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Re: Historical/Archaeological Resources Records Search
Multi-Modal Surface Transportation Enhancement Project
Cities of Calimesa and Yucaipa, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California
CRM TECH Contract Number 3480

Dear Ms. Gibbs:

At your request, CRM TECH has completed a historical/archaeological resources records search on the area designated for the proposed project referenced above. The project area consists of approximately 9.3 acres of existing public rights-of-way along County Line Road at and near its intersections with Bryant Street, California Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, and 5th Street, between the City of Calimesa, Riverside County, and the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County (Figure 1). It lies within Sections 7 and 18 of T2S R1W and Sections 11-14 of T2S R2W, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian (Figure 2).

The present study is a part of the environmental review process for the project, as required by the California Department of Transport (Caltrans) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; PRC §21000, et seq.). The purpose of the study is to identify any known “historical resources,” as defined by CEQA, or potential “historical resources” that may have been identified previously within or adjacent to the project area.

As the project is located along the boundary between Riverside County and San Bernardino County, the records search was conducted at both the Eastern Information Center (EIC) and the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System. Located on the campuses of University of California, Riverside, and California State University, Fullerton, EIC and SCCIC are the State of California’s official repositories of cultural resource records for the two counties, respectively. The portion of the records search at EIC was completed by CRM TECH archaeologist Nina Gallardo, B.A., on May 2, 2019, and the portion at SCCIC was completed by CRM TECH archaeologist Ben Kerridge, M.A., on May 9.

During the records search, Gallardo and Kerridge examined maps and records on file at the information centers for previously identified cultural resources and existing cultural resources reports within a one-mile radius of the project area. Previously identified cultural resources include properties designated as California Historical Landmarks, Points of Historical Interest, or Riverside/San Bernardino County Historical Landmarks as well as those listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, or the California Historical Resources Inventory.

