

**APPENDIX E:
CULTURAL RESOURCES LETTER REPORT**

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Mr. John McMains, Director
City of Yucaipa
Community Development Department
34272 Yucaipa Boulevard
Yucaipa, California 92399

Subject: Cultural Resources Assessment of the Housing Element Update, Prepared for the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California (LSA Project No. YCA0901)

Dear Mr. McMains:

LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) is under contract to the City of Yucaipa, Community Development Department to prepare a cultural resources assessment for the Housing Element Update. Specifically the Housing Element Update includes three separate locations:

- Alternative 1: Oak Glen Road/Colorado Street (49.5 acres, APN 0318-061-25);
- Alternative 2: Yucaipa Boulevard/Sand Canyon Road (27.3 acres, APN 0299-321-46); and
- Alternative 3: California Street/Avenue E (10 acres, APNs 0319-451-12 and 0319-461-01).

Each alternative is depicted on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) *Yucaipa, California* 7.5-minute series topographic map (Attachment A). Alternative 1 is located in the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 1 South, Range 2 West. Alternative 2 is located in southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 2 South, Range 2 West. Alternative 3 is located in the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 1 West.

This study was completed in order to assist the City in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Cultural Resources Preservation Overlay District (Development Code Division 5, Chapter 3, Article 3).

LSA conducted a records search at the San Bernardino Archaeological Information Center located at San Bernardino County Museum (SBAIC). The records search results indicate that one cultural resource (archaeological site number CA-SBR-1000/H) is located within the boundaries of Alternative 1. No other cultural resources are recorded within any of the three alternatives (see the discussion below regarding the claim of an archaeological site near Alternative 3). Twelve cultural resource studies have been conducted within Alternative 1; one cultural resource study has been conducted at Alternative 2; and no cultural resource studies have been conducted at Alternative 3.

The majority of the cultural resource studies within Alternative 1 have focused on CA-SBR-1000/H. This site, known as *Yukaipa't*, is a village site that dates from the prehistoric period into the protohistoric and historic periods (Grenda 1996). It has been studied extensively by archaeologists

since 1947. CA-SBR-1000/H is California Historical Landmark number 620. Based on research conducted site CA-SBR-1000/H is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register). Much of the site is reported to exist north of Avenue E and has been likely destroyed due to residential and related development; however, the portion of the site within Alternative 1 appears to remain intact. Mitigation of this site was partially completed through a data recovery excavation conducted in the 1990s (Grenda 1996). One archaeological survey has been conducted that included all of Alternative 1 (Bissell 1989). Two archaeological surveys have been conducted that partially cover Alternative 1 (Lerch 1996; Sander 1996). References are provided in the Attachment B.

An archaeological site is reported to be located near the southern boundary of Alternative 3. The source of the claim is unknown, as is the precise location. There is no other information regarding this site. The site is depicted on a map at the SBAIC as an "X" on a map. These types of unverified claims are problematic, especially since the area is developed and cannot be verified by an archaeological survey.

On June 18, 2009, a site visit was conducted by LSA archaeologist Curt Duke. The site visit revealed that Alternatives 1 and 2 remain largely in their natural and undeveloped state, while Alternative 3 is developed with mobile housing and ground visibility is obscured.

Alternative 1. Although numerous studies have been conducted for this alternative, they have focused on site CA-SBR-1000/H. Alternative 1 has not been surveyed in its entirety since 1989. LSA recommends that a Phase I archaeological survey of the entire area be conducted. If no cultural resources are identified, then no additional mitigation is necessary. If cultural resources are identified, additional mitigation may be warranted. The nature of mitigation is dependent on the type of cultural resource(s) identified; however, mitigation should attempt to mitigate to a level of less than significant.

For site CA-SBR-1000/H, LSA recommends preservation in place for all areas of the site. For those areas of site CA-SBR-1000/H that cannot be preserved, an archaeological monitoring program shall be approved by the City prior to any ground disturbance. An archaeological monitor shall be present during any and all ground-disturbing activities within 100 feet of the site boundaries. The archaeological monitoring program shall be directed by an archaeologist that meets the *Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology*. This program shall ensure the recovery, analysis, and curation of all artifacts and features. The archaeological monitoring program shall involve local Indian Tribes.

Due to the potential for Alternative 1 to have jurisdictional waters, additional review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is likely. This may result in additional regulatory requirements to comply with 36 CFR Part 800, the regulation implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Alternative 2. Alternative 2 has not been surveyed in its entirety since 1977; therefore, LSA recommends that a Phase I archaeological survey of the entire area be conducted. If no cultural resources are identified, then no additional mitigation is necessary. If cultural resources are identified,

additional mitigation may be warranted. The nature of mitigation is dependent on the type of cultural resource(s) identified; however, mitigation should attempt to mitigate to a level of less than significant.

