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## **APPENDIX C: Native American Tribal Consultation**

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**Subject:** Tribal Consultation for Maintenance of the bridge along San Antonio Road West

Greetings Freddie:

Please find the attached letter and figures regarding proposed maintenance activities at the bridge along San Antonio Road West. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully, Chris

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Mr. Freddie Romero  
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Dear Freddie

The 30th Space Wing of the United States Air Force, Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), proposes to perform maintenance activities at the San Antonio Road West Bridge (Figure 1). The bridge was constructed in 1969 and repaired in 1983. Repairs included installation of riprap and gabion baskets underneath the bridge. The gabion baskets and riprap are currently in disrepair and vegetation growth impedes water flow. VAFB has determined the proposed San Antonio Road West Bridge Erosion Protection System Maintenance Project is an undertaking subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and the implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800. With this letter and attachments, VAFB is initiating consultation with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (SYBCI).

The undertaking has four components: clearing vegetation and applying herbicide, removing sediment, repairing gabion baskets, and installing an earthen berm to divert surface water runoff (Figures 2 and 3). Clearing vegetation would involve hand-trimming vegetation to within 3 inches of the ground surface and applying herbicide to prevent regrowth. To remove sediment that built up in the creek bed around the gabions, a bobcat and container would be lowered into the creek via crane. Sediment would be placed in the container by the bobcat and by handcrews with shovels. Maximum depth of excavation would be one meter. Once full, the container would be lifted from the creek bed by the crane and sediment would be deposited into a dump truck and taken to the landfill. When the gabion baskets are visible, all broken or rusted wires would be replaced and rock fill would be added as necessary. The fourth component would install an earthen berm in a low-lying area of the agricultural field to divert surface water away from San Antonio Creek, reducing bank erosion and pollutant load in the creek.

The APE was surveyed during the basewide survey, during multiple creekbank surveys, and then resurveyed in October 2015 by VAFB cultural resources staff in support of the proposed undertaking. No cultural resources have been identified in the project area.

Would you be so kind as to provide any comments or concerns you may have to me at your earliest convenience. An e-mail reply is acceptable. Thank you for your assistance with this undertaking.

