

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY SURVEY

**Proposed Vintara Park Development Project,
c. 230 Acres On Bond Road in Elk Grove,
Sacramento County, California.**

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1. INTRODUCTION

Project Background

This report details the results of an archaeological inventory survey of approximately 230 acres of land located adjacent to the north side of Bond Road and the west side of Waterman Road, within the City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California. Proposed action involves subdivision and development of the property for residential use, with specific features ultimately to include multiple residential units, new primary and secondary access roads, installation and/or connection of storm drain and wastewater treatment features, placement of utilities, etc.

The proposed project would involve physical disturbance to ground surface and sub-surface components and would therefore have the potential to impact any cultural resources that may be located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). In this case, the APE would consist of the 230-acre land area itself. Evaluation of the project's potential effects to cultural resources must be undertaken in conformity with City of Elk Grove rules and regulations, and in compliance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq. (CEQA), and The California CEQA Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, California Administrative Code, Section 15000 et seq. (Guidelines as amended).

Additionally, since the project will/may require permitting through the US Army Corps of Engineers because of impacts to wetlands within a portion of the property, studies must also conform with federal guidelines for assessing effects to cultural resources, including in particular Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800), Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11593, Section 101(b)(4) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and other rules and regulations.

Scope of Work

Compliance with CEQA requires completion of projects in conformity with Section 15064.5 of the revised CEQA Guidelines and other Sections. Compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA requires completion of projects in conformity with the standards, guidelines, and principles in the Advisory Council's Treatment of Archaeological Properties: A Handbook (1980), and Archaeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines (1983). Based on these several publications, the following specific tasks were considered an adequate and appropriate Scope of Work for the present project:

- Conduct a records search at the North Central Information Center at CSU-Sacramento and consult with the Native American Heritage Commission and Native American representatives with cultural ties to the project area. The goals of the records search and consultation are to determine (a) the extent and distribution of previous archaeological surveys, (b) the locations of known archaeological sites and any previously recorded

archaeological districts, and (c) the relationships between known sites and environmental variables. This step is designed to ensure that, during subsequent field survey work, all significant/eligible cultural resources are discovered, correctly identified, documented, and properly interpreted.

- Conduct a complete-coverage pedestrian survey of the APE. Based on map review and the results of previous archaeological survey within the immediate vicinity, variable-intensity coverage was considered appropriate. The purpose of the pedestrian survey is to ensure that any previously identified sites are re-located and evaluations updated in relation to existing field conditions. For any undocumented sites discovered, the pedestrian survey would include preparing State DPR-523 Primary Records.
- Upon completion of the records search and pedestrian survey, prepare a Final Report that identifies project effects and recommends appropriate mitigation measures for sites that might be affected by the project/undertaking and that are considered significant or potentially significant per CEQA, and/or eligible or potentially eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The remainder of the present document constitutes the Final Report for the project, detailing the results of the records search, consultation and pedestrian survey and providing recommendations for treatment of significant/eligible archaeological and historic sites. All field survey procedures followed guidelines provided by the State Historic Preservation Office (Sacramento) and conform to accepted professional standards.

Location

The proposed Vintara Park Development Project is located adjacent to the north side of Bond Road and the west side of Waterman Road, within the City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California. The undertaking will affect lands within a portion of the east half of Section 30 of Township 7 North, Range 6 East, as shown on the USGS Elk Grove, California, 7.5' series quad (see attached *Project Location Map*).

Most of the land in this area has remained until relatively recently undeveloped for residential use, with historic ranching and farming (especially dairy operations) being the predominant activities through the middle of the 20th Century. Collectively, these activities have resulted in some impacts to the ground surface and subsurface components within and near the project area.

Elevation within the project area averages approximately 55 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The most important natural surface water source within or close to the project area is Laguna Creek which trends north-south a short distance east-southeast of the property. As well, two unnamed ephemeral stream courses trend north-south through the central portion of the project property.

Overall and based upon map review and the results of previous survey in this area of Sacramento County, the project area appeared to contain lands ranging from low to moderate in archaeological sensitivity for both prehistoric and historic-period sites and features.

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Several information sources were considered in evaluating the types of archaeological sites and site distribution that might be encountered within the project area, including data at the North Central Information Center (CSU-Sacramento), input from Native American representatives and the Native American Heritage Commission, and published and unpublished documents relevant to regional prehistory, ethnography, and early historic developments.