Alternative 3. Alternative 3 is developed with mobile housing. This site has never been surveyed and is completely obscured by development. Due to the vague report of an archaeological site near the southern boundary, LSA recommends an archaeological monitoring program that monitors removal of existing structures and asphalt and ground-disturbing activities within the southern two-thirds of Alternative 3. The archaeological monitoring program shall be approved by the City prior to removal of existing structures and asphalt and ground disturbance. The archaeological monitoring program shall be directed by an archaeologist that meets the *Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for Archaeology*. This program shall ensure the recovery, analysis, and curation of any artifacts and features. The archaeological monitoring program shall involve local Indian Tribes.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you on this project. If LSA can be of further assistance, or if you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (951) 781-9310.

Sincerely,

LSA ASSOCIATES, INC.



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Principal/Archaeologist

Attachments: A: Project Map
B: References Cited

ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT MAP

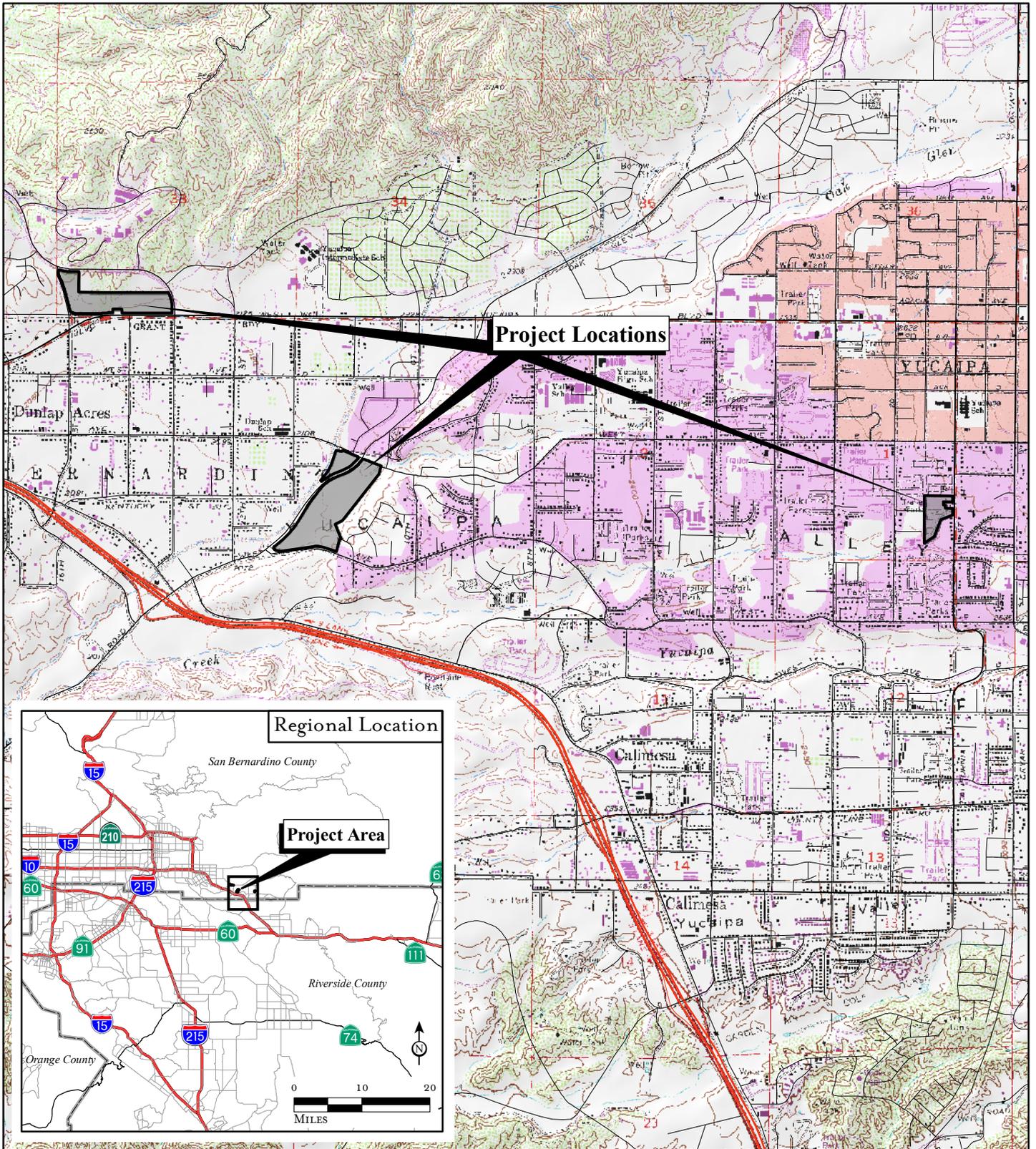
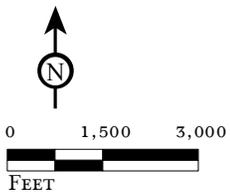


FIGURE 1

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Yucaipa Housing Element Implementation

Regional and Project Location

SOURCE: USGS 7.5' Quads: Yucaipa (1988), El Casco (1979), CA; Thomas Bros., 2007

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ATTACHMENT B

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