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Subject: Archaeological/Historical and Paleontological Records Search Results for the Prairie Street MGA Mixed-Use Campus Project, 20000 Prairie Street, Los Angeles County, CA 91311. APN # 2761001072

Dear Ms. Lockwood:

At the request of Sirius Environmental, W. H. Bonner Associates has conducted archaeological/historical and paleontological records searches for the Prairie Street MGA Mixed-Use Campus Project. The project is located at 20000 Prairie Street, Los Angeles, California 91311 (Figure 1), as depicted in Unsectioned of Township 2 North Range 16 West on the USGS *Van Nuys, CA*, 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

According to the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's website, the subject property currently has five structures; all built between 1982 and 1984. The largest building is 400,000 square feet and the smallest 30,565 square feet. The current built condition of the property prevents any useful field assessment of the below ground soils and the possibility of buried resources.

The purpose of the records check is to identify all previously recorded cultural resources (prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic buildings, structures, objects, or districts), as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. It entails a review of all previously recorded prehistoric and historic archaeological sites situated within a half-mile radius of the project area, as well as a review of all cultural resource survey and excavation reports. The records search was conducted on April 18, 2014, at the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC), California State University, Fullerton. In addition, Los Angeles County Museum (LACM) recorded paleontological (fossil) sites were reviewed to determine if any significant fossil finds have been reported in the search radius.

To identify any historic properties, the rolls of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), California Historical Landmarks (CHL), and California Points of Historical Interest (CPHI) are examined. The California State Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) is also reviewed to determine local resources previously evaluated for their historic significance.



RESEARCH RESULTS

Archaeological

- No prehistoric archaeological sites have been recorded at or within a half-mile radius of the project site.
- No historic structure/archaeological sites have been recorded at or within a half-mile radius of the project site.
- Nine area-specific survey/excavation reports are on file with the SCCIC for the vicinity (Table 1). None of these addressed the project location.

Table 1. Reports on file at the SCCIC for the Half-mile Search Area

Report #	Author and Date	Coverage
LA00160	Dames and Moore 1968	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA02029	Clelow, William C. Jr. 1975	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA02380	Shinn, Juanita R. 1991	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA02645	Peak and Associates 1991	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA03442	Demcak, Carol R. 1996	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA06599	Foster, John M. 2002	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA08255	Arrington, Cindy and Nancy Sikes 2006	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA10259	Bonner, Wayne H. and Arabesque Said 2010	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site
LA10582	Billat, Lorna 2008	Did not assess the project location. No resources found and no relevance to project site

Historical

- No NRHP, HRI, CHL or CPHI properties are listed at or within a half-mile of the project address.

- 1932 USGS *Zelzah*, CA 6' quadrangle map showed the area within the search radius was minimally developed at that time with a railroad line and a few rural roads. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) was undeveloped at that time.

Paleontological

No known paleontological resources have been recorded within a half mile of the property. According to the Los Angeles County Museum, the closest fossil localities are located in the Santa Monica Mountains nearly four miles to the south. The geological formation occurring beneath the subject parcel is composed of Recent Age alluvium (Qal) deposits, consisting of clays, silts, sands, and gravels. These soils are unconsolidated and poorly to well stratified. These include flood-plain and streambed deposits.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Archaeological Resources

The absence of recorded archaeological resources at the project address rates a **Low** sensitivity rating. Based upon the sensitivity rating we recommend the following:

- 1) No cultural resources monitoring is required during ground disturbance or other construction activities.
- 2) If buried cultural materials are exposed during construction, work must be halted in the immediate vicinity of the find until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance (CEQA Section 15064.5-f and PRC Section 21082).
- 3) If the finds are termed significant, the archaeologist must be permitted to remove the items in a professional manner for further laboratory evaluation (CEQA Section 15064.5-f and PRC Section 21082).
- 4) If human remains are unearthed during construction, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition (CEQA Section 15064.5-e).

Historic Resources

The absence of recorded historic properties at the project address rates a **Low** sensitivity. Based upon the sensitivity rating, we recommend the following:

- 1) No historical assessment is required prior to construction. No National Register or National Register eligible properties will be adversely affected by the construction project.

Paleontological Resources

The absence of recorded vertebrate paleontological resources at the project address rates a **Low** sensitivity rating. Based upon the sensitivity rating we recommend the following:

- 1) No paleontological monitoring is required during ground disturbance or other construction activities.
- 2) If fossil resources are exposed during construction, work must halt in the immediate vicinity of the find until a qualified archaeologist/paleontologist can assess the significance (CEQA 15064.5-f and PRC Section 21082).
- 3) If the finds are termed significant, the archaeologist/paleontologist must be permitted to remove the items in a professional manner for further laboratory evaluation (CEQA Section 15064.5-f and PRC Section 21082).

We appreciate this opportunity to assist you on your project. If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (310) 675-2745 or via e-mail, whbonner@aol.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne H. Bonner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'B'.

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REFERENCES:

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Report # LA02029

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