Appendix A
Cultural Study Peak and Associates

Cultural and Historical Resources Assessment

Vesting Tentative Tract Map 6352-Laurite

APNs: 481-348-01, 481-100-14, 481-100-18

2.15 Acres

Introduction

Peak & Associates, Inc. conducted a cultural resource review of a Project Area on the south side of Laurite Avenue in Fresno, California, proposed for use for 17 residential lots. This report summarizes the results of this study for prehistoric and historic period cultural resources.

Study Area

The Project Area, at the southeast corner of the intersection of DeWitt Avenue and Laurite Avenue, lies south of a residential neighborhood. The western portion of the proposed development lies north of an existing neighborhood. The surrounding developments are very recent, dating to the 2000s to 2010s.

The Project Area lies in Section 17, Township 14 South, Range 21 East, mapped on the Malaga 7.5' USGS topographic quadrangle (1964).

Literature Review

A record search for the Project Area and a ¼-mile radius has been conducted through the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (Records Search File No.: 21-380, Appendix 1). The search identified that there have been no previous surveys of the Project Area, and no resources in the Project Area.

Two cultural resource surveys have been conducted within the search radius, at the southern edge of the search area near Jensen Avenue in 2005 and 2011 (FR-02260 and FR-02426). One of these reports recorded a building at 5537 East Jensen Avenue as P-10-006976 (See Appendix 1 for full citations).

The older Malaga USGS topographic map from 1923 has been reviewed, with the map showing no evidence of buildings or historic land use in the past.

Field Study

A field survey has been undertaken by Peak & Associates of the Project Area, using complete coverage with transects no more than 3 meters in width. The land is mostly level, likely from grading for adjacent subdivisions. The entire parcel has been disc-plowed for vegetation control. The visibility of the ground surface is excellent due to recent vegetation clearance and plowing.

The soil is a light brown sandy, silty loam with moderate stone component. The observed stone is mostly small pebbles with some as large as ten centimeters in diameter, consisting mostly of granite and sandstone, with some crypto crystalline silicates. Soil color and components are consistent throughout the survey area.

There is no evidence of either prehistoric or historic period cultural resources.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Project Area contains no evidence of cultural resources. It is unlikely prehistoric sites could be present as this area lies at some distance from a natural water source.

No historic building has ever existed in the Project Area and the current buildings in the Project Area and neighborhood surrounding the site are less than 45 years old.

Although unlikely, there is always a possibility that a prehistoric or historic site may exist in the Project Area and be obscured by vegetation, siltation or historic activities, leaving no surface evidence. If artifacts, exotic rock, shell or bone are uncovered during the construction, work should stop in that area immediately. A qualified archeologist should be contacted to examine and evaluate the deposit, and determine the need for further measures such as avoidance. Native American groups would be contacted as necessary.

Discovery of Human Remains

In the event of discovery or recognition of any human remains in any location other than a dedicated cemetery, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area suspected to overlie adjacent remains until the Fresno County Coroner has determined that the remains are not subject to any provisions of law concerning investigation of the circumstances, manner and cause of death, and the recommendations concerning the treatment and disposition of the human remains have been made to the person responsible for the excavation, or to his or her authorized representative. The coroner shall make his or her determination within two working days from the time the person responsible for the excavation, or their authorized representative, notifies the coroner of the discovery or recognition of the human remains.

If the Fresno County Coroner determines that the remains are not subject to his or her authority and if the County Coroner recognizes the human remains to be those of a Native American, or has reason to believe that they are those of a Native American, he or she shall contact, by telephone within 24 hours, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC).

After notification, the NAHC will follow the procedures outlines in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. that include notifications of the most likely descendants (MLDs), and recommendations for the treatment of the remains. The MLDs will have 48 hours after notification by the NAHC to make their recommendations (PRC Section 5097.98).

APPENDIX 1

SSJVIC RECORDS SEARCH

California Historical Resources Information System

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Re: Tract 6352
Records Search File No.: 21-380

The Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center received your record search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Malaga USGS 7.5' quad. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project area and the 0.25 mile radius:

As indicated on the data request form, the locations of resources and reports are provided in the following format: ☒ custom GIS maps ☐ GIS data

Resources within project area:	None
Resources within 0.25 mile radius:	P-10-006979
Reports within project area:	None
Reports within 0.25 mile radius:	FR-02260, 02426

Resource Database Printout (list):	☒ enclosed	☐ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Resource Database Printout (details):	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Resource Digital Database Records:	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Report Database Printout (list):	☒ enclosed	☐ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Report Database Printout (details):	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Report Digital Database Records:	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Resource Record Copies:	☒ enclosed	☐ not requested	☐ nothing listed
Report Copies:	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed
OHP Built Environment Resources Directory:	☐ enclosed	☐ not requested	☒ nothing listed
Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility:	☐ enclosed	☐ not requested	☒ nothing listed
CA Inventory of Historic Resources (1976):	☐ enclosed	☒ not requested	☐ nothing listed

Caltrans Bridge Survey: Not available at SSJVIC; please see https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/cultural-studies/california-historical-bridges-tunnels

Ethnographic Information: Not available at SSJVIC

Historical Literature: Not available at SSJVIC

Historical Maps: Not available at SSJVIC; please see http://historicalmaps.arcgis.com/usgs/

Local Inventories: Not available at SSJVIC

GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps: Not available at SSJVIC; please see http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx#searchTabIndex=0&searchByTypeIndex=1 and/or http://www.oac.cdlib.org/view?docId=hb8489p15p;developer=local;style=oac4;doc.view=items

Shipwreck Inventory: Not available at SSJVIC; please see https://www.slc.ca.gov/shipwrecks/

Soil Survey Maps: Not available at SSJVIC; please see http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx

Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.

