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Subject: Cultural Resources Study for the Proposed Yorba Linda Boulevard Improvements (Imperial Highway to Lakeview Avenue) Project, Yorba Linda, Orange County, California (LSA Project No. 20231457)

Dear Mr. Yee:

This letter presents the results of the cultural resources study for the Yorba Linda Boulevard Improvements (Imperial Highway to Lakeview Avenue) Project (project) in Yorba Linda, Orange County, California. The record search was conducted to (1) establish the status and extent of previously recorded resources and studies in and adjacent to the project limits; and (2) note what types of resources might be expected to occur within the project limits based on the existing data from resource records and studies within 0.25 mile of the project site (Figure 1 in Attachment A). It should also be noted that as part of the project, Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) Tribal consultation is being conducted by the City of Yorba Linda. Further details regarding this consultation effort can be found in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The project limits extend along Yorba Linda Boulevard and Imperial Highway to Lakeview Avenue. The project begins on the west side of the intersection of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Imperial Highway and terminates on the east side of the intersection of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue. Specifically, the project site is depicted on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) *Yorba Linda, California* 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map in section 13 of Township 4 South, Range 10 West (USGS 1981; Attachment A, Figure 1). The proposed project limits, located in a commercial area along Yorba Linda Boulevard, is a road improvement design to create additional turning lanes at the intersections of Imperial Highway and Lakeview Avenue. The construction of a retaining wall on the southern portion of Imperial Highway and eastbound Yorba Linda Boulevard is included in the design along with curb modifications and possible utility relocations to accommodate the lane improvements.

RECORD SEARCH

On June 7, 2023, LSA Archaeologist Aaron McCann conducted a record search at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) at California State University, Fullerton. The SCCIC, an affiliate of the California Office of Historic Preservation, is the official repository of cultural resources records and reports for Orange County. The record search included a review of all recorded historic-period

and prehistoric cultural resources within a 0.25-mile radius of the project limits, as well as a review of known cultural resources surveys and excavation reports.

Data from the record search conducted at the SCCIC indicate that there have been eight previous studies within 0.25 mile of the project limits, two of which included a portion of the project limits (Attachment B). Although no resources were documented within the project limits, four historic-period built environment resources have been identified within 0.25 mile; all date from the early 20th century and include residences (P-30-160210, P-30-176702, and P-30-177621) and a commercial building (P-30-160211). Two of the resources are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. The first register listing is P-30-160210, a single-family residence built in 1912 and the birthplace of President Richard M. Nixon. The second resource listed (P-30-160211), is a passenger and freight railroad depot constructed by Southern Pacific Electric Railway in 1911. No prehistoric resources were documented within 0.25 mile of the project limits.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

On February 1, 2024, LSA Archaeologist Christopher Morgan reviewed online historic period aerial photographs and maps.

The earliest map available for review was from the mid-1890s and shows little development within the project limits. Several structures outside the project limits appear on a 1902 map. Maps show slow development of the region into the mid-1930s. The earliest aerial photograph available was from the 1946, showing the present-day alignment of Yorba Linda Boulevard and, to the north, a portion of what would become Imperial Highway. Existing suburban development along Yorba Linda Boulevard is visible west of Imperial Highway to Lakeview Avenue which was then bounded by an orchard to the east and south. The modern-day alignment of Imperial Highway appears to be complete on a 1963 aerial. Typical suburban development continues throughout the decades, noticeable road improvements/widening on both Yorba Linda and Imperial Highway are apparent in aerials from 1985 and 1992, respectively. The project limits are currently bounded by urban landscaping, residential and commercial developments.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEY

As the project limits are completely paved/landscaped and severely/deeply disturbed by road construction (with completely disrupted depositional contexts), there is no potential for any archaeological resources identified on the surface of the project site to be in situ. As such, no field survey was conducted for this study.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A cultural resources record search, and additional research were conducted for the project limits. No cultural resources were previously documented within the project limits, and of the four built environment resources documented within 0.25 mile, two of the resources (P-30-160210 and P-30-160211) have been included on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources, while the remaining two resources were previously evaluated as non-significant. Due to the developed/ disturbed nature of the project limits, the potential for in situ

subsurface resources is practically zero, and therefore no further investigation or archaeological monitoring is recommended.

