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ABSTRACT

Tom Origer & Associates conducted a cultural resources study for the Business Center Apartments Project, near Fairfield, Solano County, California. The study was requested by Nicolas Ruhl and authorized by Jeff Morgan, both from The Spanos Corporation. This study was conducted to meet the requirements of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the City of Fairfield, and those of the California Environmental Quality Act. The purpose of this report is to identify potential historical resources other than Tribal Cultural Resources, as defined in Public Resources Code [PRC] 21074 (a)(1)(A)-(B) and discussed in the Regulatory Context section). Tribal Cultural Resources are defined in Public Resources Code [PRC] 21074 (a)(1)(A)-(B) and should be identified during formal consultation between the lead agency and the tribes.

The proposed project includes the development of a 185-unit apartment complex, with a community clubhouse, pool and spa area, and outdoor amenities. Trees would be planted along the perimeter of the development. The western edge of the property would remain as undeveloped open space. The complex would be accessed from Business Center Drive via existing roads with entryways to the proposed parking area at the north and east corners of the property; an emergency access road and resident drive aisle would wrap around the perimeter of the development.

This study included archival research at the Northwest Information Center, Sonoma State University, examination of the library and files of Tom Origer & Associates, Native American contact, and field inspection of the Area of Potential Effects via pedestrian survey, and mechanically excavated trenches. P-48-000026 is plotted by the Northwest Information Center as extending into the Area of Potential Effects; however, no historic properties were found to extend into the Area of Direct Impacts.

This report contains information about the locations of archaeological sites. For the protection of these resources, this report, and such location information, should not be publicly circulated.

Synopsis

Project: Business Center Apartments
Location: 4840 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, Solano County
APN: 0148-540-350
Quadrangles: Cordelia 7.5' series
Study Type: Intensive surface survey and backhoe investigation
Scope: ~5.8 acres
Field Hours: ~4.5 person hours
NWIC #: 20-1704
TOA #: 2021-12S and 2021-119X
Finds: P-48-000026 is plotted within the APE; however, no historic properties were found to extend into the ADI.

Project Personnel

Tom Origer provided project oversight for this study. Mr. Origer obtained a Master of Arts in Anthropology from San Francisco State University in 1983, after obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology at Sonoma State University in 1974. He has over forty years of experience in cultural resources management throughout Northern California. His experience includes work that has been completed in compliance with local ordinances, CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 (NHPA) requirements. Mr. Origer taught archaeological analysis and field archaeology classes at Santa Rosa Junior College from 1979 through 2009. He has been affiliated with the Society for California Archaeology (Presidential duties from April 1998 to April 2001), the International Association for Obsidian Studies (charter member and President from 1990-1992), the Archaeological Institute of America (President of the North Coast Society from 1985 to 1987), the Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historical Archaeology, and the Register of Professional Archaeologists (#10333).

Taylor Alshuth prepared the report and participated in the field phase of this study. Mr. Alshuth obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from Humboldt State University in 2014, after obtaining an Associate of Arts degree in Anthropology at Santa Rosa Junior College in 2012. He has been affiliated with the Society for California Archaeology, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the Archaeological Conservancy. Mr. Alshuth has been a part of northern California archaeology since 2014.

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**This Cultural Resources Report
has been redacted from public
review to protect previously
identified cultural resources**

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APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

Archaeological Test Trenching Map from Wiberg's (1999) Report

APPENDIX C

Resource Documentation

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