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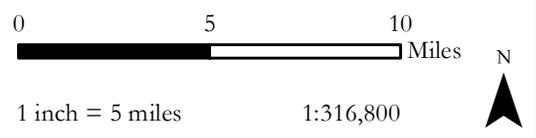


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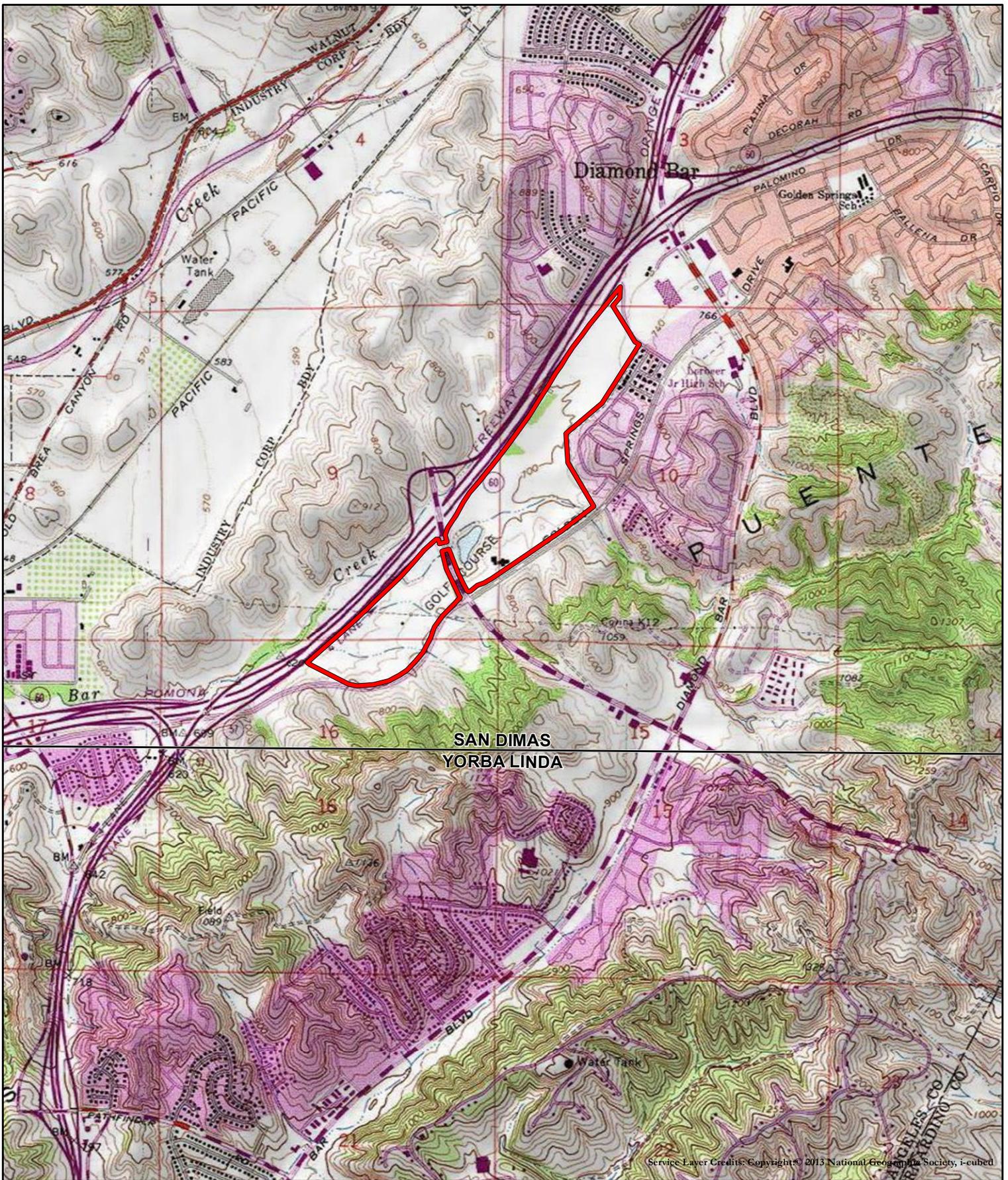
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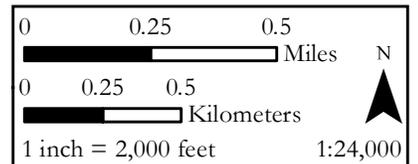
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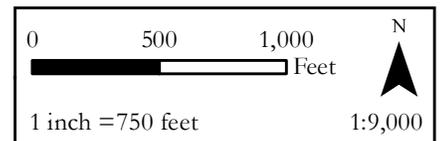