North Central Information Center Records

Prior to conducting the field survey, the Sacramento County records maintained by the North Central Information Center at CSU-Sacramento were examined for any existing recorded prehistoric or historic sites (N.C.I.C. File # SAC-04-91, dated June 30, 2004). These records document the following existing conditions for the 230-acre Vintara project area:

- None of the project area has been formally surveyed for cultural resources. Two archaeological surveys have been conducted immediately adjacent to the subject property. Peak (1979) conducted a cultural resource assessment for a bridge replacement project at the intersection of Bond Road and Waterman Road, adjacent to the southeastern property corner (N.C.I.C. Report # 420). Dougherty and Bakic (2002) conducted a cultural resources inventory for the proposed Sheldon Lakes project located adjacent to the east side of Waterman Road, opposite the Vintara property. Finally, the County of Sacramento (1993) developed an Environmental Impact Report for the entire property (N.C.I.C Report # 1874). Background information, including Records Search results, was presented, but a pedestrian field survey was not undertaken in conjunction within the Vintara property for this EIR.
- No cultural resources/historic properties have been recorded within, adjacent, or close to the Vintara property. Two historic-period sites have been recorded within 1/4 mile of the subject property. A dairy complex (temporary designation SL-1) has been recorded approximately 1/4 mile northeast of the Vintara's northeast property corner, and a segment of the Hurley-Tracy electrical transmission line (SL-4) is located approximately 1/10 mile east of the subject property's eastern boundary, east of Waterman Road.

Other Sources Consulted

In addition to examining the archaeological site and survey records of Sacramento County maintained at the North Central Information Center, the following sources were also included in the search by the Information Center, or were evaluated separately:

- The National Register of Historic Places (1986, Supplements to 12/03).
- The California Register of Historical Resources.
- The California Inventory of Historic Resources (State of California 1976).
- The California Historical Landmarks (State of California 1996).
- The California Points of Historical Interest (May 1992 and updates).
- The Historic Property Data File (OHP 10/03).
- The CALTRANS State and Local Bridge Survey (1989 and updates).
- The Survey of Surveys (1989 and updates).
- GLO Plats and Historic County Maps.
- Ione Band of Miwok, Glenn Villa.
- Ione Band of Miwok, Pamela Baumgartner.
- Sierra Native American Council, Dwight Dutschke.
- Leland Daniels, Sacramento.
- Billie Blue Eliston, Galt.
- Randy Yonemura, Sacramento.
- Wilton Rancheria, Mary Daniels-Tarango.
- The Native American Heritage Commission re. Sacred Lands.
- Response from the NAHC received July 8, 2004.
- Existing published and unpublished documents relevant to prehistory, ethnography, and early historic developments in the vicinity. These sources, reviewed below, provided a general environmental and cultural context by means of which to assess likely site types and distribution patterns for the project area.

Environmental and Cultural Context

Prehistory: One of the earliest clearly dated contexts for human occupation in north central California is from site CA-SHA-475 located north of Redding on Squaw Creek, where a charcoal based C-14 date suggests initial Native American presence within this area around 6,500 years ago. Continuous use of the region is indicated on the basis of evidence from this and other regional sites, particularly within the Farmington area and along the Truckee River drainage east of Sacramento within the Sierra Nevada. Most of the artifactual material dating to this early time period suggests cultural affiliation with the Borax Lake area – the presence of large wide-stemmed projectile points and manos and metates being the most prominent and distinctive artifact types represented. The possibility exists that this early culture represents *Hokan*-speaking peoples who were also ancestral to those who subsequently expanded into the southern Cascade, the southern Klamath, the North Coast Range, and the lower reaches of the Sierra Nevada east of Sacramento.

Sometime around AD 200-400, the first major disruption of this early California culture is believed to have occurred. Arriving ultimately from southern Oregon and the Columbia and Modoc Plateau region and proceeding down the major drainage systems (including the Feather, Yuba and American Rivers), Penutian-speaking peoples began arriving in the area and soon occupied much of the Sacramento Valley floor and lower foothill areas. Presumably introduced by these later arrivals were more extensive use of bulbs and other plant foods, animal and fishing products more intensively processed with mortars and pestles, and

perhaps the bow and arrow and associated small stemmed- and corner-notched projectile points. In the northernmost Sacramento Valley, the so-called Shasta (archaeological) Complex represents the material culture record of the local Penutian speakers. Generally similar archaeological expressions also define the Penutian-speaking occupants of the lower foothills of the Sierra Nevada and Valley Nisenan ancestors who occupied the area around Sacramento and lands around Elk Grove.

