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**Mail to:**

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Community Development Department – Planning  
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Attn: Ms. Kimber Gutierrez

**Bill to:**

Mr. Raj Takhar  
1332 Bogue Road  
Yuba City, CA 95993

**I.C. File # R18-1  
Project Review**

RE: PM 17-03/Borge Parcel Map/APN 002-180-084  
T22N, R2E, Sections 19 & 30 MDBM  
USGS Chico 7.5' and Chico (1949) 15' quadrangles  
10.86 acres (Butte County)

Dear Ms. Gutierrez,

In response to your request, a project review for the project cited above was conducted by examining the official maps and records for archaeological sites and surveys in Butte County.

**RESULTS:**

**Prehistoric Resources:** According to our records, one site of this type has been recorded within the project area. Site CA-BUT-2308 consists of uniface, scrapers, choppers, and bedrock mortars. Additionally, two sites of this type have been recorded in the ¼-mile project vicinity consisting of lithic scatters, cores, groundstone, a pestle, and middens. The project is located in a region utilized by the *Mechoopda* subgroup of Konkow Maidu populations. Unrecorded prehistoric cultural resources may be located in the project area.

**Historic Resources:** According to our records, three sites of this type have been recorded within and adjacent to the project area. Please see Table 1 below for more information. Additionally, five sites of this type have been recorded in the ¼-mile project vicinity consisting of the Humboldt Wagon Road, Chico Slaughterhouse, refuse deposits, a cobblestone wall, orchards, a fence, structure pads, loading chute, barns, troughs, and a road. Unrecorded historic cultural resources may be located in the project area.

**Table 1, Previously Recorded Historic Sites Within and Adjacent to the Project Area**

<b>State Number</b>	<b>Site Description</b>
CA-BUT-1387H	Mulkey Ranch, foundations, refuse deposit, fences, cattle chutes, structure, and an earthen mound (*In project area)
CA-BUT-3144H	Refuse deposit and ranch (*Adjacent to project area)
CA-BUT-3145H	Ditch (*Adjacent to project area)

The USGS Chico (1949) 15’ quad map indicates that a stream is located within the project area, while Chico, Bidwell Park, Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Dead Horse Slough, the Arroyo Chico land grant, a transmission line, orchards, streams, roads, and structures are located within the general project vicinity.

A copy of the historic Chico (1891) quad map is enclosed depicting a stream in the project area and Humboldt Road, Little Chico Creek, and roads in the project vicinity. Also enclosed is a copy of the historic Durham (1912) quad map depicting a road and stream in the project area and Humboldt Road, Little Chico Creek, the State University Farm, roads, and structures in the project vicinity.

The Arroyo Chico land grant was first given to William Dickey in 1844, the same year that Edward A. Farwell obtained Rancho Farwell. By the late 1840s, General John Bidwell had purchased both of these grants from the original grantees, forming Rancho Chico, a major land holding in the area. The town of Chico was founded in the year 1860 on the Rancho Arroyo land grant. Bidwell later donated land for public schools, setting aside a plot of ground for each church organization, and designating a large section for the Northern Branch State Normal School, started in 1887. The Normal School would later become California State University at Chico.

**Previous Archaeological Investigations:** According to our records, the project area has been previously surveyed for cultural resources. The studies are listed below.

Bartoy, Kevin M., John Holson, Elena Reese, and Heather Blind (Pacific Legacy, Inc.)  
2006 *Archaeological Survey and Test Excavation Report for the SR 32 Widening From SR 99 to Yosemite Drive Project, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 010040**

Resources:

P-04-003144 (CA-BUT-003144H)

P-04-003145 (CA-BUT-003145H)

Bartoy, Kevin M. (Pacific Legacy, Inc.)

2006 *Historic Property Survey Report for the SR 32 Widening From SR 99 to Yosemite Drive Project, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 0100401**

Resources:

P-04-003144 (CA-BUT-003144H)

P-04-003145 (CA-BUT-003145H)

Dwyer, Erin and Lisa Westwood (Eco-Analysts)

2004 *Confidential Cultural Resources Inventory of the Proposed Mission Vista Hills Subdivision, City of Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 006267**

Resources:

P-04-001387 (CA-BUT-001387H)

EDAW, Inc. (EDAW, Inc.)

