

# SACRED LANDS FILE & NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS LIST REQUEST

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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**Project:** Paradise Valley Ranch Project; 43700 Cactus Valley Road (CRM TECH Contract No. 3684)

**County:** Riverside

**USGS Quadrangle Name:** Hemet, Calif.

**Township** 6 South **Range** 1 East **SB BM; Section(s)** 8

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**Contact Person:** Nina Gallardo

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**Project Description:** The primary component of the project is to construct a field station for the Wildfire Conservancy on approximately 115 acres of land and approximately 0.4 linear mile of access road. The project area is located on both sides of Cactus Valley Road at its eastern terminus, southeast of the City of Hemet, Riverside County, California, consisting of portions of APNs 569-020-010, -013, -019, -024, -025 and -026.

*November 25, 2020*

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

December 1, 2020

Nina Gallardo  
CRM TECHVia Email to: [ngallardo@crmtech.us](mailto:ngallardo@crmtech.us)**Re: Paradise Valley Ranch Project, Riverside County**

Dear Ms. Gallardo:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were negative. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: [Andrew.Green@nahc.ca.gov](mailto:Andrew.Green@nahc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Andrew Green  
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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December 17, 2020

RE: Proposed Paradise Valley Ranch Project  
Approximately 118 Acres and 0.4 Linear Mile  
43700 Cactus Valley Road  
Near the City of Hemet, Riverside County, California  
CRM TECH Contract #3684A

Dear Tribal Representative:

I am writing to bring your attention to an ongoing CEQA-compliance study for the proposed project referenced above. The project entails the acquisition and development of approximately 115 acres of land and 0.4 linear mile access road alignment for the Wildfire Conservancy, Inc., a non-profit organization. The project area is situated along both sides of Cactus Valley Road at its eastern terminus, to the southeast of the City of Hemet, Riverside County, California, and consists of portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 569-020-010, -013, -019, -024, -025 and -026. The accompanying map, based on the USGS Hemet, Calif., 7.5' quadrangle, depict the project area lying within Section 8, T6S R1E, SBBM.

Most of the project area was surveyed for cultural resources in 1982 prior to building additions to an existing campground on the property. During that study one prehistoric cultural resource was identified, consisting of five bedrock mortars on a granitic boulder (CA-RIV-1485). As part of the current study, the Native American Heritage Commission reports in a letter dated December 1, 2020, that the results of the Sacred Lands File search were negative but recommends that local Native American groups be contacted for further information (see attached). Therefore, as part of the cultural resources study for this project, I am writing to request your input on potential Native American cultural resources in or near the project area.

Please respond at your earliest convenience if you have any specific knowledge of sacred/religious sites or other sites of Native American traditional cultural value in or near the project area, or any other information to consider during the cultural resources investigations. Any information or concerns may be forwarded to CRM TECH by telephone, e-mail, facsimile, or standard mail. Requests for documentation or information we cannot provide will be forwarded to our client and/or the lead agency, namely the County of Riverside.

We would also like to clarify that, as the cultural resources consultant for the project, CRM TECH is not involved in the AB 52-compliance process or in government-to-government consultations. The purpose of this letter is to seek any information that you may have to help us determine if there are cultural resources in or near the project area that we should be aware of and to help us assess the sensitivity of the project area. Thank you for your time and effort in addressing this important matter.

Respectfully,

Nina Gallardo  
Project Archaeologist/Native American liaison  
CRM TECH  
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Encl.: NAHC response letter and project location map

**From:** BobbyRay Esparza <Besparza@cahuilla.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** ngallardo@crmtech.us  
**Cc:** anthony madrigal  
**Subject:** Re: NA Scoping Letter for the Proposed Paradise Valley Ranch Project; 43700 Cactus Valley Road, near Hemet; CRM TECH #3684A