Ethnography: As noted, the project area is located within territory occupied by the Nisenan (Wilson and Towne 1978: Figure 1), Native American peoples also referred to as “Southern Maidu.” These Penutian-speaking peoples occupied the drainages of the southern Feather River and Honcut Creek in the north, through Bear River and the Yuba and American River drainages and along the Sacramento River in the south. Villages were frequently located on flats adjoining streams, and were inhabited mainly in the winter as it was usually necessary to go out into the hills and higher elevation zones to establish temporary camps during food gathering seasons (i.e., spring, summer and fall).

As with all northern California Indian groups, economic life for the Nisenan revolved around hunting, fishing and the collecting of plant foods. The Nisenan were very sophisticated in terms of their knowledge of the uses of local animals and plants, and of the availability of raw material sources which could be used in manufacturing an immense array of primary and secondary tools and implements. Unfortunately, only fragmentary evidence of the material culture of these people remains, due in part to perishability, and in part to the impacts to archaeological sites resulting from later (historic) land uses.

Based on the results of previous survey work in the general area, the potential range of prehistoric site types included the following:

- Surface scatters of lithic artifacts and debitage associated with large midden accumulations and other surface features (i.e., circular housepit depressions, mortar holes) resulting from protracted occupation along the margins of stream channels, particularly where such channels merge with one another;
- Surface scatters of lithic artifacts and debitage without midden accumulations, resulting from short-term occupation and/or specialized economic activities;
- Bedrock milling stations, including mortar holes and metate slicks, in areas where suitable bedrock outcrops or large boulders are present and exposed;
- Cemetery areas, usually but not always associated with habitation sites;
- Petroglyphs; and,
- Isolated finds of aboriginal artifacts and flakes.

Clearly it was not expected that all of these site types would be encountered within the present project area, but rather that these would be the most likely *types* to be found if any sites were discovered at all.

Historic Context: Recorded history in the general vicinity begins with the attempts of Spanish colonists to explore parts of California beyond the coastal zone. Gabriel Moraga’s expedition was undertaken in 1806, with additional incursions occurring through

the 1840's. European Americans began arriving in the mid-1820's, most notably with the trapping expeditions of Jedediah Strong Smith. However, the European Caucasian incursion with the greatest impact on Native American population and culture occurred immediately following the discovery of gold at Coloma in 1848, which initiated the Gold Rush of 1849.

Mining along virtually every stream within the foothill regions of this part of California was underway by 1850, with placer mining continuing to yield large quantities of gold through the next several years. By 1855 supporting industry from areas adjacent to the foothills, such as Elk Grove and Sacramento, included stores, transportation companies, foundries, lumber mills, water companies, toll roads and stage lines.

The period immediately following the Gold Rush saw numerous homesteads claimed and ranches created. Soon, virtually all of the land in the vicinity of Sacramento and south toward Elk Grove was subjected to intensive-level ranching and/or farming.

Water storage and water diversion projects represent additional important historic themes for this in general, with undertakings such as Folsom Reservoir representing one of the larger such projects. As with the earlier mining and ranching emphasis, the activities associated with water storage and diversion have also adversely affected the local cultural resource base.

Native American Consultation

In addition to examining the records of Sacramento County at CSU-Sacramento and reviewing published and other sources of information, consultation was undertaken with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) re. sacred land listings for the property, and with Nisenan representatives listed by the NAHC. The NAHC responded on July 8, 2004 indicating no sacred land listings for the project area or adjacent lands (attached correspondence). The consultation list from the NAHC included the following groups/persons:

- Ione Band of Miwok, Glenn Villa.
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- Sierra Native American Council, Dwight Dutschke.
- Leland Daniels, Sacramento.
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All of the representatives on the NAHC contact list were contacted and requested to supply any information they might have concerning prehistoric sites or traditional use areas within, adjacent or near the project area. To date, no responses have been received. Since no prehistoric sites were discovered to be present within or adjacent to the project area during either the records search or pedestrian survey, extended consultation was not undertaken.

3. PEDESTRIAN FIELD SURVEY and FINDINGS

Survey Strategy and Field Work

In view of variable terrain and sensitivity zones present within the project area, a mixed survey strategy was employed.

- A.** *Intensive-level field survey* was undertaken in the highest sensitivity areas, including the margins of the two unnamed ephemeral stream courses which trend north-south through the central portion of the project property. Within proximity of this particular feature, survey transects were spaced at c. 10-15 meter intervals.
- B.** *General-level field survey* was undertaken within the remaining areas, with transect spacing expanded to approximately 20-30 meter intervals.

