

Appendix E

Tribal Cultural Resources

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

November 28, 2022

Sarahi Ortega
City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

Via Email to: Sarahi.Ortega@lacity.org

Re: 8426 West Kester Avenue Project, Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Ortega:

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.

Sincerely,



Andrew Green
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment



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8426 Kester Avenue Mission Hills- Panorama City- North Hills

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To: Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org>
Cc: Sophia Kim <sophia.kim@lacity.org>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 1:26 PM

Hello,

Thank you. This concludes the tribal consultation with the Gabrieleño Tribe.



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On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 11:18 AM Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:
Hello Sarahi

Thank you for your response. That is correct, we will go ahead and cancel today's meeting.

Thank you

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On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 10:12 AM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Thanks for the update. To confirm, the meeting we had scheduled at 1pm today will no longer happen?



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On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 1:35 AM Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:

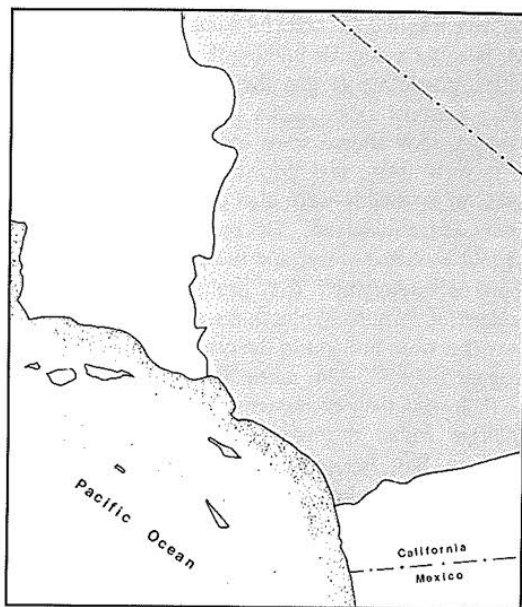
Hello Sarahi,

Sorry for the inconvenience but we have a change of plans. Chairman Salas has decided to defer this project to our sister tribe Donna Yocum of the San Fernando tribe . Attached is her email address dyocum@sfbmi.org .

Thank you very much

Introducing the Gabrielino Indians

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Map 1. The Uto-Aztecan territory (shaded) in southern California; this territory included the southern Channel Islands. Unless otherwise noted, all maps were prepared by author.

The Late Period saw a number of important economic and cultural developments, including increased use of the bow and arrow, the concentration of larger populations in settlements and communities, and the growth of regional subcultures (Wallace 1955:195-199; Moratto 1984:159). By the time Cabrillo arrived in coastal California waters in A.D. 1542, the Indian peoples of southern California had developed a number of these regional subcultures. Among these were several groups of Uto-Aztecan Indians, each speaking a different language and residing within its own geographical territory.

THE GABRIELINO

One of the most impressive of the Uto-Aztecan groups, the Gabrielino, occupied much of present-day Los Angeles and Orange counties. Their name derives from the incorporation of many of their people into Mission San Gabriel during the eighteenth century. For similar reasons the Indians who inhabited the valley surrounding the San Fernando Mission are often called the Fernandeño, although culturally the Gabrielino and the Fernandeño appear to have been so

closely related that the distinction is unnecessary. Throughout the present volume the term Gabrielino will be used when describing cultural traits common to both groups. The term Fernandeño will be reserved to describe geographical or cultural features specific to those Gabrielino dwelling in the San Fernando Valley.

The early Indian inhabitants of the Los Angeles region remain shadowy figures known only from their archaeological remains. In contrast, the Gabrielino are revealed by the ethnographic and ethnohistorical records as a people of material wealth and cultural sophistication. They inhabited a vast tract of some of the most fertile and productive land in California, and prior to contact with Europeans their population may have grown to more than 5,000 people living in 50 to 100 towns and settlements on the mainland and on the southern Channel Islands. Their territory stretched from Topanga Canyon in the northwest, to the base of Mount Wilson in the north, to the San Bernardino vicinity in the east, and to the Aliso Creek vicinity near El Toro Road in the southeast, encompassing in all more than 2,500 square miles (Kroeber 1925:621; Strong 1929:8; Shinn 1941:65-68; Bean and Smith 1978).

