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ECORP Consulting, Inc.

Attn: Robert Cunningham

re: Expedited paleontological resources for the Victorville Wellness Center Project (2021-230)

Dear Robert:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for proposed development at the Victorville Wellness Center project area as outlined on the portion of the Victorville USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me via e-mail on September 21, 2021. We do have fossil localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur in the proposed project area, either at the surface or at depth, of which some do not have precise locality data and so may, in fact, be from the Project area..

The following table shows the closest known localities in the collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Locality Number	Location	Formation	Taxa	Depth
LACM VP 3498	West of Portland Cement Co. plant in bluffs on west side of Mojave River, midway between I-15 and Air Expressway Rd.	Shoemaker Gravel Formation	Horse (<i>Equus</i>)	Unknown
LACM VP 3352	West bank of the Mojave River, north end of Victorville (more precise locality not available)	Shoemaker Gravel Formation	Horse (<i>Equus</i>)	Unknown
LACM VP 3353	Second Street at sand & gravel pit; near top of bluff, west bank of Mojave River	Shoemaker Gravel Formation	Horse (<i>Equus</i>)	Unknown
LACM VP 1224	North of Hesperia, near Dean Ave. & Dean Place	Shoemaker Gravel Formation	Camel family (<i>Camelidae</i>)	Unknown
LACM VP 7786	Southern California Logistics Airport, Adelanto	Alluvium (moderately indurated fine to medium grained silty sandstone)	Vole (<i>Microtus mexicanus</i>)	10-11 ft bgs
LACM VP CIT 209	10 mi N, 1 mi W of Victorville, bluffs on west side Mojave River	Shoemaker Gravel Formation	Mammoth (<i>Mammuthus</i>);	Unknown

VP, Vertebrate Paleontology; IP, Invertebrate Paleontology; bgs, below ground surface

This records search covers only the records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (“NHMLA”). It is not intended as a paleontological assessment of the project area for the purposes of CEQA or NEPA. Potentially fossil-bearing units are present in the project area, either at the surface or in the subsurface. As such, NHMLA recommends that a full paleontological assessment of the project area be conducted by a paleontologist meeting Bureau of Land Management or Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Bell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alyssa Bell, Ph.D.
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

enclosure: invoice