

CALIFORNIA
HISTORICAL
RESOURCES
INFORMATION
SYSTEM



ALAMEDA
COLUSA
CONTRA COSTA
DEL NORTE

HUMBOLDT
LAKE
MARIN
MENDOCINO
MONTEREY
NAPA
SAN BENITO

SAN FRANCISCO
SAN MATEO
SANTA CLARA
SANTA CRUZ
SOLANO
SONOMA
YOLO

Northwest Information Center
Sonoma State University
150 Professional Center Drive, Suite E
Rohnert Park, California 94928-3609
Tel: 707.588.8455
nwic@sonoma.edu
<http://www.sonoma.edu/nwic>

November 14, 2019

File No.: 19-0756

Simone Hingston, Project Planner
County of Lake
Community Development Department
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA. 95453

re: County File Numbers UP 19-32, IS 19-50, EA 19-62 / 19697 & 19713 East Road, Lower Lake / Pat Smythe

Dear Ms. Hingston:

Records at this office were reviewed to determine if this project could adversely affect cultural resources. **Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures. The review for possible historic-era building/structures, however, was limited to references currently in our office and should not be considered comprehensive.**

Project Description: The proposed project entails a Major Use Permit for indoor and outdoor commercial cannabis cultivation. The project also includes a proposed storage area and concrete water tank pad to hold nine 1,500-gallon water storage tanks and three 3,500-gallon water storage tanks. The project site will utilize a 1,800 square foot processing facility, which will house activities associated with drying, trimming, curing, and packaging. The facility will also be used as an office with a private security room and will include restrooms for onsite managers. No employees are anticipated. The project site also contains an existing dwelling unit, which houses the property owner, and an existing 3,000 square foot accessory structure that will not be used as part of the proposed project.

Previous Studies:

XX Study #S-46666 (Parker 2015), covering approximately 75% of the combined project parcels, identified one or more cultural resources (*see recommendation below*).

Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:

XX The proposed project area contains several informally recorded Native American resources, consisting of isolated lithic artifacts. The recommendations made by Parker are as follows:

Although isolated artifacts do provide information about prehistoric activities in an area and can often give a time period for when those activities took place, these

materials are not considered 'significant' cultural resources as defined in the Public Resources Code. Recording their location in this report mitigates any impact that might occur as a result of the proposed lot line adjustment and future development.

In the unlikely event that buried historic or prehistoric cultural deposits are encountered, these should be evaluated for significance and either preserved or mitigated as outlined in CEQA sec. 21083.2[b] or 15126.4c (Parker 2015: 7).

XX We recommend that the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710.

Built Environment Recommendations:

XX Since the Office of Historic Preservation has determined that any building or structure 45 years or older may be of historical value, if the project area contains such properties, it is recommended that prior to commencement of project activities, a qualified professional familiar with the architecture and history of Lake County conduct a formal CEQA evaluation.

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.

For your reference, a list of qualified professionals in California that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be found at <http://www.chrisinfo.org>. If archaeological resources are encountered during the project, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds should be halted until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation. If you have any questions, please contact our office at nwic@sonoma.edu or at (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

Jessika Akmenkalns, Ph.D.
Researcher