If buried cultural materials are encountered during earthmoving operations associated with the project, all work in that area should be halted or diverted until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the finds and determine appropriate treatment.

In the event human remains are encountered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall take place until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the County Coroner will notify the NAHC, which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or his/her authorized representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 48 hours of notification by the NAHC. The MLD will have the opportunity to offer recommendations for the disposition of the remains.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact me at Christopher.Morgan@LSA.net.

Sincerely,

LSA Associates, Inc.

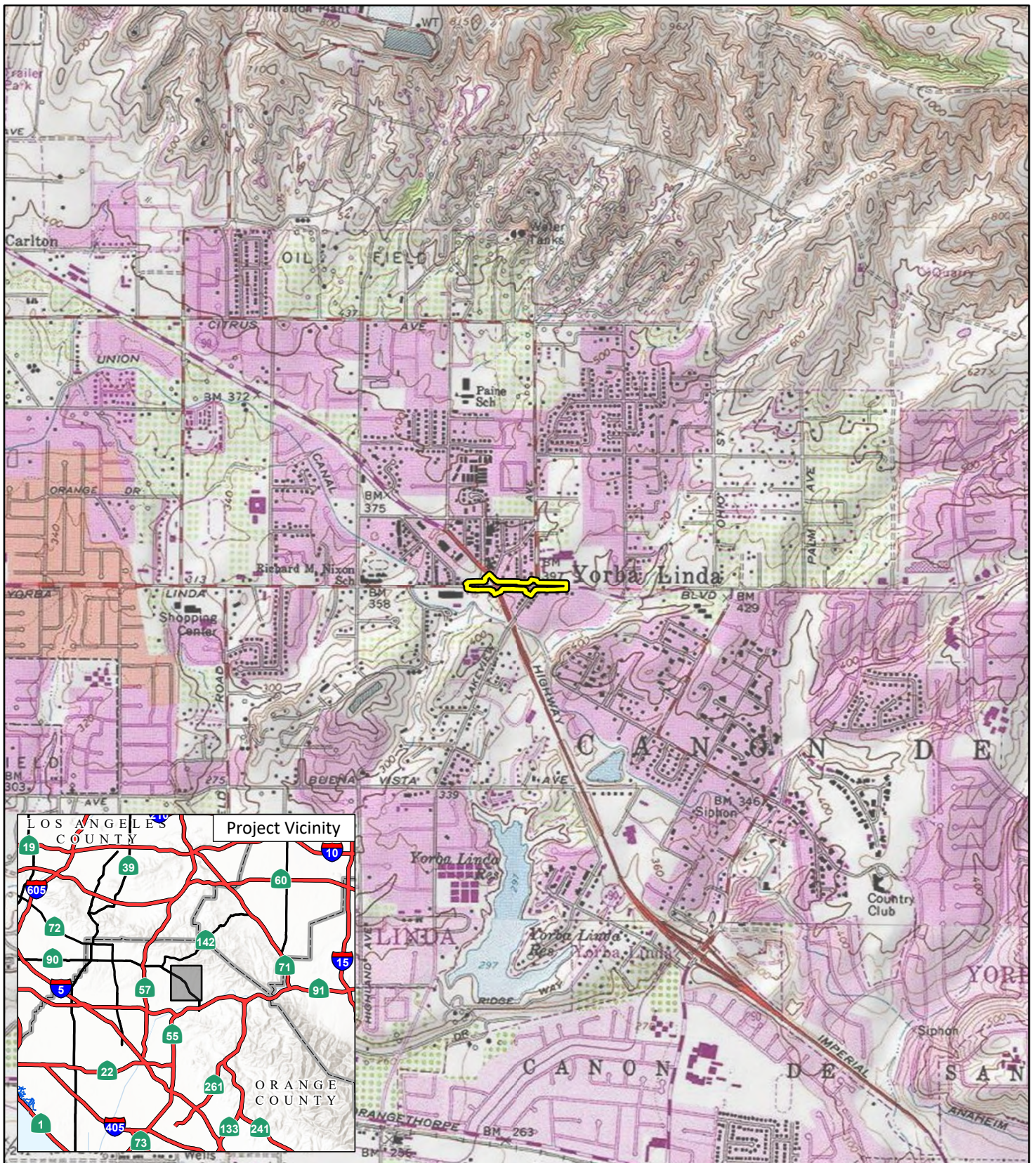


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Attachments: A: Figure 1—Record Search Map
B: Record Search Results

ATTACHMENT A

FIGURE 1




 Project Location

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SOURCE: USGS 7.5' Quad - Yorba Linda (1981) and Orange (1981), CA

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Yorba Linda Blvd Project
Project Location and Vicinity

ATTACHMENT B

RECORD SEARCH RESULTS

Report List

Report No.	Other IDs	Year	Author(s)	Title	Affiliation	Resources
OR-01291		1993	Elliot, John F. and James Brock	A Cultural Resources Assessment for the Imperial Highway Project, Orange County, California	Archaeological Advisory Group	30-000796, 30-177614
OR-01791	Cellular -	1998	Brechbiel, Brant A.	Cultural Resources Records Search and Literature Review Report for a Pacific Bell Mobile Services Telecommunications Facility: Cm 164-01 in the City of Laguna Niguel, California	Chambers Group, Inc.	
OR-03212		2003	Marvin, Judith and Deborah K.B. McLean	Cultural Resource Assessment and Evaluation Yorba Linda Craftsman Residential Development City of Yorba Linda Orange County, California	LSA Associates, Inc.	