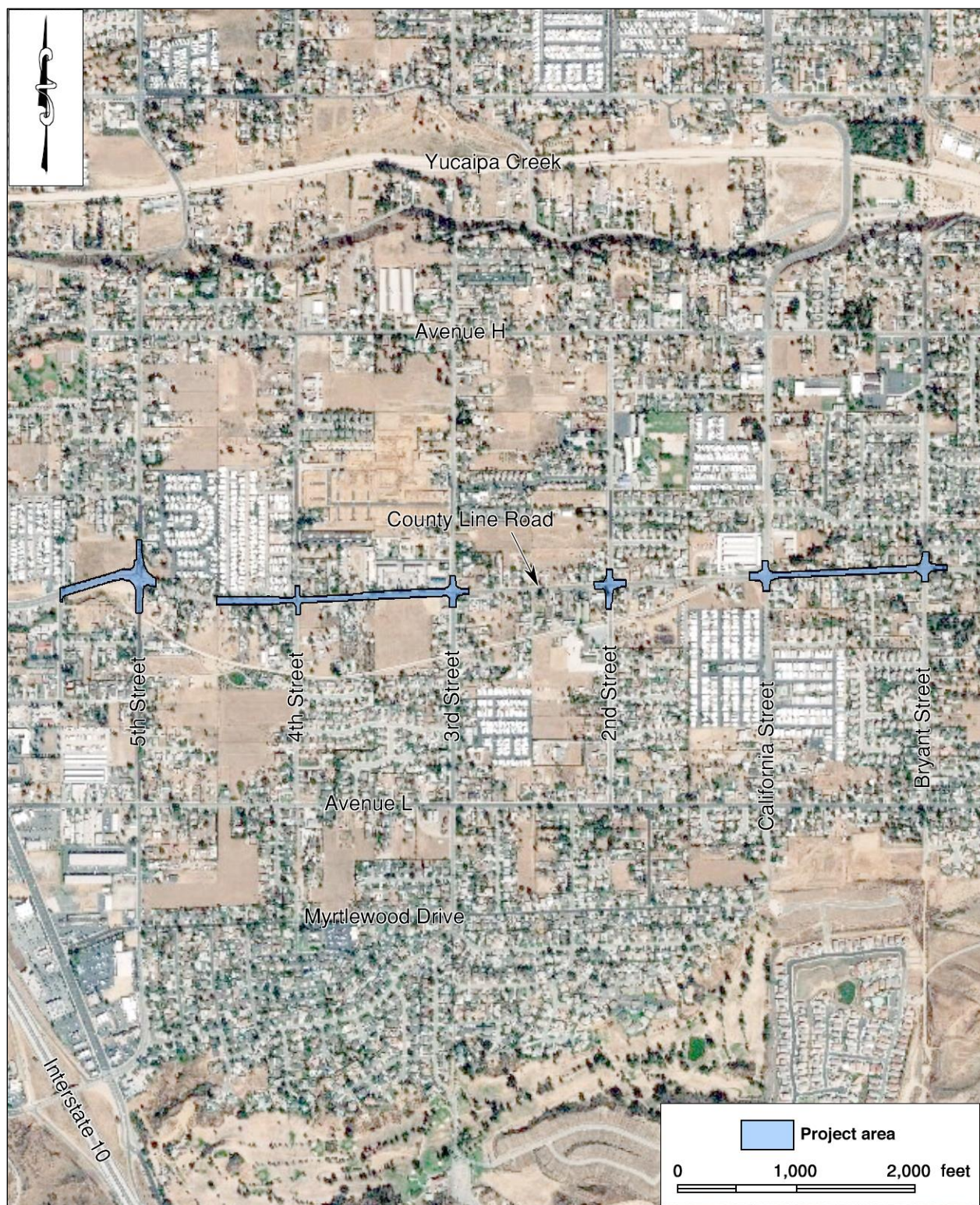


Figure 1. Location and configuration of the project area.

