

Appendix E
Agency Information Requests

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Native American Heritage Commission	October 9, 2008
Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation	October 22, 2008
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County	November 5, 2008



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October 9, 2008

Mr. Henry Kaplan, Assistant Planner

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Sent by FAX to: 310-670-9512

No. of Pages: 2

Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search and Native American Contacts list for the proposed San Marino High School Project located in the City of San Marino, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area/area of potential effect (APE). The SLF failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any project area.

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the names of culturally-affiliated Native American Contacts that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. A list of Native American contacts is attached to assist you. It is advisable to contact the persons listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area. A local tribe or Native American individual may be the only source of a Native American cultural resource.

Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 15064.5(f) and Section 15097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 658-6251.

Sincerely,


Dave Singleton, Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

Native American Contacts
Los Angeles County
October 9, 2008

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.99 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed San Marino High School Project located in the City of San Marino; Los Angeles County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.

From: Johntommy Rosas
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 5:02 PM
To: Henry Kaplan; Dave Singleton
Subject: Re: San Marino High School Pool Expansion Project

Categories: San Marino

HI I WILL BE SURPRISED IF YOU DONT HIT BONES HERE, THIS AREA IS A KNOWN SITE , LOOK AROUND AND SEE ALL THE POST CONTACT INDIAN HISTORY, YOU WILL NEED TO DO TESTING AND PRESERVE IN PLACE [IN SITU] IF THAT IS NOT ADOPTED AS A MITIGATION CONDITION TO THE PROJECT WE WILL OBJECTING AND OPPOSING ANY EXCAVATION THERE.

ALSO PLEASE FOLLOW ALL NAHC RECOMMENDATIONS,.THANKS JOHNTOMMY

On Wed, Oct 22, 2008 at 4:53 PM, Henry Kaplan <hkaplan@planningcenter.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Rosas,

The Planning Center is assisting the San Marino Unified School District in the preparation of environmental documentation for a proposed expansion of athletic facilities at San Marino High School. We are contacting Native American groups and individuals to help identify any prehistoric sites, sacred sites, or traditional cultural properties located in the vicinity of the project area. Attached to this email is a pdf file with a more information. If you have any information that would be relevant to this project and its possible effect on cultural resources, please contact me with a written response.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Henry Kaplan, Assistant Planner

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5 November 2008

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Attn: Henry Kaplan, Assistant Environmental Planner

re: Vertebrate Paleontology Records Check for paleontological resources for the proposed San Marino High School Pool Expansion Project, in the City of San Marino, Los Angeles County, project area

Dear Henry:

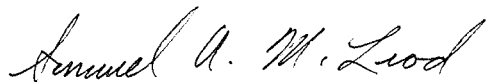
I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for the San Marino High School Pool Expansion Project, in the City of San Marino, Los Angeles County, project area as outlined on the portions of the Mt. Wilson and El Monte USGS topographic quadrangle maps that you sent to me on 8 October 2008. We have no vertebrate fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area, but we do have localities nearby from the same or similar sedimentary deposits as occur mostly subsurface within the proposed project area.

In the very northern portion of the proposed project area there are surficial deposits composed of older Quaternary Alluvium, while the remainder of the proposed project area has surficial deposits composed of younger Quaternary Alluvium, primarily derived as fan deposits from the San Gabriel Mountains to the north or possibly as fluvial deposits from the Eaton Wash drainage immediately to the east. These younger Quaternary Alluvium deposits typically do not contain significant vertebrate fossils, at least in the uppermost layers, but they are likely underlain, possibly at relatively shallow depths, by deposits of older Quaternary Alluvium. Our closest vertebrate fossil locality in these older Quaternary deposits is LACM (CIT) 342, in Eagle Rock just south of west of the proposed project area east of the Pasadena Freeway (I-110) and Eagle Rock Boulevard just south of York Boulevard, that produced fossil specimens of turkey, *Parapavo californicus*, and mammoth, *Mammuthus*, at a depth of 14 feet below the surface. The fossil turkey specimen from locality LACM (CIT) 342 was published in the scientific literature by L.H. Miller in 1942 (A New Fossil Bird Locality. *Condor*, 44(6):283-284) and the mammoth specimen was a rare, nearly complete skeleton and was published in the scientific literature by V.L. Roth in 1984 (How Elephants Grow: Heterochrony and the Calibration of Developmental Stages in Some Living and Fossil Species. *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, 4(1):126-145).

Surface grading or very shallow excavations in the younger Quaternary Alluvium exposed in the proposed project area probably will not uncover significant vertebrate fossil remains. Deeper excavations that extend into older Quaternary deposits, as well as any excavations in the older Quaternary deposits exposed in the northern portion of the proposed project area, however, may well encounter significant fossil vertebrate specimens. Therefore, any substantial excavations in the proposed project area should be monitored closely to quickly and professionally recover any fossil remains discovered while not impeding development. Any fossils recovered during mitigation should be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.

This records search covers only the vertebrate paleontology records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. It is not intended to be a thorough paleontological survey of the proposed project area covering other institutional records, a literature survey, or any potential on-site survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel A. McLeod".

Samuel A. McLeod, Ph.D.
Vertebrate Paleontology

enclosure: draft invoice