Sincerely

*Christopher Ryan*

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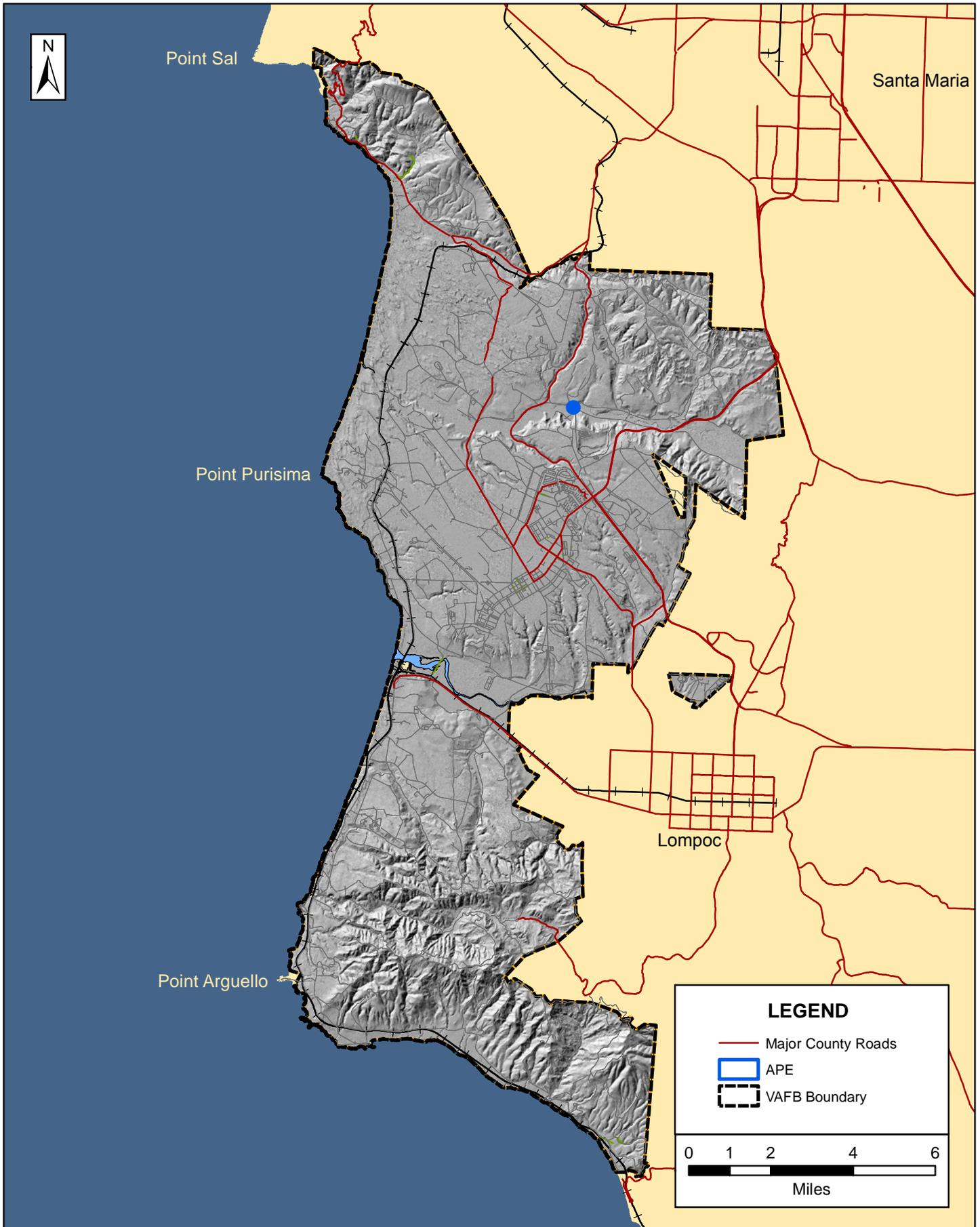


Figure 1. Location of the San Antonio Road West Bridge Erosion Protection System Maintenance Project, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, California



San Antonio Road West Bridge, east side.



Underneath east side of bridge, showing sediment deposition.



Gabion baskets on east side of bridge, showing sediment deposition.



Gabion baskets on west side of bridge, showing vegetation growth.



Proposed staging area on north side of San Antonio Road West.



Proposed staging area on south side of San Antonio Road West.

Figure 2. Overview photographs of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the San Antonio Road West Erosion Protection System Maintenance Project, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, CA.

