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April 2, 2020

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Subject: Phase I Archaeological Cultural Resources Study for the Self-Storage/RV Parking Project

at 3701 North Pacific Place in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California (LSA Project

No. ISP2002)

Dear Ms. Baek:

LSA conducted a Phase I Cultural Resources Study (study) for the Self-Storage/RV Parking Project (project) at 3701 North Pacific Place in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. Current plans for the project consist of the development of 1,100 self-storage units and 580 RV storage spaces on a former driving range. This study was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The purpose of this study is to: (1) identify archaeological deposits that may meet the CEQA definition of a historical resource (California Public Resources Code [PRC] §21084.1) or a unique archaeological resource (PRC §21083.2) and that may be impacted by the proposed project; (2) assess the potential for human remains; and (3) recommend procedures for avoiding or mitigating impacts to such deposits, if warranted. The study consisted of background research and a field survey, and was conducted by LSA Senior Cultural Resources Manager Kerrie Collison, M.A., Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA) No. 28731436.

### **PROJECT LOCATION**

The approximately 18-acre project site, which is also the study site, is delineated by the maximum limit of ground disturbance for the development project, as shown on project plans. The project site includes all areas with impacts related to the development project. The project site is in unsectioned land of the Los Cerritos Land Grant in Township 4 South, Range 13 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian, as depicted on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Long Beach, California* 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (USGS 1978; Figures 1 and 2 [all figures provided in Attachment B). Subsurface sediments of the project consist of marine and nonmarine continental sedimentary alluvium, lake, playa, and terrace deposits that date to the Pleistocene (2.58 million years ago to 11,700 years ago) and Holocene (11,700 years ago to present) (CGS 2015). The nearest water source to the project site, the currently channelized Los Angeles River, is less than 300 feet (ft) to the west.

Excavation associated with the parking area is expected to reach a maximum depth of approximately 18 ft, excavation for dry utilities and water lines will reach depths of 3 to 4 ft, excavation for the storm drain will range from approximately 2 to 6 ft below existing grade and ultimately connecting to the County line 20 ft below existing grade, and excavation for the sewer

line will extend approximately from existing grade to 32 ft below existing grade (personal communication, InSite Property Group March 2020).

#### **BACKGROUND RESEARCH**

#### **South Central Coastal Information Center**

A record search of the project site and a 0.5-mile radius was conducted on March 13, 2020, by staff at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) of the California Historical Resources Information System at California State University, Fullerton (SCCIC Record Search File No. 21161.7099; Attachment C). The SCCIC, an affiliate of the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), is the official repository of cultural resources records and reports for Los Angeles County. Background research also included a review of the following State and federal inventories:

- Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File (OHP 2012). The directory includes the
  listings of the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), National Historic
  Landmarks, the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register), California
  Historical Landmarks, and California Points of Historical Interest.
- California Historical Landmarks (OHP 1996).
- California Points of Historical Interest (OHP 1992).
- Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California (OHP 1988).
- California Inventory of Historic Resources (OHP 1976).

The record search results indicate that no cultural resources have been recorded in the project site. Three cultural resources have been recorded within 0.5 miles of the project site, all of which are historic-period built environment resources. These resources consist of P-19-179268 (the Jennie A Reeve House), P-19-189246 (the Light Hipe Long Beach Tower #M5/T2), and P-19-192309 (a Southern California Edison transmission line). Two previous cultural resources studies have included the project site: LA-03102 (an Environmental Impact Report [EIR]) and LA-11993 (a Finding of No Adverse Effect report). Six additional reports have included areas within the 0.5-mile radius around the project site: four surveys, one EIR, and one Historic Property Survey Report.

### **Native American Heritage Commission**

On February 28, 2020, LSA submitted a request to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to request a review of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the presence of Native American cultural resources that might be impacted by the proposed project. The NAHC maintains the SLF database and is the official State repository of Native American sacred-site location records in California.

Steven Quinn, NAHC Cultural Resources Analyst, responded to the SLF search request on March 11, 2020, stating that results were negative and that no Native American cultural resources were known

in the area (Attachment D). The NAHC also provided a suggested list of Native American individuals to contact for information regarding the project site.

#### **Aerial Photographs and Historic Maps**

Additional background research included a review of historic-period USGS maps and aerial photographs to assess the potential for subsurface historic-period archaeological deposits at the project site (NETR 2020). The oldest available aerial photograph dates to 1953, at which time the project site was not in its natural state; it appears to have been used as an oil sump hole. Between 1963 and 1972, construction of Interstate 405 (I-405; south of the project site) was completed, but the project site use did not change. By 1980, the project site use changed, and the oil sump hole appears to have been either filled in with dirt. The driving range was constructed between 1994 and 2002.