In addition to this mainland territory, the Gabrielino occupied three of the Channel Islands lying off the coast of southern California, Santa Catalina, San Clemente, and San Nicolas, and also made excursions to Santa Barbara Island. They maintained a maritime trade network using large canoes of carefully shaped and fitted wooden planks, and were proficient sailors, traveling primarily during the summer months when the sea was calm, not hesitating to make the 60 mile journey to lonely San Nicolas Island (Swartz 1960; Bean and Smith 1978; Hudson 1981). The prestige and political strength of the Gabrielino were enhanced by impressive achievements in pre-industrial technology and economics, as well as religion and oral literature. Culturally, the Gabrielino have been described as the "wealthiest and most thoughtful of all the Shoshoneans of the State" (Kroeber 1925:621).

HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS

Information about this fascinating Indian group has been gathered from a wide variety of sources over a period of more than four centuries. The earliest

On Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 4:21 PM Gabrielino Administration <admin@gabrielinoindians.org> wrote:
Hello Sarahi

Please disregard my last email. We will go ahead and speak tomorrow January 26th at 1pm regarding the above project.

Thank you

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On Wed, Jan 25, 2023 at 4:05 PM Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:

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Do you have time for a phone call today to speak to Chairman Salas ?

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On Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 1:45 PM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

Hope all is well. Please email me the mitigation measures mentioned in the attached.



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On Thu, Jan 12, 2023 at 11:31 AM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello,

Following up on this. Please provide the mitigation measures. We would like to review before our meeting on 1/26.



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On Tue, Jan 10, 2023 at 1:11 PM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello,

We see the attached letter mentions mitigation measures, however there is nothing attached.

Please email the mitigation measures.

On Friday, December 16, 2022, Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:
Hello Sarahi

Please see the attachment below.

Thank you

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On Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 12:23 PM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello,

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 1:25 PM Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:

Hello Sarahi

Thank you for your response. You are confirmed here is our dial in number (626)343-5588
Passcode 1234.

Thank you

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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:52 AM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Hi Brandy,

January 26th at 1pm is perfect.



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On Thu, Nov 17, 2022 at 11:25 AM Gabrieleno Administration
<admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:

Hello Sarahi

Unfortunately Chairman Salas was not available at the times you provided. The next time Chairman Salas is available for a phone call will be on January 24th at 3pm or January 26th at 1pm. Please let us know which times will work for you.

Thank you

Brandy Salas

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On Tue, Nov 1, 2022 at 1:57 PM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Hello,

Thanks for your response.
We are available the following dates and times:

- 11/2/22 - 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- 11/3/22 - 9am to 11am; 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- 11/4/22 - 9am to 11am; 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- 11/8/22 - 11am to 12pm; 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- 11/10/22 - 9am to 11am; 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Please let me know if any of these times work for you. Thanks.



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On Mon, Oct 31, 2022 at 1:18 PM Gabrieleno Administration
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Hello Sarah Ortega,

Thank you for your letter dated October 25,2022. Please see the attachment below.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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AB52 Consultation 8426 Kester Ave. Case No: APCNV-2022-5102-VZC-HCA, ENV-2022-5103-EAF

Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us>
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Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 1:45 PM

Confirmed.

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From: Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org>**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 1:43 PM

To: Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us>

Cc: THCP <thcp@tataviam-nsn.us>; Sophia Kim <sophia.kim@lacity.org>

Subject: Re: AB52 Consultation 8426 Kester Ave. Case No: APCNV-2022-5102-VZC-HCA, ENV-2022-5103-EAF

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Thanks Sarah.

