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Archaeological and Paleontological Records Searches

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Re: Records Search Results for the Bellwood Project

The South Central Coastal Information Center received your records search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Beverly Hills, CA USGS 7.5' quadrangle. 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 and a ½-mile radius. Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, archaeological site locations are not released.

RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY

Archaeological Resources* (*see note below)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 1
Built-Environment Resources	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 12
Reports and Studies	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 13
OHP Historic Properties Directory (HPD)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 2
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: 0
National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0

Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility (ADOE):	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0
City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments (LAHCM)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 0

HISTORIC MAP REVIEW – Santa Monica, CA (1902, 1921) 1:62,500 scale historic maps indicated that in 1902 there was a railroad to the north called the Pasadena & Pacific Railroad. There were two improved roads, one of which was in the project area. There were also 5 intermittent streams present and the area was historically known as San Jose de Buenos Ayres. In 1921 the railroad name changed to Pacific Electric Railroad. There were two unimproved roads and several oil wells to the Northeast. All other features mentioned above were still present.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Several of the structures slated for demolition appear to be older than 45 years. Street lamps within the project area also appear to be historic and are found throughout the neighborhood. The project location has not been previously surveyed for the presence of cultural resources. Therefore, in order to assess archaeological sensitivity, an archaeological monitor should be retained to monitor ground-disturbing activities. 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. It is also recommended that any structures (45 years and older) be identified, recorded, and evaluated for local, state, or national significance prior to the approval of project plans as may be required by the lead agency. 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](#),

Stacy St. James

Michelle Galaz
Assistant Coordinator

Enclosures:

(X) Invoice # 19921.5955

*=When we report that no archaeological resources are recorded in your project area or within a specified radius around the project area; that does not necessarily mean that nothing is there. It may simply mean that the area has not yet been studied and that no information regarding the archaeological sensitivity of the property is available. The reported records search result does not preclude the possibility that surface or buried artifacts may be found during a survey of the property or ground-disturbing activities.

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.

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Attn: Stephanie Eyestone-Jones, President

re: Paleontological resources for the proposed Bellwood Project, in the City of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles County, project area

Dear Stephanie:

I have conducted a thorough check of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for the proposed Bellwood Project, in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, project area as outlined on the portion of the Beverly Hills USGS topographic quadrangle map that Kevin Varzandeh sent to me via e-mail on 15 January 2019. We do not have any vertebrate fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area site boundaries, but we do have vertebrate fossil localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur in the proposed project area.

In the very western portion of the proposed project area there are surficial deposits of younger Quaternary Alluvium. These younger Quaternary deposits typically do not contain significant vertebrate fossils in the uppermost layers, but at relatively shallow depth there are older sedimentary deposits that may well contain significant fossil vertebrate remains. In most of the proposed project area though there are surficial deposits of older Quaternary Alluvium, with terrestrial deposits in the northeastern portion and nominally marine deposits in the central and southern portions of the proposed project area. Our closest vertebrate fossil locality in these older Quaternary sediments is LACM 5501, just northeast of the proposed project area south of Olympic Boulevard between Avenue of the Stars and Century Park East, that produced fossil specimens of pond turtle, *Clemmys marmorata*, dog, *Canis*, and horse, *Equus*, at shallow but

unstated depth. Near the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Bedford Drive, further northeast of the proposed project area, our localities LACM 3355 and 3821 produced specimens of fossil horse, *Equus*, and even-toed ungulates, Artiodactyla, at a depth of 40 feet below the surface. Our locality LACM 5833, northwest of the proposed project area south of Wilshire Boulevard between Thayer and Westholme Avenues, produced fossils of horse, *Equus*, kangaroo rat, *Dipodomys*, wood rat, *Neotoma*, meadow vole, *Microtus*, and pocket gopher, *Thomomys*, at shallow but unstated depth.

Shallow excavations in the younger Quaternary Alluvium exposed in the very western portion of the proposed project area probably will not uncover significant vertebrate fossils. Deeper excavations in that portion of the proposed project area that extend down into older sedimentary deposits, and any excavations in the older Quaternary deposits exposed in the eastern and southern portions of the proposed project area, however, may well encounter significant vertebrate fossils. Any substantial excavations in the proposed project area, therefore, should be monitored closely to quickly and professionally recover any fossil remains discovered while not impeding development. Also, sediment samples should be collected and processed to determine the small fossil potential in the proposed project area. Any fossils recovered during mitigation should be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.

This records search covers only the vertebrate paleontology records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. It is not intended to be a thorough paleontological survey of the proposed project area covering other institutional records, a literature survey, or any potential on-site survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel A. McLeod".

Samuel A. McLeod, Ph.D.
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enclosure: invoice