2002 *Addendum to the Archaeological Inventory Survey City of Chico's Humboldt Road Burn Dump Site, Project Area ca. 14 acres.*

**NEIC Report 005911**

Resources:

P-04-001071 (CA-BUT-001071H)

P-04-001453 (CA-BUT-001453)

P-04-002308 (CA-BUT-002308)

Harrington, Lori (Cultural Research Associates)

2006 *An Archaeological Evaluation of the Meriam Park Project, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 006887**

Resources:

P-04-000829 (CA-BUT-000829)

P-04-001071 (CA-BUT-001071H)

P-04-001072 (CA-BUT-001072H)

2007 *An Unexpected Discovery Evaluation of the Meriam Park Project Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 0068871**

Resources:

P-04-000829 (CA-BUT-000829)

P-04-001071 (CA-BUT-001071H)

P-04-001072 (CA-BUT-001072H)

Jensen, Peter M. (Jensen & Associates)

- 1995 *Archaeological Inventory Survey of the Mulkey Development Site Project Area, 7 Acres between State Route 32 and Humboldt Road, East Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 008163**

Resources:

P-04-000872 (CA-BUT-000872H)

P-04-001387 (CA-BUT-001387H)

- 1997 *Archaeological Inventory Survey for the City of Chico's Humboldt Road Burn Dump Site Project Area, c. 160 Acres between State Route 32 and Humboldt Road, East Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 005932**

Resources:

P-04-000892 (CA-BUT-000892H)

P-04-001071 (CA-BUT-001071H)

P-04-001453 (CA-BUT-001453)

P-04-002308 (CA-BUT-002308)

P-04-002624 (CA-BUT-002624H)

- 2004 *Archaeological Inventory Survey of the Chico Crossing Project, c. 29 acres Adjacent to Humboldt Road, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 006325**

Resources:

P-04-002624 (CA-BUT-002624H)

- 2004 *Archaeological Inventory Survey of the Chico Burn Dump Clean-up Project, c. 63 acres Adjacent to Humboldt Road, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 006326**

Resources:

P-04-000892 (CA-BUT-000892H)

P-04-002624 (CA-BUT-002624H)

Jensen, Sean (Genesis Society)

- 2009 *Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Oak Valley Development Project, c. 339-acres, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 010834**

Resources:

P-04-001453 (CA-BUT-001453)

P-04-002308 (CA-BUT-002308)

P-04-002309 (CA-BUT-002309)

P-04-002624 (CA-BUT-002624H)

- 2010 *Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Bruce Road Improvement Project, c. 2-mile linear corridor, Chico, Butte County, California.*

**NEIC Report 010832**

Resources:

P-04-001071 (CA-BUT-001071H)

- 2012 *Archaeological Inventory Survey for the Proposed Mission Vista Hills, Phase II Development Project, c. 2.6-acres, City of Chico, California.*

**NEIC Report 012603**

**Literature Search:** The official records and maps for archaeological sites and surveys in Butte County were reviewed. Also reviewed: **National Register of Historic Places - Listed properties and Determined Eligible Properties** (2012), **California Register of Historical Resources** (2012), **California Points of Historical Interest** (2009), **California Investigation of Historic Resources** (1976), **California Historical Landmarks** (2012), **Gold Districts of California – Bulletin 193** (2012), **Historic Spots in California – Fifth Edition** (2002), **Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 8, California** (1978), and **Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File for Butte County** (2012).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon the above information and the local topography, and regional history, the project is located in an area considered to be highly sensitive for prehistoric, protohistoric, and historic cultural resources. The *Mechoopda* subgroup of Konkow Maidu populations used the local region for seasonal and/or permanent settlement, as well as for the gathering of plants, roots, seeds, domestic materials, and hunting seasonal game. Historically, Euro-Americans utilized the region for farming and transportation opportunities. Additionally, one prehistoric site (CA-BUT-2308) and one historic site (CA-BUT-1387H) have been previously recorded on the subject property.

Therefore, because sites exist within the project area and because the previous surveys are more than ten years old, we recommend that a professional archaeologist be contacted to conduct a cultural resources review of the project area. The consultant can offer recommendations for avoidance and protection of previously recorded as well as any newly identified resources. In addition, any existing structures should be evaluated for potential historical significance. The project archaeologist will be able to offer recommendations for the preservation of or mitigation of effects on any cultural resources encountered as a result of field survey. A list of qualified consultants is available online at [www.chrisinfo.org](http://www.chrisinfo.org).

The project archaeologist should also contact the appropriate local Native American representatives for information regarding traditional cultural properties that may be located within project boundaries for which we have no records. The Native American Heritage Commission should be contacted at (916) 373-3710 for information regarding Native American representatives in the vicinity of the project.

During any phase of parcel development, if any potential prehistoric, protohistoric, and/or historic cultural resources are encountered, all work should cease in the area of the find pending an examination of the site and materials by the project archaeologist. This request to cease work in the area of a potential cultural resource find is intended for accidental discoveries made during construction activities, and is not intended as a substitute for the recommended cultural resources survey.

The fee for this project review is \$112.80 (1.5 hours of Project Review Time @ \$75.00 per hour, plus 2 copies @ \$0.15 per copy). An invoice will follow from the CSUC Research Foundation for billing purposes. Thank you for your dedication preserving Butte County's and California's irreplaceable cultural heritages, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,



Adrienne Springsteen  
Research Associate