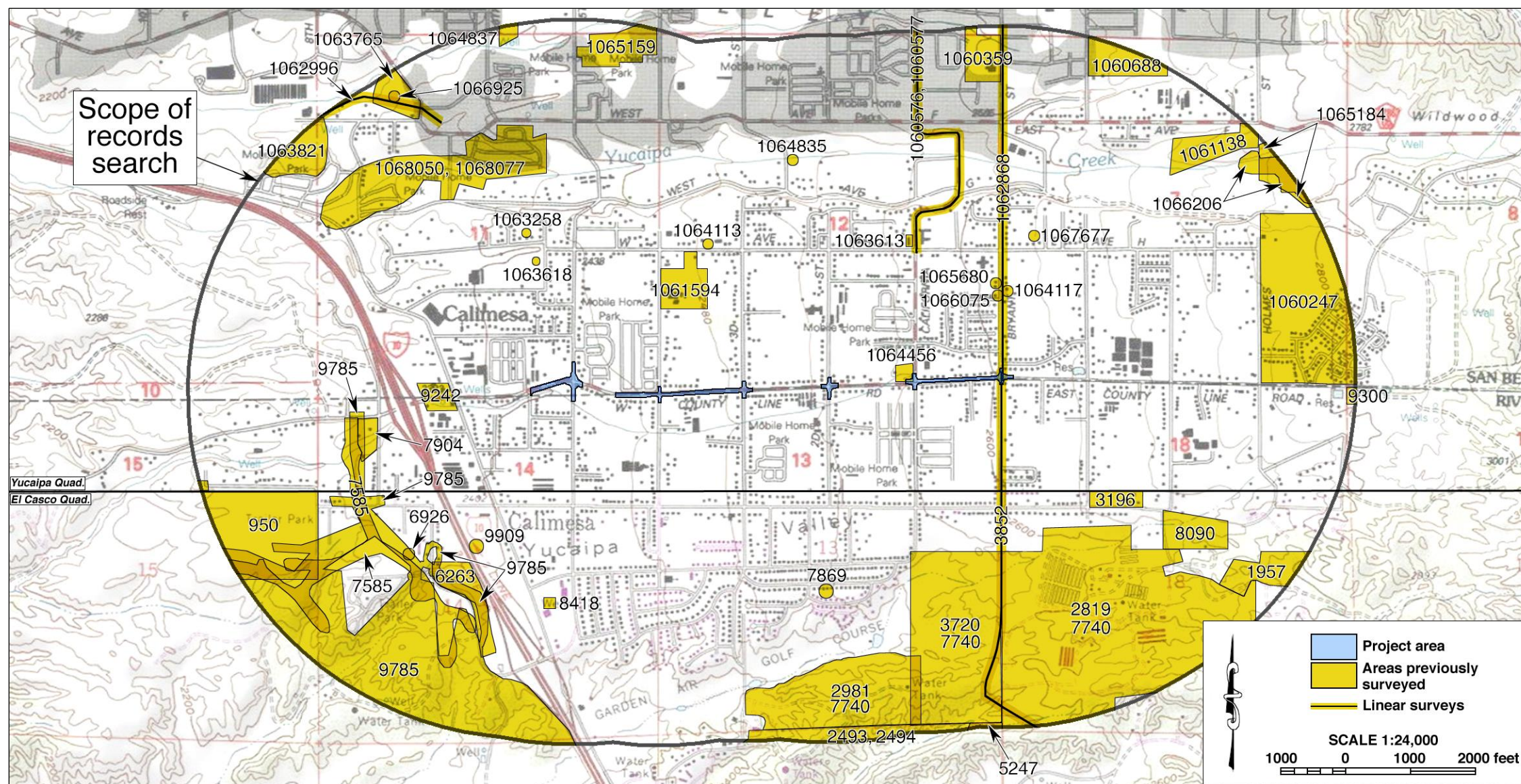


Figure 2. Previous cultural resources studies in the vicinity of the project area, listed by EIC and SCCIC file number. Locations of known historical/archaeological sites are not shown as a protective measure.

The results of the records search indicate that a linear survey along Bryant Street (#3582/1062868 in Figure 2) evidently covered a small portion of the project area in 1993, while an archaeological monitoring program was carried out in 2004 on a parcel of land adjacent to the intersection of County Line Road and California Street. No other previous studies have been reported to EIC or SCCIC in the immediate vicinity of the project, and the records identify no known cultural resources within or adjacent to the project boundaries.

Outside the project area but within the one-mile radius, EIC and SCCIC records show some 50 other previous studies on various tracts of land and linear features (Figure 2). As a result, 13 historical/archaeological sites, including 12 formally recorded sites and a “pending” site, and an isolate—i.e., a locality with fewer than three artifacts—have been identified within the scope of the records search, as listed below in Table 1.

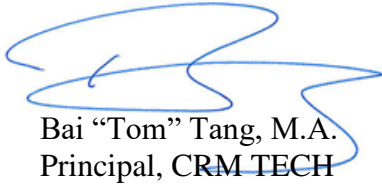
Table 1. Previously Recorded Cultural Resources within the Scope of the Records Search	
Site Number	Description
33-015299	Isolate: two sun-colored amethyst glass fragments, ca. 1880-1914
33-015300	Segment of an electrical utility line, ca. 1940
33-016792	Single-family residence, barn, and garage, ca. 1929
33-016793	Two-story farmhouse, barn/residence, chicken coop, and a metal barn, ca. 1910-1930
33-017258	Ranch-style single-family residence, ca. 1962
33-023900	Active concrete storm drain, ca. 1930
36-000428	Possible prehistoric campsite
36-000429	“Mineralized skeleton” of prehistoric origin (collected but lost during WWII)
36-002624	Prehistoric metates
36-010822	Drainage feature with concrete headwall, ca. 1930-1940s
36-012602	Prehistoric habitation site with lithic scatter and faunal remains
36-012606	Sparse prehistoric lithic scatter
36-012608	Pump house, ca. 1914-1945
P1064-50H	Pending site: portion of a residential complex, ca. 1930s-1940s

Among these known cultural resources, five of the sites were of prehistoric—i.e., Native American—origin. All of these sites were concentrated in a cluster near Interstate Highway 10, roughly 3/4 mile to the northwest of the westernmost portion of the project area. The more notable sites among these included two possible habitation areas and the former location of a “mineralized skeleton” that was collected by the University of California, Riverside, but subsequently lost during the World War II era.

The other eight sites, including the “pending” site, and the isolate dated to the historic period, consisting of various buildings, infrastructure features, and refuse items. None of these known cultural resources was found in the immediate vicinity of the project area, the nearest being Site 33-023900, recorded approximately a quarter-mile to the west of the western end of the project area. Therefore, none of them requires further consideration in regard to this project.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. If you have any question or need further information regarding the research results presented above, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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