In searching for cultural resources, the surveyor took into account the results of background research and was alert for any unusual contours, soil changes, distinctive vegetation patterns, exotic materials, artifacts, feature or feature remnants and other possible markers of cultural sites. Field work was undertaken on July 6 and 7, 2004, by Sean M. Jensen. No special problems were encountered during the course of fieldwork, and all survey objectives are considered to have been satisfactorily achieved.

General Field Observations

Field work identified the following general conditions within the overall project area. Disturbance to the ground surface ranges from minimal to substantial. The most intensive impacts have accompanied past farming/ranching activities which have been undertaken throughout the property. Ranch-related use involved mechanized equipment creating "checks" and earth dams and berms to retain water at various locations for ranch use. These activities and features, essentially contemporary in age and dating primarily to the last 40 years, have affected much of the land surface and subsurface components throughout all of the 230-acre project area. The project area was acquired by the Elk Grove Sanitation District in the 1970's, with intended use being to construct a new wastewater treatment facility. This project was never undertaken, however. As well, the USGS Elk Grove quad map indicates two structures within the southwestern portion of the property. These structures also show up on aerial photographs dating to the late 1960's, but are not present on later aerial photographs. During the present survey it was confirmed that both structures have been removed, and in their place are bulldozed scars indicating demolition. Lastly, additional disturbance has accompanied construction of an electrical transmission line within the eastern portion of the property, and construction of Bond Road (forming the southern property boundary) and Waterman Road (forming the eastern boundary). Vegetation reflects these various activities, and today consists primarily of grasses and establishment at various locations of some non-native exotic weeds and minor riparian associations at and around natural drainages and in the vicinity of constructed stock ponds.

Historic Properties/Cultural Resources

As noted in the records search, no prehistoric or historic-period sites or features were identified during the records search, within or immediately adjacent to the project area, and no sites were encountered during the pedestrian survey. The primary explanation for the absence of such resources is the extensive disturbance to which virtually all of the project area has been subjected. As noted above in the discussion under "**General Field Observations**", this property was utilized for ranching, during which ponds and check dams were constructed and drainage modifications were made. As well, sometime during the period of modification associated with ranching operations, two structures coded on the USGS map within the southwestern portion of the project area were removed, and the area graded in conjunction with removal of demolition debris.

4. SUMMARY of FINDINGS and FINAL PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

This report details the results of an archaeological inventory survey for the proposed Vintara Park development project which incorporates approximately 230 acres of land located adjacent to the north side of Bond Road and the west side of Waterman Road, within the City of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California. Proposed action involves subdivision and development of the property for residential use.

Neither the existing records at CSU-Sacramento, consultation with Maidu/Nisenan tribal representatives, consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission, nor the present pedestrian field survey have documented any prehistoric or historic period sites, traditional use areas, or sacred land listings within, adjacent or close to the project area. The absence of prehistoric and historic cultural material is explained primarily by the extensive disturbance to which virtually all of the project area has been subjected, primarily in conjunction with late '50's through 1960's ranching operations and attempts to impound water in stock ponds and along natural drainages.

Based on the negative results achieved during the records search, consultation and pedestrian field survey, archaeological clearance is recommended for the proposed Vintara Park Residential Development Project, with the following general provisions:

- 1) Evidence of human burial or scattered human remains related to prehistoric occupation of the area could be inadvertently encountered anywhere within the project area during construction. In the event of such an inadvertent discovery, the County Coroner, the Native American Heritage Commission (State of California), and a professional archaeologist would have to be informed and consulted, per State law. The goal of consultation would be to establish an agreement between the most likely lineal descendant designated by the Native American Heritage Commission and the project proponent/land owner with regard to a mutually acceptable plan of treatment and disposition of any human remains and artifacts which might be found in association. Such treatment and disposition may require reburial of any identified human remains/burials within a

“preserve” or other designated portion of the development property not subject to ground disturbing impacts.

- 2) The present evaluation and recommendations are based on the findings of an inventory-level surface survey only, and there is always the possibility that potentially significant cultural materials could be encountered on or below the surface during general construction work. In such a situation, additional archaeological consultation should be sought immediately.