The earliest available topographic quadrangle reviewed by LSA dates to 1896 and depicts no buildings on the project site, as well as the Los Angeles River running its natural course. The 1899, 1902, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1923, 1924, and 1926 maps show the same. The 1939 map depicts a railroad to the east of the project site, and the 1951 map depicts the project site with the label "Oil Sumps." The map dated to 1966 shows I-405 as developed and the project site as an oil sump. The project site continues to be labeled as an oil sump up through the map dated to 1987. The maps dated to 2012 and later do not have the site labeled as an oil sump.

#### **FIELD SURVEY**

On March 27, 2020, LSA Archaeologist Ivan Strudwick, M.A., RPA, conducted a pedestrian field survey of the project site. Mr. Strudwick surveyed the entire project site by walking transects spaced 7 to 10 meters apart. A trowel was used to periodically shift surficial soils to examine subsurface sediments. Rodent burrowing holes and backdirt piles were examined for indications of archaeological deposits and/or human remains.

### **Field Survey Results**

The field survey did not identify any cultural resources in the project site. Ground surface visibility was approximately 50 percent, with the covered portions of the site consisting of weeds and grass 6 inches to 18 inches high. The project site is highly disturbed from its prior use as a driving range and unofficial site usage as a dump site. Dirt roads cover the project site, and horse shoe prints were observed throughout the project site as well. Dumped trash is scattered throughout the project site, but concentrated on the eastern fence line near the railroad tracks. Observed sediments consisted of alluvial sand with some gravel, along with construction gravel in areas where dumping has occurred and buried golf balls (Attachment E).

### **SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This study, consisting of background research and a field survey, did not identify archaeological deposits or human remains in the project site. The project site was originally used as an oil sump, with more recent usage as a driving range and an unofficial dump site. According to the site geotechnical report prepared by Carl Kim Geotechnical, Inc. (2019), materials at the project site

consist of undocumented fill over sump materials, over native sediments. The undocumented fill and sump material depth is shallower around the perimeter of the project site. The majority of excavation will occur at the northern end of the project area in order to create fill for the southern end to level the project area. The deeper excavations for sewer and storm drain would occur in trenches, partly along existing lines, and only partly to depths that would reach archaeologically sensitive deposits. As noted in the geotechnical report (Carl Kim Geotechnical, Inc. 2019), the foundation for the building is recommended to be placed on driven piles extending through the artificial fill to reach native deposits. Although the driven piles would extend through native deposits, the individual piles would not have a large impact area, and this construction method does not produce spoils that may be inspected for archaeological cultural deposits.

Creeks and rivers are of importance to humans—pre-contact populations included—and archaeologists acknowledge that archaeological sites are often located near natural water sources. The project site is located adjacent to the currently channelized Los Angeles River and would have been within the floodplain of the natural alignment of the Los Angeles River. As discussed by Waters and Kuehn (1996), floodplains of creeks are subject to erosion as a result of flooding and, as such, the floodplains are not conducive to the accumulation and preservation of archaeological materials.

The project site is heavily disturbed from its use as an oil sump and driving range, and prior to that usage the project site would have been in the floodplain of the Los Angeles River with no accumulation of cultural deposits as a result of seasonal flooding. As such, there is extremely limited to no potential to encounter intact archaeological cultural deposits in the project site during construction activities. No further archaeological studies are recommended for this project.

If human remains are encountered, the regulatory process outlined in Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 must be followed, which involves coordination with the NAHC and a Native American Most Likely Descendant.

Please contact me at kerrie.collison@lsa.net if you have any questions regarding this study. Thank you for using the services of LSA.

Sincerely,

LSA Associates, Inc.

Kerrie Collison, RPA

Senior Cultural Resources Manager

Attachments: A – References

B – Figures

C – Record Search Results Letter

D – Native American Heritage Commission Communication

E – Survey Photographs

### **ATTACHMENT A**

#### **REFERENCES**

#### California Geological Survey (CGS)

2015 Geologic Map of California (2010), Copyright 2015, State of California. Website: https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/gmc/ (accessed March 13, 2020).

#### California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)

- 1976 California Inventory of Historic Resources. California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento.
- 1988 *Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California.* California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento.
- 1992 California Points of Historical Interest. California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento.
- 1996 California Historical Landmarks. California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento.
- 2012 Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File. California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento. April 5.