The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

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 CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Invoices for Information Center services will be sent under separate cover from the California State University, Bakersfield Accounting Office.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

Sincerely,

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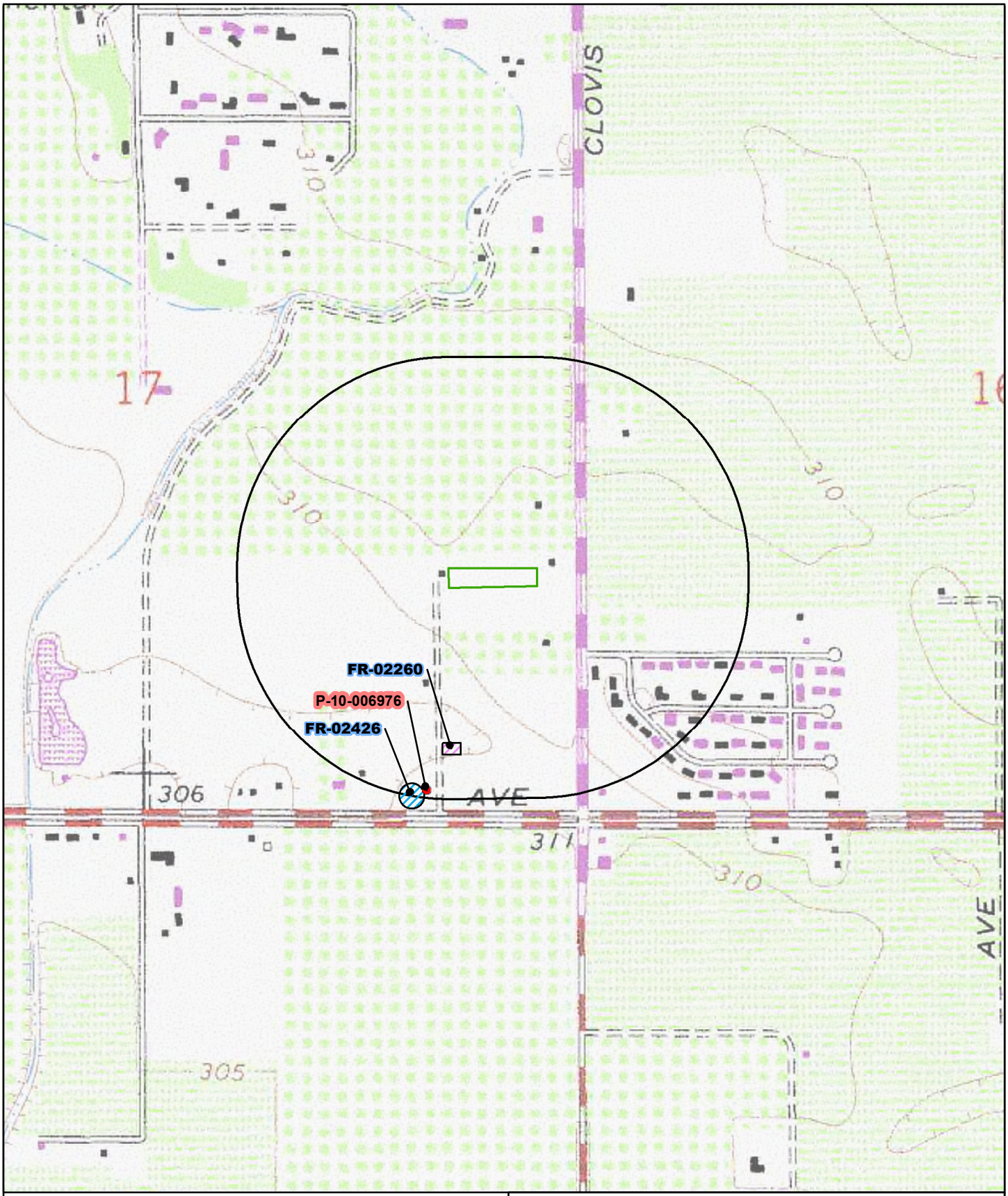
Assistant Coordinator



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Project Area

Record Search radius

SSJV Information Center Record Search 21-380
Requester: Robert Gerry, Peak & Associates, Inc.
Project Name: Tract 6352
USGS 7.5' Quad(s): Malaga
County: Fresno

Resource List

SSJVIC Record Search 21-380

Primary No.	Trinomial	Other IDs	Type	Age	Attribute codes	Recorded by	Reports
P-10-006976		Resource Name - 5537 East Jensen Ave	Building	Historic	HP02; HP33	2011 (Dana E. Supernowicz, Historic Resource Associates)	FR-02426

Report List

SSJVIC Record Search 21-380

Report No.	Other IDs	Year	Author(s)	Title	Affiliation	Resources
FR-02260		2005	Bonner, Wayne H.	Records Search Results and Site Visit for Cricket Telecommunications Facility Candidate FAT-042F (Jensen/Clovis Ave.), 5537 East Jensen Avenue, Fresno, Fresno County, California	Michael Brandman Associates	
FR-02426		2011	Supernowicz, Dana	Cultural Resources Study of the Jensen Avenue and Clovis Avenue Project, AT&T Mobility Site No. CN2714, 5537 East Jensen Avenue, Fresno, Fresno County, California	Historic Resoruce Associates	10-006976