OR-03492	Paleo -	2007	Marken, Mitchell	Results of Cultural and Paleontological Investigation of Tentative Tract Map No. 16986, the Glen at Yorba Linda Project Site, 5216 Highland Avenue, City of Yorba Linda, California	PCR Services Corporation	
OR-03547		2006	Glenn, Brian K. and Caprice D. Harper	Cultural Resource Assessment of the Proposed Highland Reservoir Replacement Project, City of Yorba Linda, Orange County, California	BonTerra Consulting	30-000593, 30-176702
OR-03712	Paleo -	2006	Glenn, Brian K, Caprice D. (Kip) Harper, and Jim Steely	Cultural Resources Assessment of the Proposed Highland Reservoir Replacement Project, City of Yorba Linda, Orange County, California	BonTerra Consulting	
OR-04570	Paleo -	2016	McKenna, Jeanette A.	A PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED YORBA LINDA GARDENS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 5225 AND 5227 HIGHLAND AVENUE, YORBA LINDA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA	McKENNA et al.	30-177620, 30-177621
OR-04571		2015	LoCascio, John	Yorba Linda Town Center Development Project, City of Yorba Linda, California; (HABS) Historic American Buildings Survey, 4842, 4852, and 4871 School Street, Yorba Linda, California	Historic Resources Group / Positive Image Photographic Services	

Resource List

Primary No.	Trinomial	Other IDs	Type	Age	Attribute codes	Recorded by	Reports
P-30-160210		OHP Property Number - 039579; Resource Name - Richard Nixon Birthplace; Other - zip 92886; CHL - 1015	Building	Historic	HP02	1970 (Allen Welts, Department of Parks and Recreation); 1994 (Donald Murphy, Dept of Parks & Rec)	
P-30-160211		OHP Property Number - 039580; Resource Name - Pacific Electric R R Co Depot; Other - zip 92886	Building	Historic	HP17	1979 (Steve Rudometkin)	
P-30-176702		Resource Name - Trueblood, Janeway House; Other - H & H Avocado Packing House & Loading Dock	Building	Historic	HP02; HP08	2003 (J. Marvin, LSA Associates, Inc)	OR-03547
P-30-177621		Resource Name - George and Dorothy Morgan Residence	Building	Historic	HP02	2016 (Jeanette McKenna, McKenna et al.)	OR-04570