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Re: Records Search Results for the Van Ness Ave Well Field Project (Case No. EAS17-00001)

The South Central Coastal Information Center received your records search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Inglewood and Torrance, CA USGS 7.5' quadrangles. The following summary reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a ½-mile radius. The search includes a review of all recorded archaeological and built-environment resources as well as a review of cultural resource reports on file. In addition, the California Points of Historical Interest (SPHI), the California Historical Landmarks (SHL), the California Register of Historical Resources (CAL REG), the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the California State Historic Properties Directory (HPD), and the City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments (LAHCM) listings were reviewed for the above referenced project site. Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, archaeological site locations are not released.

RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY

Archaeological Resources	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0
Built-Environment Resources	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 3
Reports and Studies	Within project area: 4 Within project radius: 26
OHP Historic Properties Directory (HPD)	Within project area: 4 Within project radius: 107
California Points of Historical Interest (SPHI)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0
California Historical Landmarks (SHL)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0
California Register of Historical Resources (CAL REG)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 8

National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 12
City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments (LAHCM)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0

HISTORIC MAP REVIEW – The Redondo, CA (1896, 1944) 1:62,500 scale historic maps indicated that in 1896, there were several improved roads throughout the ½-mile radius. Portions of some of these roads fell within the project area. Approximately five buildings and two intermittent streams were also present within the search radius. In 1944, the area was highly developed with many improved roads and buildings present. These included two schools, Oil Tanks, the Columbia Steel Corporation Building, and the Pacific Electric Car Shops. The Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad as well as the Pacific Electric Railroad both ran through the ½-mile radius. Additionally, one unmarked railroad could be seen running through the project area. There was a transmission line that ran through the north portion of the project area as well. One of the streams mentioned above was channelized and named the Dominguez Channel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There are 4 reports that fall within the boundaries of the project activities, yet, none of these reports were for cultural resources surveys. Consequently, the archaeological sensitivity of the project area remains unknown. The recommendation for this project area has 4 parts:

- (1) Most, if not all, of the natural ground surface within the project area is obscured by urban development. Therefore, it is recommended that a qualified consultant be retained to monitor ground-disturbing activities on all city property that does not fall within the existing streets right-of-way. In the event that cultural resources are observed, all work within the vicinity of the find should be diverted until the archaeologist can assess and record the find and make recommendations.
- (2) A halt-work condition should be in place for all project activities within the existing streets right-of-way. In the event that any evidence of cultural resources is discovered, all work within the vicinity of the find should stop until a qualified archaeological consultant can be brought in to assess the find and make recommendations. Excavation of potential cultural resources should not be attempted by project personnel.
- (3) Refer to the enclosed pages from the OHP Historic Properties Directory to see which high-lighted resources may be within or adjacent to the project area. Project areas that contain or are adjacent to these recorded resources may be potentially sensitive for buried resources.
- (4) It is also recommended that the Native American Heritage Commission should be consulted to identify if any additional traditional cultural properties or other sacred sites are known to be in the area.

For your convenience, you may find a professional consultant* at www.chrisinfo.org. Any resulting reports by the qualified consultant should be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center as soon as possible.

*The SCCIC does not endorse any particular consultant and makes no claims about the qualifications of any person listed. Each consultant on this list self-reports that they meet current professional standards.

If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at 657.278.5395 Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the SCCIC 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](#),

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Enclosures:

(X) Invoice #17945.4022

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 California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.