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Re: Record search results for the proposed Osgood II Residences project

Dear Ms. Salo:

Per your request received by our office on June 19, 2017, a records search was conducted for the above referenced project by reviewing pertinent Northwest Information Center (NWIC) base maps that reference cultural resources records and reports, historic-period maps, and literature for Alameda County. Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological resources and historical buildings and/or structures.

No project description was provided by your agency to our office.

Review of the information at our office indicates that there have been three cultural resource studies that cover approximately 100% of the Osgood II Residences project area (S-010200: Chavez et al. 1988; S-022927: William Self Associates, 2000; S-027290: Greene 2002). This project area contains no previously recorded archaeological resources. The State Office of Historic Preservation Historic Property Directory (OHP HPD) (which includes listings of the California Register of Historical Resources, California State Historical Landmarks, California State Points of Historical Interest, and the National Register of Historic Places) lists one recorded building or structure within the proposed project area (OHP property number 138660, 42021 Osgood Rd., National Register status code 6Y – Determined ineligible for National Register by consensus through Section 106 process, not evaluated for California Register or Local Listing). In addition to these inventories, the NWIC base maps show no recorded buildings or structures within the proposed project area.

At the time of Euroamerican contact, the Native Americans that lived in the area were speakers of the Chochenyo language, part of the Costanoan subfamily in the Utian language family (Shipley 1978: 89). There are no Native American resources within or adjacent to the proposed project area that are referenced in the ethnographic literature (Levy 1976).

Based on an evaluation of the environmental setting and features associated with known sites, Native American resources in this part of Alameda County have been found in areas populated by oak, buckeye, laurel, and hazelnut, as well as near a variety of plant and animal resources. Sites are also found near watercourses and bodies of water. The Osgood II Residences project area is located on a flat terrace near a hilly area less than 200 feet from a drainage into Mud Slough and less than 1000 feet from an additional

unnamed drainage. Given the similarity of one or more of these environmental factors, there is a moderate potential for unrecorded Native American resources in the Osgood II Residences project area.

Review of historical literature and maps indicated the possibility of historic-period activity within the Osgood II Residences project area. The neighborhood in which the proposed project area is located has been developed since at least as early as the late 19th century, with continued development into the mid-20th century. In addition, the subject property itself is listed on the Historic Properties Directory. With this in mind, there is a moderate potential for unrecorded historic-period archaeological resources in the Osgood II Residences project area.

The 1953 USGS 15-minute topographic quadrangle depicts one building or structure within the Osgood II Residences project area. If present, these unrecorded buildings/structures meet the Office of Historic Preservation's minimum age standard that buildings, structures, and objects 45 years or older may be of historical value.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) As noted above, the area encompassing the proposed project location is moderately sensitive for Native American archaeological resources and moderately sensitive historic-period archaeological resources. However, recent studies (S-022927; S-027920) indicate that the currently proposed project area is negative for archaeological resources and no further study is recommended at this time.

However, if archaeological resources are encountered **during construction**, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project personnel should not collect cultural resources. Native American resources include chert or obsidian flakes, projectile points, mortars, and pestles; and dark friable soil containing shell and bone dietary debris, heat-affected rock, or human burials. Historic-period resources include stone or adobe foundations or walls; structures and remains with square nails; and refuse deposits or bottle dumps, often located in old wells or privies.

- 2) We recommend that the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at (916) 373-3710.
- 3) As noted above, the proposed project area contains one recorded building or structure and/or potentially one additional unrecorded building or structure. If present, then it is recommended that prior to commencement of project activities, these resources be assessed by a professional familiar with the architecture and history of Alameda County.
- 4) Review for possible historic-period buildings or structures has included only those sources listed in the attached bibliography and should not be considered comprehensive.

- 5) It is recommended that any identified cultural resources be recorded on DPR 523 historic resource recordation forms, available online from the Office of Historic Preservation's website: http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=1069

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.

Thank you for using our services. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

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**Note that the Office of Historic Preservation's *Historic Properties Directory* includes National Register, State Registered Landmarks, California Points of Historical Interest, and the California Register of Historical Resources as well as Certified Local Government surveys that have undergone Section 106 review.