

SAMPLE OF ENCLOSURE

Project Description

The undertaking is the development of 80 multi-family units on 6 acres within the city of My Town, Our Town County, CA. The site is mostly undeveloped or in agricultural use. The site is bounded by U Road and Y Street railroad tracks to the east, barns and a single-family residential home to the north, and a residential home and XX School to the southwest. The site has a General Plan land use designation of Residential (Neighborhood District) and is currently zoned Neighborhood District. The area of potential effects was defined as a 1/4-mile radius of the proposed project sites.

Historical Research and Basis for Determining No Historic Properties Present or Affected

1. Phase I Site Assessment. Aerial photographs from 1939, 1956, 1965, 1982, 1993, 1998 and 2005 were reviewed. In the 1939 photo, the property appears to be mostly used as agricultural land. No structures or building are apparent with the boundaries of the Property with the exception to the northeast corner. Trees are visible around the structure. In the 1956 photo, the land use appears similar to the 1939 photograph. The Structure in the northeast corner has expanded and there is currently a new structure adjoining to the Property in the southwest corner, possibly a single-family residence. In the 2005 map, new structures are visible within the property. A storage pen, which was probably used for horses or goats, is evident in the north-central portion of the property. In addition a concrete structure, probably used for sanitary sewer or irrigation purposes, appears on the eastern boundary of the western portion of the property. Enclosed are the relevant pages related to cultural resources and maps from the Phase I Site Assessment.
2. California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS). The CHRIS determined that, according to the information in their records, there are no recorded Native American or historic-period archaeological resources. There is however, one Native American habitation site (P-43-001115) located in close proximity to the project area. The office has record of two cultural resource studies that included 100% of the project area, X 1998: x-xxxx and Y 2006: x-xxxx. X (1998) field study noted the presence of cultural materials on the property that includes the proposed project area. Please note that the study done by Y (2006) was a records search only and did not include a field survey. State and federal inventories list no historic properties within the proposed project area. Additionally, CHRIS refers to recommendations by two previous studies that included a professional archaeologist to: A) Conduct a field survey of the entire project area for both prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. B) Monitor all ground disturbing activities. C) Evaluate the '1950-1960' stucco building within the project area. Enclosed is the CHRIS letter.
3. Cultural Resources Survey. A Phase 1 Archaeological Survey Report, which consisted of records search and field reconnaissance, was conducted on the subject area by Archaeological Consulting. The following are excerpts from the report: The record search conducted for this project indicates no recorded cultural resources are contained within the subject parcel. The search of the files at the Northwest Regional Information Center found one recorded prehistoric archaeological site within one kilometer of the project areas. CA-AAA-123 (P-43-1115) is located approximately 400 meters southwest and southeast of the two project areas. The California Inventory of Historical Resources (March 1976), California Historical Landmarks, and the National Register of Historic Places were checked for listed cultural resources which might be present in the project area; none were discovered. The 1865 XYZ Plat map, as well as the 1876 and 1879 GLO Plat Maps depict nothing in the project areas. The search of the Sacred Lands file of the Native American Heritage Commission discovered no recorded resources in the project areas. The visual inspection of the property found none of the materials frequently associated with prehistoric cultural resources. Archaeological Consulting concluded that the current project areas do not present surface evidence of potentially significant archaeological resources. Enclosed is a copy of the report.

4. Indian Tribes. The subject property is located in an area where there once lived Native Americans who were speakers of the Mutsun language, part of the Costanoan language. The State of California Native America Heritage Commission was contacted, and resulted in no findings or records of historical significance. Additionally, Archaeological Consulting staff attempted to contact Native American groups by letter and phone resulted in only one contact which requested that she be informed of any prehistoric artifacts that are uncovered. Enclosed are the letters of contact and a list of phone contacts with results.
5. City of My Town. The City of My Town Community Development Department conducted an environmental assessment and it concluded that the project will have less-than-significant impact on cultural and historic resources. Enclosed is a copy of county's letter to Doe County Housing.
6. Public Notice. A 20 day public review period, ending in February 2007, was conducted as part of an Initial Study. There were no comments received regarding the historical significance of the subject property. Enclosed is a copy of the Response to Comments part of that study.