Hello Ms. Gallardo,

The Cahuilla Band of Indians received your letter regarding the above project located near Hemet in Riverside County, Ca. We do not have knowledge of any cultural resources within or near the project area. Although, this project is outside the Cahuilla reservation boundary it is located within the Cahuilla traditional land use area. Therefore, we do have an interest in the project. We believe that cultural resources may be unearthed during construction. We request that tribal monitor from Cahuilla be present during all ground disturbing activities and to be notified of all updates with the project moving forward. The Cahuilla Band appreciates your assistance in preserving Tribal Cultural Resources in your project.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Quechan Historic Preservation <historicpreservation@quechantribe.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** ngallardo@crmtech.us  
**Subject:** Re: NA Scoping Letter for the Proposed Paradise Valley Ranch Project; 43700 Cactus Valley Road, near Hemet; CRM TECH #3684A

This email is to inform you that we do not wish to comment on this project. We defer to the more local Tribe(s) and support their decisions on the project.



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January 06, 2021

[VIA EMAIL TO:ngallardo@crmtech.us]  
CRM TECH  
Ms. Nina Gallardo  
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**Re: Paradise Valley Ranch Project**

Dear Ms. Nina Gallardo,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Paradise Valley Ranch project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

- \*A cultural resources inventory of the project area by a qualified archaeologist prior to any development activities in this area.
- \*A copy of the records search with associated survey reports and site records from the information center.
- \*Copies of any cultural resource documentation (report and site records) generated in connection with this project.
- \*The presence of an approved Cultural Resource Monitor(s) during any ground disturbing activities (including archaeological testing and surveys). Should buried cultural deposits be encountered, the Monitor may request that destructive construction halt and the Monitor shall notify a Qualified Archaeologist (Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines) to investigate and, if necessary, prepare a mitigation plan for submission to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760)699-6956. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,



# AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

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Lacy Padilla  
Archaeologist  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
AGUA CALIENTE BAND  
OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

# Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians

## CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 6, 2021

**Sent only via email to: [ngallardo@crmtech.us](mailto:ngallardo@crmtech.us)**

CRM TECH

Nina Gallardo

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**Re: Paradise Valley Ranch Project, 43700 Cactus Valley Road, near City of Hemet, Riverside County, California**

Dear Ms. Gallardo,

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians (“Rincon Band” or “Band”), a federally recognized Indian Tribe and sovereign government. We have received your notification regarding the above referenced project and we thank you for the opportunity to provide information pertaining to cultural resources. The identified location is within the Traditional Use Area (TUA) of the Luiseño people, and is also within Rincon’s specific area of Historic interest.

The Rincon Band is concerned about potential impacts to cultural resources. Embedded in these resources and within the AHI are Rincon’s history, culture and identity. We do not have knowledge of cultural resources within the proposed project area. However, this does not mean that none exist. We recommend that an archaeological record search and an archaeological/cultural resources study be conducted by a Secretary of the Interior qualified archaeologist for this project, to include an archeological record search and complete intensive survey of the property. Please provide a final copy of the study to the Rincon Band for our review and comment.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at your convenience at (760) 297-2635 or via electronic mail at [cmadrigal@rincon-nsn.gov](mailto:cmadrigal@rincon-nsn.gov). We look forward to working together to protect and preserve our cultural assets.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Madrigal

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Cultural Resources Manager

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**From:** THPO Consulting <ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:30 PM  
**To:** ngallardo@crmtech.us  
**Cc:** THPO Consulting  
**Subject:** Paradise Valley Project

Hi Nina,

I hope this email finds you well. In a previous email we requested the records search information, a survey, a copy of the survey report and recommended monitoring. Is any of that information available for us?

Best regards,  
Pattie

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**From:** Nina Gallardo <ngallardo@crmtech.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:15 PM  
**To:** 'THPO Consulting'  
**Subject:** RE: Paradise Valley Project; CRM # 3684

Hello Pattie,

We have received your response letter for the above-referenced project and thank you for your comments. We have received the RS results back from the Eastern Information Center and I'm going to send you a Dropbox link. At this time, we have not completed the fieldwork or the cultural report since we are still waiting for more information from the client about the boundaries. Please let me know if you don't receive the Dropbox link in a few minutes.

Thanks again for you time,

Nina Gallardo  
CRM TECH