#### Carl Kim Geotechnical, Inc.

2019 Geotechnical Exploration: Proposed Self-Storage Facility, 3701 North Pacific Place, Long Beach, California. On file, LSA Associates, Inc.

#### National Environmental Title Research (NETR)

2020 Historic Aerials. Website: http://www.historicaerials.com (accessed March 25, 2020).

#### United States Geological Survey (USGS)

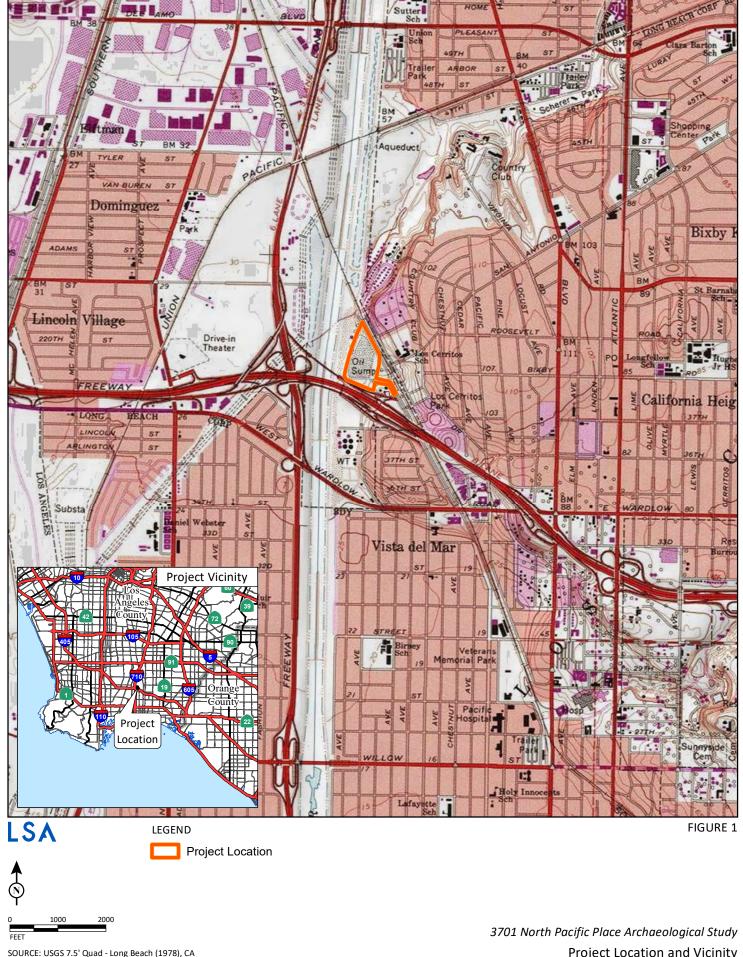
1978 Long Beach, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle. United States Geological Survey, Denver, Colorado.

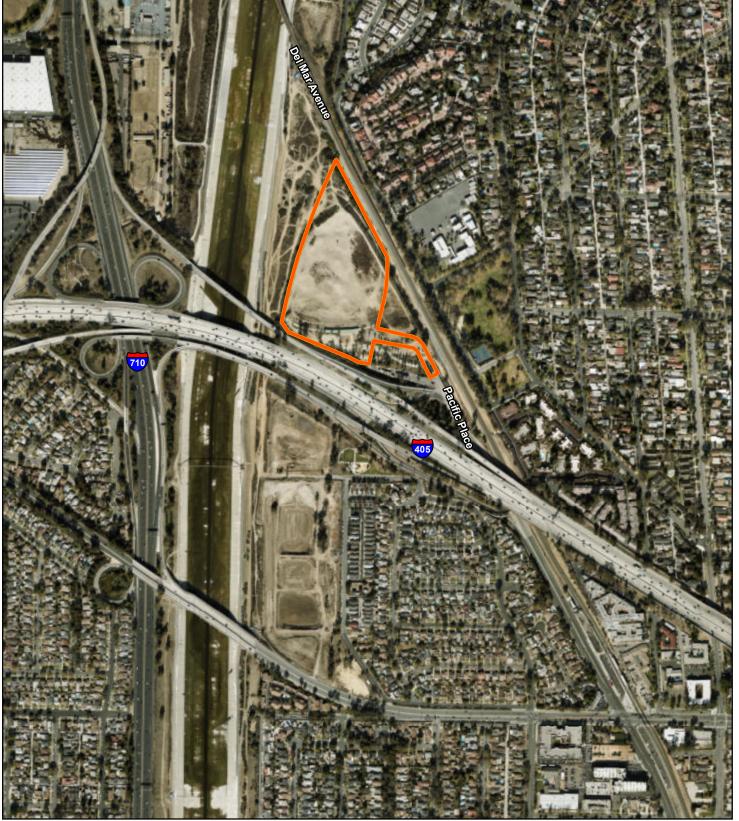
### Waters, Michael R., and David D. Kuehn

The Geoarchaeology of Place: The Effect of Geological Processes on the Preservation and Interpretation of the Archaeological Record. *American Antiquity* 61(3):483–497.