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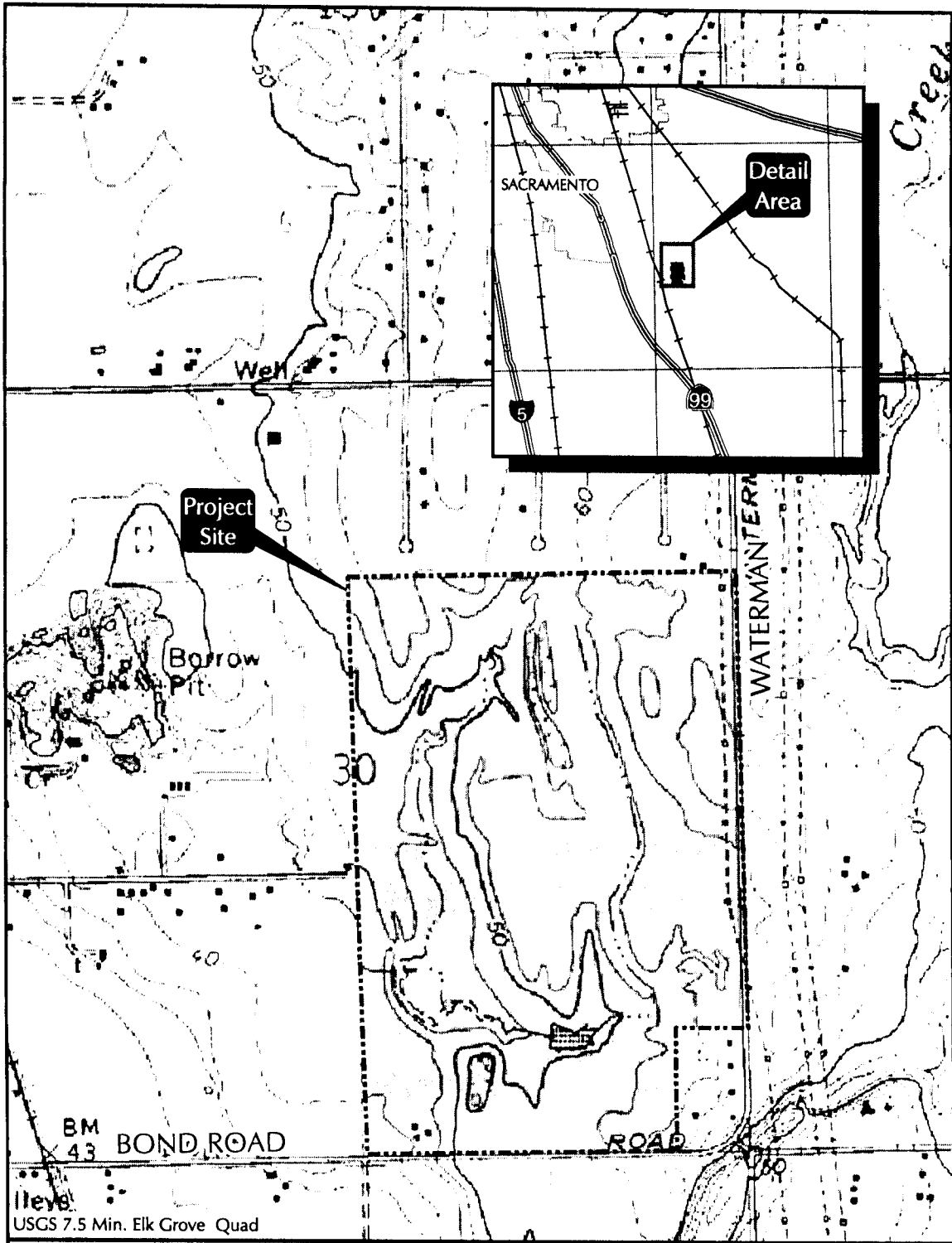
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ATTACHMENTS

- Project Location and Archaeological Survey Area Map.
- Records Search from CSU-Sacramento.
- Consultation Letters, Native American Representatives:
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- Consultation with the Native American Heritage Commission.
- Response from Native American Heritage Commission dated 7/8/04.



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FIGURE 1

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Summary of Results for Records Search

June 30, 2004

NCIC File No.: SAC-04-91

To: Peter Jensen
P.O. Box 194
Durham, CA 95938-0194

From: David McCullough, Jr., Researcher

Project Name: Vintara Park, 230-acres.

