

Appendix H

Paleontological Records Search

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Eyestone Environmental

Attn: Stephanie Eyestone-Jones

re: Paleontological resources for the Sportsmen's Lodge Mixed-Use Project

Dear X-person:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for proposed development at the Sportsmen's Lodge Mixed-Use project area as outlined on the portion of the Van Nuys USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent via e-mail on February 25, 2021. We do not have any fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area, but 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.

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 IP 4888, 5094	On hillside West of intersection of Ventura Blvd. & Whitsett Ave; South of Ventura Blvd	Modelo Formation	Invertebrates, including scallops (<i>Pecten</i>)	Unknown
LACM VP 1282, 4502, 4505, 4505, 4507, 4457	Along Dixie Canyon Rd. north of Mullholland Dr.	Modelo Formation (Interbedded siliceous & diatomaceous shales above a massive sandstone bed)	Numerous fish (Chondrichthyes; Osteichthyes)	surface
LACM VP 6970	Lankershim Blvd & Bloomfield St	Old alluvium (pebble - gravel; sand; silt & clay)	Ground Sloth (<i>Glossotherium</i>); Camel (<i>Camelops</i>); Bison (<i>Bison</i>)	60-80 ft bgs (tunnel for Metrorail Redline)
LACM VP	5112 Kester Ave	Unknown	Horse family (Equidae);	11-20 ft bgs

3263, 6208		(Pleistocene)	Bison (<i>Bison</i>)	(sewer excavations)
LACM VP 6386*, 6306	Universal City Station for the Red Line subway	Unknown formation (early Holocene; sandy mudstone)	Rodent (Rodentia), frog (Anura); lizard (Lacertilia); snake (Serpentes)	60 ft bgs

*VP, Vertebrate Paleontology; IP, Invertebrate Paleontology; bgs, below ground surface
materials radiocarbon dated at 8880 +/- 60 ybp

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,



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enclosure: invoice