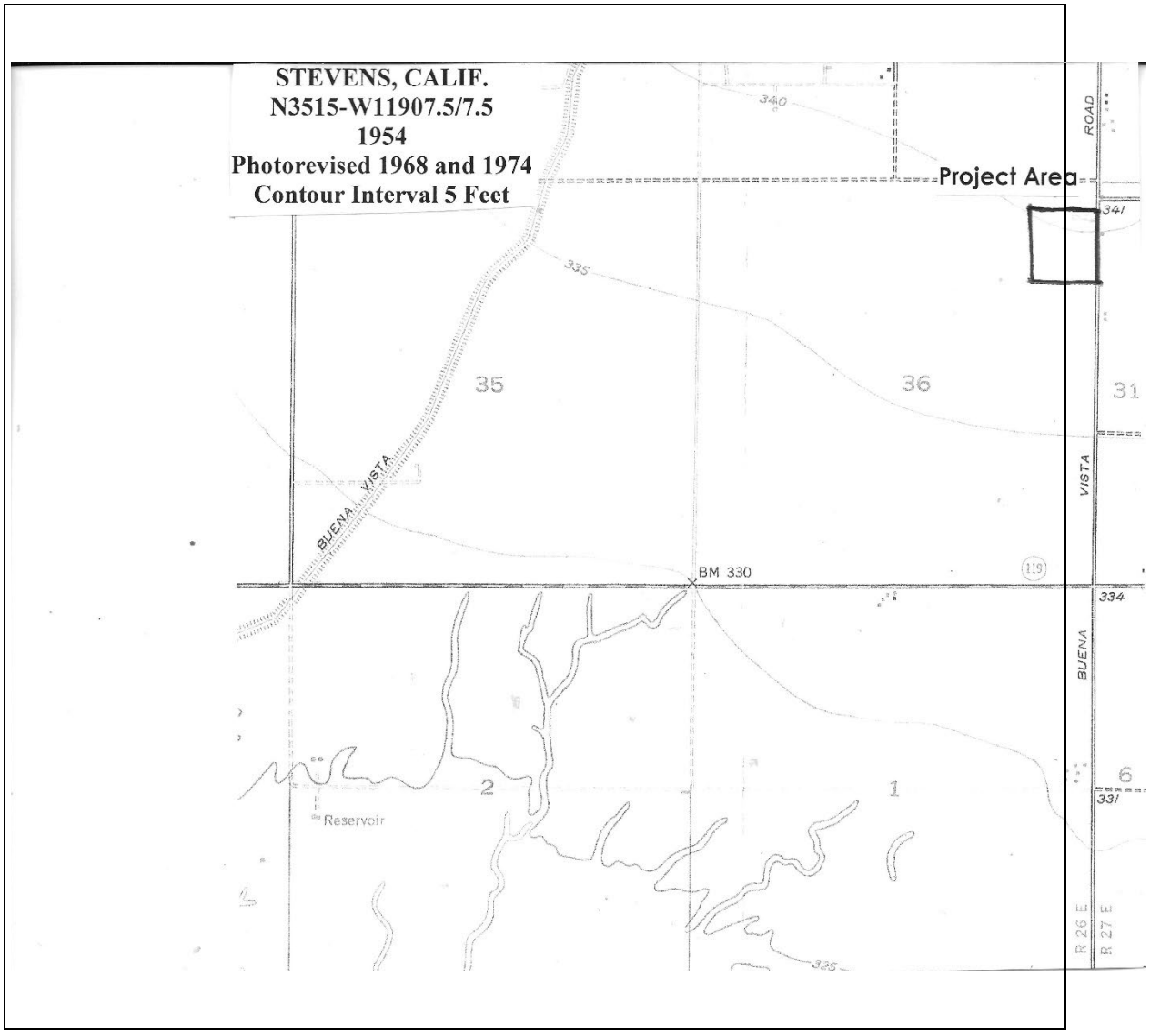
Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates
1405 Sutter Lane
Bakersfield, California 93309
(661) 834-9183
shudlow@sbcglobal.net

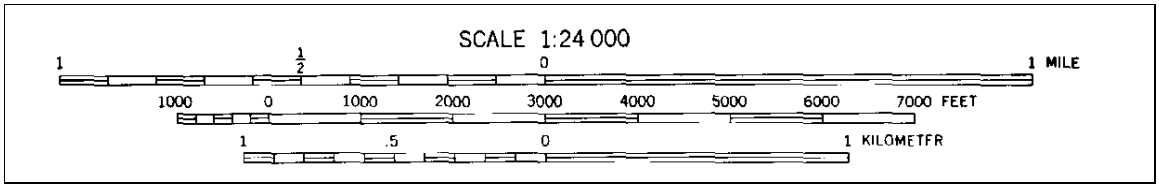
Sincerely,

/signed/

Scott M. Hudlow
Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates

Enclosures




**Project Area Location Map**

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October 31, 2025

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***Via Email to: shudlow@sbcglobal.net***

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# Re: Buena Vista Road SLF Record Search

- Curtis Alcantar

To: me · Wed, Nov 12 at 9:14 AM

## Message Body

Scott,

We currently have no knowledge of any cultural resources within the area.

Best,

**Curtis Alcantar**, **B.A.** *(Kitanemuk)*
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Natural Resources Manager
M: 661.699.5138 | P: 661.834.8566 | www.tejonindiantribe.com

# Re: Buena Vista Road SLF Record Search

- Joshua S. Sanchez

To: me, and 1 other · Wed, Nov 12 at 11:13 AM

## Message Body

Hello Scott,

Thank you for reaching out to the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe. This particular project is out of our area of interest, at this time we would like to defer to Tejon Indian Tribe.

Thank you,

**Josh Sanchez, Cultural Resources Staff**
**Cultural department, Santa Rosa Rancheria**
**jssanchez@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov**
**Office (559) 925-2580 EX-4044**
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**From:** Nichole Escalon <nescalon@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025 11:00 AM
**To:** Joshua S. Sanchez <jssanchez@tachi-yokut-nsn.gov>
**Subject:** Fw: Buena Vista Road SLF Record Search

Can you look this up? I don't think its in our area.

*Nichole Escalon*
*Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)*
*Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe*
*(559) 924-1278 x 4092*