

Appendix D

Cultural Resources Records Search



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Re: Records Search for the PCH & 2nd Project

The South Central Coastal Information Center received your records search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Los Alamitos and Seal Beach, CA USGS 7.5' quadrangles. The following summary reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a ½-mile radius. The search includes a review of all recorded archaeological and built-environment resources as well as a review of cultural resource reports on file. In addition, the California Points of Historical Interest (SPHI), the California Historical Landmarks (SHL), the California Register of Historical Resources (CAL REG), the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the California State Historic Properties Directory (HPD) listings were reviewed for the above referenced project site. Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, archaeological site locations are not released.

RECORDS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY

Archaeological Resources	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 2
Built-Environment Resources	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 2
Reports and Studies	Within project area: 2 Within project radius: 23
OHP Historic Properties Directory (HPD)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 8
California Points of Historical Interest (SPHI)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 1
California Historical Landmarks (SHL)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 1
California Register of Historical Resources (CAL REG)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 1
National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	Within project area: 0 Within project radius: 1

HISTORIC MAP REVIEW – Downey (1943) and Las Bolsas (1896, 1941), 15' USGS maps: indicated that in 1896 there was nothing but marshes and rivers that ran to the ocean. In 1941, there was a lot of development in the area, with paved roads and many buildings present. The Pacific Electric Railroad also ran directly south west of the project area. In 1943, many oil wells or tanks can be seen directly on the project site. All other features mentioned above were still present.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to a lack of cultural resource studies for the project site location, it is recommended that any built-environment properties (45 years and older and in the area of potential effect) be identified, recorded, and evaluated for local, state, or national significance prior to the approval of project plans. It also appears that most of the natural ground surface within the project area is obscured by urban development; consequently, archaeological surface finds would be highly unlikely. Therefore, in order to avoid damaging any previously unidentified cultural resources, a qualified archaeologist should be retained to monitor ground-disturbing activities. Additional archival research may be useful for determining the history of the project site (especially dredging and other historic-era activities) and the likelihood of encountering cultural resources during project activities. Finally, the Native American Heritage Commission should be consulted to identify if any additional traditional cultural properties or other sacred sites are known to be in the area.

For your convenience, you may find a professional consultant* at www.chrisinfo.org. Any resulting reports by the qualified consultant should be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center as soon as possible.

*The SCCIC does not endorse any particular consultant and makes no claims about the qualifications of any person listed. Each consultant on this list self-reports that they meet current professional standards.

If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at 657.278.5395 Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the SCCIC number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System,

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Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.