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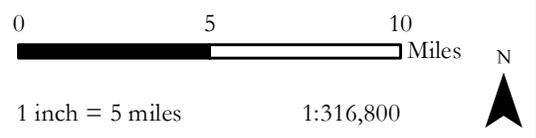


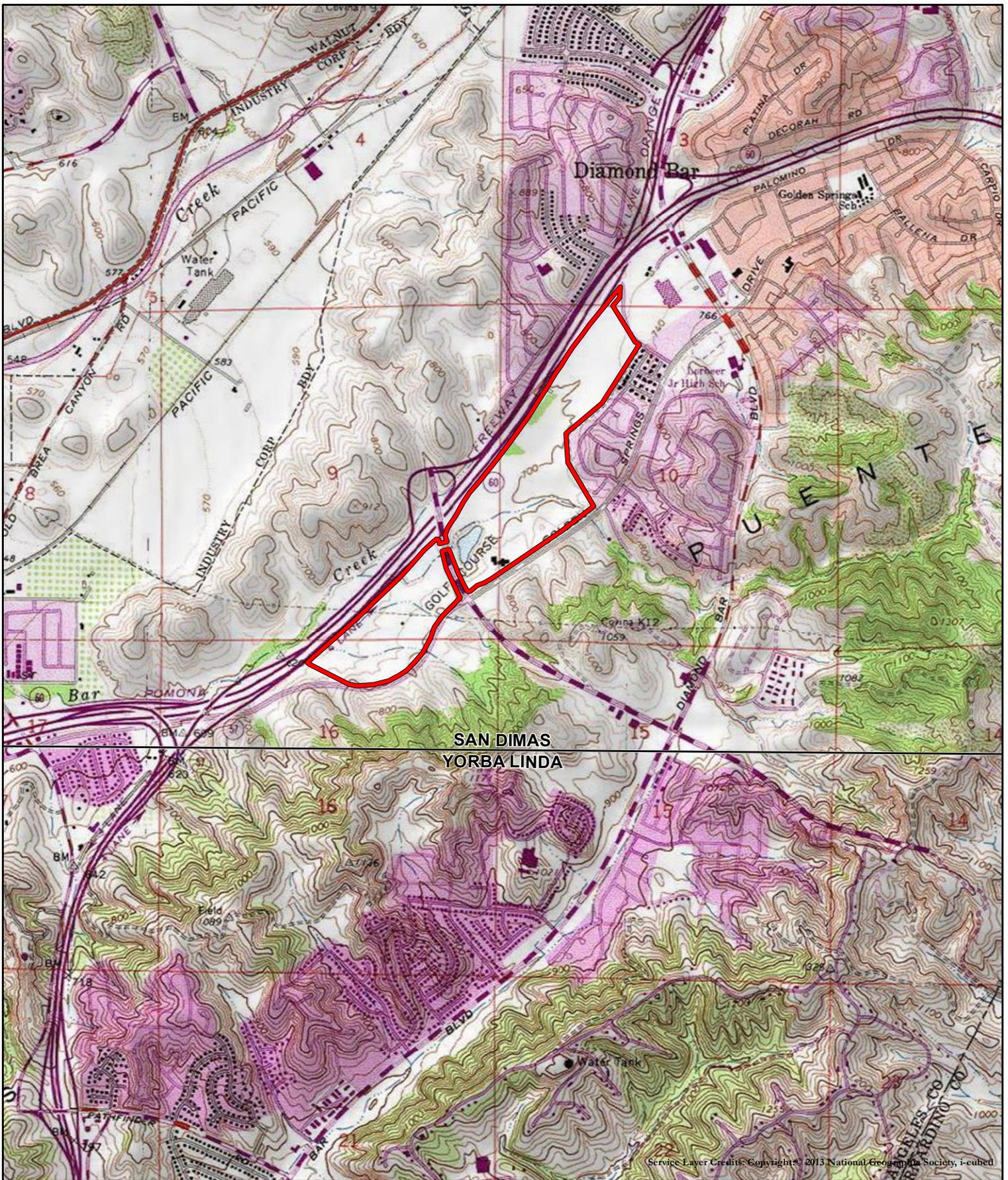
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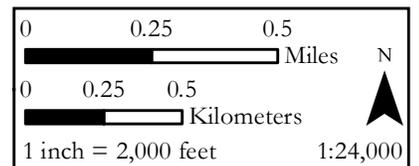