- Sites Within or Adjacent to Project Area: SL-I (Dairy Complex) & SL-4 (Segment of Hurley-Tracy Transmission Line # 1)
- Studies Within or Adjacent to Project Area: NCIC # 88, #418, #420, #1874 & Dougherty & Bakic 2002 & Windmiller 2002.
- NRHP Listing: Nothing Found
- OHP Historic Property Directory (HPD): Nothing Found
- OHP Archeological Determination of Eligibility: Nothing Found
- CRHR Listing: Nothing Found
- NCIC Historic Resources Map: Nothing Found
- California Inventory of Historic Resources (1976): Nothing Found.
- California Dept. of Transportation Bridge Inventory: Bridge # 24C0286 over Laguna Creek (Rated 5 – Not eligible for NRHP).
- California State Historic Landmarks (1996): Nothing Found
- Points of Historical Interest (1992): Nothing Found
- GLO Plats: 1856 plat of T 7N/R 6E Section 30, shows an unnamed road going through northeastern corner of section.

As indicated on the attached agreement form, the charge for this record search is \$126.00. Payment instructions are included at the bottom of the form. Please sign where indicated and return the YELLOW copy with your payment.

Thank you for using our services. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call 916/278-6217.

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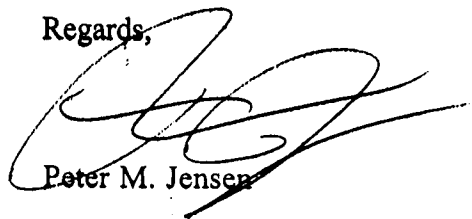
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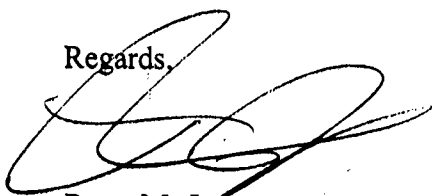
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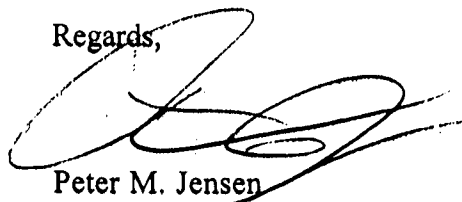
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Leland Daniels

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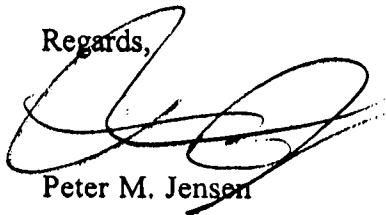
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (530) 345-9515.

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Billie Blue Eliston

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Subject: *Vintara Park Residential Development, Elk Grove, Sacramento County.*

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Sacramento, CA 95828

Subject: Vintara Park Residential Development, Elk Grove, Sacramento County.

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July 7, 2004

Wilton Rancheria

Attn.: Mary Daniels-Tarango
7916 Farnell Way
Sacramento, CA 95823

Subject: *Vintara Park Residential Development, Elk Grove, Sacramento County.*

Dear Rancheria Members and Ms. Daniels-Tarango:

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June 28, 2004

Native American Heritage Commission

Attn.: Ms. Debbie Treadway
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: *Vintara Park Residential, 230 acres, Sacramento County.*

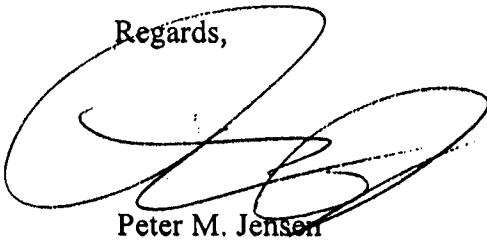
Dear Debbie:

Enclosed is a USGS topo-based map showing the location for the 230-acre Vintara Park Residential Subdivision Project in Sacramento County. We are requesting a search of your Sacred Lands Files for the project areas identified on the attached map. Project name, description, and location are as follows:

<u>Project Name:</u>	Vintara Park, 230 acres
<u>County:</u>	Sacramento
<u>Map</u>	USGS Elk Grove, Ca. 7.5' quad
<u>Location:</u>	Portion East Half Section 30, T7N, R6E.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Regards,



Peter M. Jensen

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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July 8, 2004

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Sent by Fax: 530-345-0651
Number of Pages: 4

RE: Proposed Gotelli residential development, San Joaquin County. Vintara Park
Residential, Sacramento, County.

Dear Mr. Jensen:

A record search of the sacred land file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file 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.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. 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 or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Rilas-Treadway".

Debbie Rilas-Treadway
Environmental Specialist III

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