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Records Search for Plaza at the Glen Project, South Central Coastal Information Center

Paleontological Records Search for Plaza at the Glen Project, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County



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RE: Record Search Results for Plaza at the Glen Project and "Add Area" Located in the City of Los Angeles, California

Dear Ms. Lockwood,

As per your request received on January 2, 2008, a records search was conducted for the above referenced project. The search includes a review of all recorded archaeological sites within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site as well as a review of cultural resource reports on file. In addition, the California Points of Historical Interest (PHI), the California Historical Landmarks (CHL), the California Register of Historical Resources (CR), the National Register of Historic Places (NR), the California State Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), and the City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments listings were reviewed for the above referenced project site. The following is a discussion of the findings.

Due to the sensitive nature of cultural resources, archaeological site locations are not released.

**Van Nuys, CA. USGS 7.5' Quadrangle**

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:**

No archaeological sites have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. No sites are located within the project site. This does not preclude the potential for archaeological sites to be identified during project activities. No isolates have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. No isolates are located within the project site.

## **HISTORIC RESOURCES:**

A review of the historic maps – Santa Monica (1902 and 1921) 15' USGS and Van Nuys (1932) 6' USGS - indicated that in 1902 there was one improved road and the Tujunga Wash within a ½-mile radius of the project site. In 1921, there were four improved roads, five unimproved roads, twenty-four structures, and the Tujunga Wash within a ½-mile radius of the project site. In 1932, there were seven improved roads, four unimproved roads, thirty-one structures, and the Tujunga Wash within a ½-mile radius of the project site. In 1902, 1921, and 1932 the Tujunga Wash was within the project site.

The California Point of Historical Interest (2007) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a ½-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historical Landmarks (2007) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a ½-mile radius of the project site.

The California Register of Historical Places (2007) lists no properties within a ½-mile radius of the project site (see below). These are properties determined to have a National Register of Historic Places Status of 1 or 2, a California Historical Landmark numbering 770 and higher, or a Point of Historical Interest listed after 1/1/1998.

The National Register of Historic Places (2007) lists no properties within a ½-mile radius of the project site.

The City of Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monuments lists no properties within a ½-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historic Resources Inventory (2007) lists no properties that have been evaluated for historical significance within a ½-mile radius of the project site.

## **PREVIOUS CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS:**

Three studies (LA5604, LA7777, and LA8301\*) have been conducted within a ½-mile radius of the project site. Of these, one is located within the portion of the project site identified as the "Add Area". There are twenty-two additional investigations located on the Van Nuys 7.5' USGS Quadrangle that are potentially within a ½-mile radius of the project site. The reports are not mapped due to insufficient locational information.  
*(\* = Located within the project site)*

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

According to our records, the project site ("Plaza at the Glen") has not been subjected to any previous cultural resource studies. One cultural resource study has been conducted for a single property in the "Add Area". The findings in that report dated June, 2006 deemed the archaeological sensitivity of the area to be "unknown", while the historic sensitivity was found to be "low". Because current surface conditions do not appear to allow for an adequate survey of potential surface or sub-surface cultural artifacts, it is recommended that an archaeological monitor should be in place for ground-disturbing activities. Additionally, it is recommended that any historic

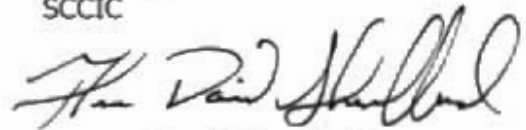
properties in the area of potential effect be identified, recorded, and evaluated for local, state, or national significance prior to the approval of project plans. It is also recommended that the Native American Heritage Commission should be consulted to identify if any additional traditional cultural properties or other sacred sites are known to be in the area.

The professional consultant you retain may request the records search map, archaeological site records, and bibliography from the Information Center referencing the SCCIC number listed above for a fee (per the fee schedule). Any resulting reports by the qualified consultant should be submitted to the South Central Coastal Information Center as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at 714.278.5395 Monday through Thursday 8:00 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.

Sincerely,  
SCCIC



Thomas David Shackford  
Lead Staff Researcher

Enclosures:

- (X) Referral List - 8 pages
- (X) Invoice # 8198.5267



11 February 2008

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Attn: Wendy Lockwood, Environmental Consultant

re: Paleontological resources for the proposed Plaza at the Glen Project + Add Area, in North Hollywood, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, project area

Dear Wendy:

I have thoroughly searched our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for the proposed Plaza at the Glen Project + Add Area, in North Hollywood, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, project area as outlined on the section of the Van Nuys USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me on 5 February 2008. We do not have any vertebrate fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area boundaries, but we do have localities nearby from the same or similar sedimentary deposits as occur at depth in the proposed project area.

The surficial deposits in the entire proposed project area consist of Quaternary alluvial sediments of clays, sands and gravels in the San Fernando Valley, derived either as fluvial deposits from the Central Branch of the Tujunga Wash that runs on the western margin of the proposed project area or as fan deposits from the Verdugo Mountains to the east. The uppermost layers of these deposits in this area typically do not contain significant vertebrate fossils, but older Quaternary alluvial deposits found at varying depths do contain significant vertebrate fossils. Our closest vertebrate fossil localities in these types of older Quaternary sediments are LACM 3263, 3822 and 6208, all situated west to west-southwest of the proposed project area just east of the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and the Sepulveda Dam flood control basin. These localities produced extinct Late Pleistocene specimens of horse, *Equus*, peccary, *Platygonus*, camel, *Camelops*, and bison, *Bison*, from depths between 14 and 100 feet below the surface. To the southeast of the proposed project area our closest fossil vertebrate locality is LACM 6970, situated along Lankershim Boulevard at Highway 134 in older Quaternary Alluvium deposits approximately 60 feet to 80 feet below grade excavated during construction of the Metrorail Redline Universal City Tunnel. Specimens of typical Late Pleistocene fossil vertebrates such as camel, *Camelops hesternus*, bison, *Bison antiquus*, and ground sloth, *Glossotherium harlani*, were recovered from LACM 6970.

Surface grading or shallow excavations in the proposed project area are unlikely to uncover significant fossil vertebrate remains. Deeper excavations in the proposed project area that extend down into older Quaternary sediments, however, may well encounter significant vertebrate fossils of Late Pleistocene age. Thus any substantial excavations in the proposed project area should be monitored closely to quickly and professionally recover any fossil remains discovered. Any fossils recovered during mitigation should be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.

This records search covers only the vertebrate paleontology records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. It is not intended to be a thorough paleontological survey of the proposed project area covering other institutional records, a literature survey, or any potential on-site survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel A. McLeod".

Samuel A. McLeod, Ph.D.  
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enclosure: invoice