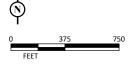
## **ATTACHMENT B**

## **FIGURES**





Project Location



3701 North Pacific Place Archaeological Study

## **ATTACHMENT C**

# **RECORD SEARCH RESULTS LETTER**

### **South Central Coastal Information Center**

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California Historical Resources Information System Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties

Records Search File No.: 21161.7099 3/13/2020 **Kerrie Collison** LSA 285 South Street, Suite P San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Re: Record Search Results for 3701 N Pacific Place Phase I (ISP2002) The South Central Coastal Information Center received your records search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Long Beach, CA USGS 7.5' quadrangle. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a ½-mile radius: As indicated on the data request form, the locations of resources and reports are provided in the following format: ⊠ custom GIS maps □ shape files □ hand-drawn maps Resources within project area: 0 None Resources within ½-mile radius: 3 SEE ATTACHED MAP or LIST Resources listed in the 2019 OHP Built None Environment Resources Directory (BERD) within project area: 0 Resources listed in the 2019 OHP Built SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY STATUS Environment Resources Directory (BERD) CODES – resource locations from the OHP HPD may or within 1/2-mile radius: 63 may not be plotted on the custom GIS map or provided as a shape file Resources listed in the 2019 OHP Built SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY STATUS Environment Resources Directory (BERD) CODES - These properties may or may not be in your that lack specific locational information: 5 project area or in the search radius. LA-03102. LA-11993 Reports within project area: 2 Reports within ½-mile radius: 6 SEE ATTACHED MAP or LIST  $\boxtimes$  enclosed  $\square$  not requested  $\square$  nothing listed **Resource Database Printout (list):**  $\boxtimes$  enclosed  $\square$  not requested  $\square$  nothing listed **Resource Database Printout (details):** Resource Digital Database (spreadsheet):  $\square$  enclosed  $\boxtimes$  not requested  $\square$  nothing listed Report Database Printout (list):  $\boxtimes$  enclosed  $\square$  not requested  $\square$  nothing listed Report Database Printout (details):  $\boxtimes$  enclosed  $\square$  not requested  $\square$  nothing listed

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<b>Archaeo Determinations of Eligibility 2012:</b>	$\square$ enclosed $\square$ not requested $\boxtimes$ nothing listed
Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments	$\square$ enclosed $\square$ not requested $\boxtimes$ nothing listed
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<b>Ethnographic Information:</b>	⋈ not available at SCCIC
<u>Historical Literature:</u>	⋈ not available at SCCIC
GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps:	⋈ not available at SCCIC
Caltrans Bridge Survey:	☐ not available at SCCIC; please go to
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/structur/strmaint,	/historic.htm
Shipwreck Inventory:	⋈ not available at SCCIC; please go to
http://shipwrecks.slc.ca.gov/ShipwrecksDatab	ase/Shipwrecks Database.asp
Soil Survey Maps: (see below)	⋈ not available at SCCIC; please go to
http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebS	SoilSurvey.aspx

Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.

The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System,

Isabela Kott GIS Technician/Staff Researcher

### **Enclosures:**

- (X) Custom Maps 2 pages
- (X) Resource Database Printout (list) 1 page
- (X) Resource Database Printout (details) 3 pages
- (X) Report Database Printout (list) 1 page
- (X) Report Database Printout (details) 9 pages
- (X) OHP Built Environment Resources Directory 2019 (BERD) 68 lines
- (X) National Register Status Codes 1 page
- (X) Historical Maps 6 pages

### **ATTACHMENT D**

# **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION COMMUNICATION**



### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

March 11, 2020

Kerrie Collison

Via Email to: kerrie.collison@lsa.net

Re: 3701 North Pacific Place Phase I Project, Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Collison:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were <u>negative</u>. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: steven.quinn@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven Quinn

Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resource Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed 3701 North Pacific Place Phase I Project, Los Angeles County.

## **ATTACHMENT E**

# **SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS**

## Survey Photographs: 3701 North Pacific Place, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California



Project area from east side of highest point. View to south southeast. March 27, 2020.



Buried golf balls (example of area scattered throughout project site). View down. March 27, 2020.