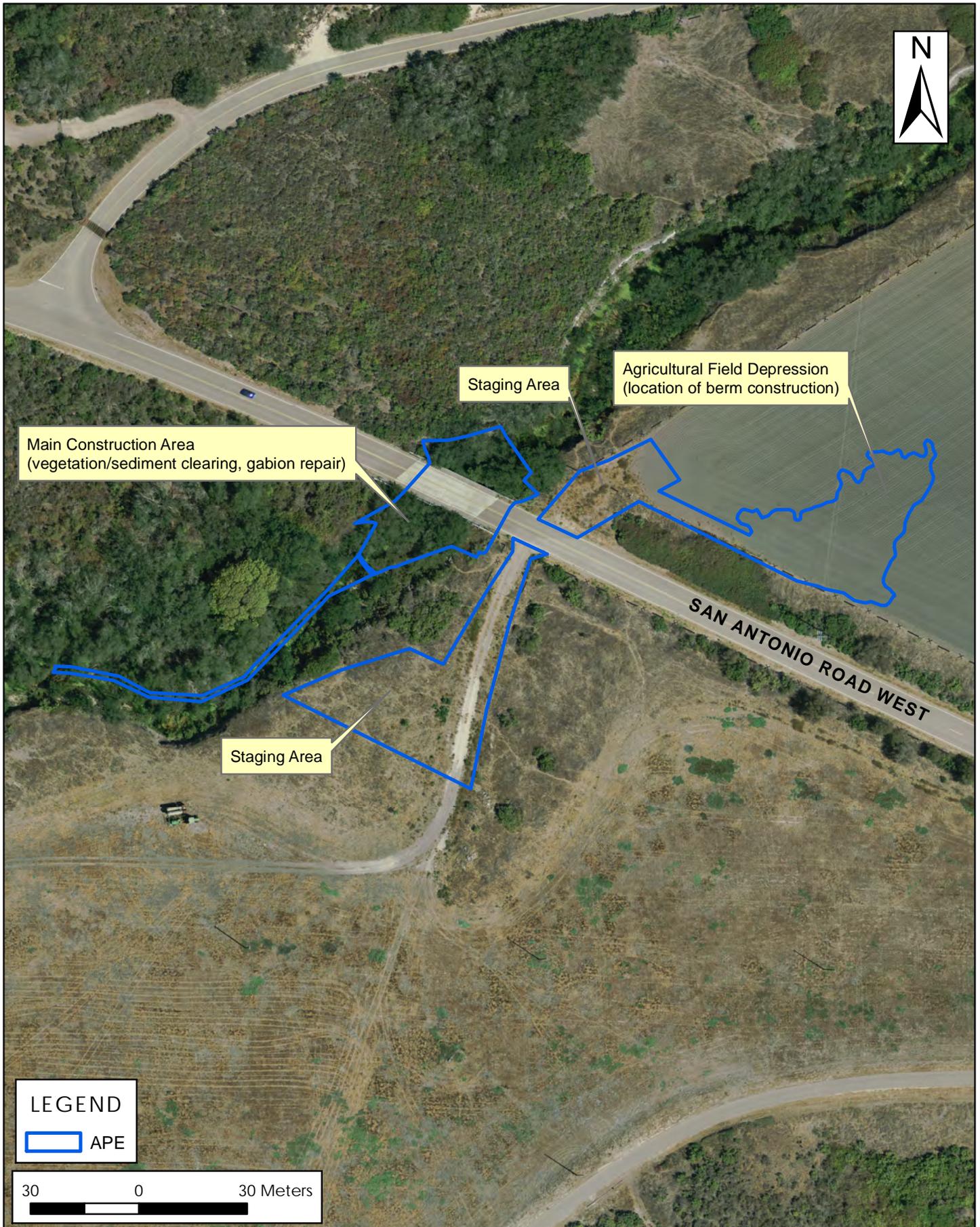


Figure 3. Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the San Antonio Road West Bridge Erosion Protection System Maintenance , Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, California.

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Good morning Mr. Romero,

My Chris Ryan is out of the office this week. In his absence he requested that I send you a document for your review and comment. I will submit it to you via AMRDEC SAFE. It is a supplemental Section 106 consultation for the San Antonio Road West Bridge Erosion Protection System Maintenance project (project 813-15-064). The original project was modified and now includes a proposed 12 acre expansion to plant willow pole plantings and container plants in the riparian area. The purpose of these plantings is to mitigate and restore habitat associated with the original project. No archaeological sites have been previously identified in this area and additional work performed to identify resources specifically for this project also yielded negative observations. Specifics can be found in the report. However, we recognize that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians may have additional concerns and seek your review and comment for this project. Please feel free to contact me in Mr. Ryan's absence. I would appreciate any comments or concerns you have in regards to your review of the proposed project modification at your earliest convenience. If you have no comment or concern please let us know that as well.

v/r

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## FW: SAC Bridge Repair EA - Tribal Consultation question

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Chris,

SYBCI Elders Council is ok with this project moving forward as is. Should a discovery be made, we would ask that the project be stopped and the Elders notified and a determination of significance made or if archaeological work needs to take place.

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Hello Freddie:

My apologies, I misplaced your reply to my request for comment on the San Antonio Road West Bridge Gabion Repair Project. VAFB's Section 106 finding was no historic properties affected, as there are no cultural resources within the APE. My correspondence initiating consultation with you is attached... from 2 years ago! If my memory serves me correctly, you did not have any concerns about cultural resources for this project. Would you be so kind as to have a quick re-look and either affirm that the Tribe has no concerns or, alternatively, re-state any concerns you may have had? A reply by e-mail would be sufficient. Thank you so much.

Respectfully, Chris