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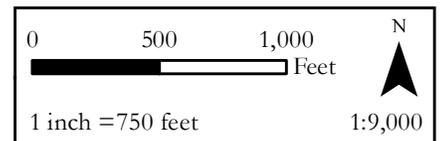


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Nick Hearth

From: Megan Wilson
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:36 PM
To: admin@gabrielenoindians.org
Cc: Nick Hearth
Subject: AB-52 Consultation Request (Follow up) for the State Route (SR) 57/60 Confluence at Grand Avenue and Golf Course Project, City of Diamond Bar, Los Angeles County, California
Attachments: AB52 SR57_60 Renovation and Golf Course Project_SALAS_EMAIL.pdf
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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:38 PM
To: GTTribalcouncil@aol.com
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Nick Hearth

From: Maria Levario <maria@gpaconsulting-us.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:03 AM
To: Nick Hearth; Curt Duke
Cc: George Gorman; Nicole Greenfield; Sylvia Vega
Subject: FW: Diamond Bar Golf Course - Tribal Consultation

Good morning Nick,

Please see below for the response Mark Christoffels received from Andrew Salas yesterday. In light of the fact that he indicates that he did not receive the letter and the COVID 19 Update – what do you recommend? It appears that they do want consultation – should SGVCOG expect a formal letter request or is his email enough?

Thanks,
Maria

MARIA LEVARIO

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From: Mark Christoffels <mchristoffels@sgvcog.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:07 AM
To: Maria Levario <maria@gpaconsulting-us.com>; JD Ballas <JDBallas@wke-inc.com>
Subject: FW: Diamond Bar Golf Course - Tribal Consultation

FYI, I reminded him we sent the letter certified. Assuming you have a receipt as proof he got it? Nevertheless it appears they were given more time. I asked him for a phone contact so Maria can follow up with a verbal conversation

From: Andrew Salas [<mailto:gabrielenoindians@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Mark Christoffels <mchristoffels@sgvcog.org>
Cc: Kara Grant <kara@grant-law.net>; Matt Teutimez.Kizh Gabrieleno <Matt.Teutimez@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Diamond Bar Golf Course - Tribal Consultation

Hello Mr. Christoffels

Thank you for your email . To be honest this is the first I've heard about this project from you the lead agency. Knowing that this area location is sensitive to tribal cultural resources I would of engaged in consulted with you. However because i didn't receive information from you regarding the project I was unaware . Also please understand because of COVID -19 there's been a great deal of delays regarding AB52 consultation. As you can see the Governor has issued a executive order to extend tribal consultation timelines under AB52. Perhaps we can arrange a consultation between you the lead agency and our tribal government . Please let me know if you concur . Thank you for your time .

Greetings Tribal Liaisons:

Yesterday afternoon, in recognition of the fact that many tribes are currently focused on dealing with the impacts of COVID-19, Governor Newsom issued the attached Executive Order to extend tribal consultation timelines under AB 52.

The Executive Order suspends the timeframes within which a California Native American tribe must request consultation and the lead agency must begin the consultation process for a period of 60 days, effective April 22, 2020, in consideration that tribal capacity to engage in or request consultation may be limited at this time.

In addition, the order will allow certain posting, filing and notice requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to be satisfied through electronic means to allow public access and involvement consistent with COVID-19 public health concerns.

Please let me know if you have any follow up questions or concerns. Feel free to forward to relevant parties.

Best,

Christina E. Snider

Tribal Advisor

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2020, at 4:09 PM, Mark Christoffels <mchristoffels@sgvcog.org> wrote:

Since we have not received a response on the attached, this letter is to confirm that we have satisfied the tribal consultation requirement for the environmental clearance of the golf course modification project and that there are no tribal concerns with the proposed work.

Mark Christoffels
Chief Engineer
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