This concludes the tribal consultation with the Fernand o Tribe.



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E-NEWS

On Wed, Dec 14, 2022 at 3:34 PM Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us> wrote:

Hello Sarahi,

Thank you for sending over this language. It looks great. I do want to make it clear that the CRM Division of the FTBMI is not requesting full-time monitoring for the proposed project. We are only requesting the tribe be notified if cultural resources are discovered during project activities.

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On Wed, Nov 16, 2022 at 12:05 PM Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us> wrote:
Hi Sarahi,

Thank you for the civil and architectural plans. Understood about the Sacred Lands File. Please do send the results once you receive them. We don't find the Cultural Resource Assessment necessary for our review on this project.

After reviewing the proposed undertaking the CRM Division requests that the following measures be included in the Project's Mitigated Negative Declaration / Conditions of Approval under Tribal Cultural Resources.

1. If cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall assess the find. Work on the portions of the Projects outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. The Fernand o Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI) shall be contacted about any pre-contact and/or post-contact finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes their initial assessment of the nature of the find, to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment.
2. Should the find be deemed significant, as defined by CEQA (as amended, 2015), the Project applicant shall retain a professional Native American monitor procured by the FTBMI to observe all remaining ground-disturbing activities including, but not limited to, excavating, digging, trenching, plowing, drilling, tunneling, quarrying, grading, leveling, clearing, driving posts, auguring, blasting, stripping topsoil or similar activity, and archaeological work.
3. The Lead Agency and/or applicant shall, in good faith, consult with the FTBMI on the disposition and treatment of any Tribal Cultural Resource encountered during all ground disturbing activities.

The information and mitigation measures within this email serve as consultation unless there are any questions or concerns with the information and measures set forth. Should there be questions regarding this request, we can schedule a consultation meeting to discuss the Project.

I would appreciate if you could provide a final copy of the project measures so that FTBMI may review the included language. Once the included language is reviewed, FTBMI will either approve and provide communication confirming the consultation pursuant to CEQA is concluded, or one of the following will be requested; modification or revision of project measures, follow up consultation. An unanticipated discovery of cultural resources during project implementation could also trigger a follow-up consultation. If you should have any further questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I appreciate your time and look forward to further updates on this Project.

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From: Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org>**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:58 PM**To:** Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us>**Cc:** THCP <thcp@tataviam-nsn.us>; Sophia Kim <sophia.kim@lacity.org>**Subject:** Re: AB52 Consultation [8426 Kester Ave](#). Case No: APCNV-2022-5102-VZC-HCA, ENV-2022-5103-EAF

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Hi Sarah,

Hope all is well.

Please see the attached grading plan.

The Sacred Land File Search form was received by the Native American Heritage Commission on 10/25/22 and it can take 6-8 weeks for their review.

The applicant team does not have a Cultural Resources Report since the project is not excavating for underground parking. We were wondering if this is absolutely necessary. I have attached the plans and tract map for your consideration.



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On Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 10:16 AM Sarahi Ortega <sarahi.ortega@lacity.org> wrote:
Received. I will follow up when I have this information. Thanks.



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On Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 2:06 PM Sarah Brunzell <Sarah.Brunzell@tataviam-nsn.us> wrote:

Case No.: APCNV-2022-5102-VZC-HCA
Project Address: [8426 Kester Avenue Panorama City, CA 91402](#)

Dear Sarahi Ortega,

On behalf of the Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Division of the Fernand^o Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI), thank you for the formal notification and opportunity to consult on the proposed Case No. APCNV-2022-5102-VZC-HCA Project. This message constitutes a formal request

for tribal consultation under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (as amended, 2015) and CA Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1.

Before providing tribal comments or scheduling a consultation meeting, the CRM Division is interested in knowing more about the Project. The CRM Division would like to review the following information:

- Project excavation plans
- Sacred Lands File
- Cultural Resources Report

I appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

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