



November 6, 2011

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RECON Environmental, Inc.
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Re: Updated Study Documentation for the Pardee Homes Castlerock Project, Santee, San Diego County, California

Dear Mr. Unverzagt:

This letter report documents the results of additional archaeological survey conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. (ASM) for the Castlerock Project in the City of Santee, San Diego County, California (Figure 1). The project area is shown on the La Mesa, California, 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle in Township 15 South, Range 1 West. The project area is located north of Mast Boulevard within Sycamore Canyon in the city of Santee (Figure 2). The project involved a search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) files, a records search, and an intensive pedestrian survey of the project area.

Originally, ASM conducted a survey of the 183.8-acre project property, located north of Mast Boulevard within Sycamore Canyon in the City of Santee in October 2003. Survey identified five prehistoric archaeological sites, four of which were subsequently tested by ASM and one of which is located within dedicated open space under the City's MHPA; testing in 2006 determined that none of the sites meet the City of San Diego's guidelines for significance under CEQA. The current survey focused on an additional six acres that was added to the northwestern portion of the project area since the time testing was completed, along with an area located along West Hills Parkway to the south designated for off-site temporary impacts as part of the "No Annexation Alternative."

Review of Previous Cultural Resources Investigations

A records search was conducted by ASM at the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) for the project and a 1-mile radius surrounding it. The search involved a review of recorded cultural resources, previous survey report boundaries, historic addresses, and a historic maps database.

The updated records search did not identify any new sites within the boundary of the project area that were not previously identified in 2003. A copy of the results of the records search will be provided upon request.

Results of Archaeological Survey

An intensive pedestrian survey was conducted by ASM Senior Archaeologist Chad A. Willis and Native American Monitor Gabe Kitchen on June 7, 2011. Survey of the study area was conducted at 15-m intervals following a north-south or east-west orientation. Photographs were taken and a photo log was created; both are on digital file at ASM's main office in Carlsbad, California. At the time of the survey, ground visibility was poor with dense grasses covering all of the area. The vegetation consisted of combined desert scrub and wild grasses. ASM intensively inspected exposed matrix, including rodent backdirt piles to enhance identification. There were no historic or prehistoric cultural resources encountered during the pedestrian survey of the project area.

ASM also surveyed an area designated for off-site temporary surface impacts that was located outside of the main project area along West Hills Parkway. This temporary impacts area was part of a "No Annexation Scenario." No cultural material was identified in the off-site temporary impacts area for the No Annexation Scenario.

ASM specifically solicited information from the Native American monitor regarding potential sensitivity or other such information regarding known archaeological sites in the project area. To this end, all five previously recorded archaeological sites were revisited. The Native American Monitor noted that there were no tribal sensitivities he was aware of that were associated with those sites.

Recommendations

No significant prehistoric or historic resources were identified during the pedestrian survey of the Castlerock Project area. However, given that archaeological sites were found and evaluated in the original project area, and because ground visibility was poor, it is recommended that an archaeological and Native American monitor be present during ground disturbing activities to protect against unanticipated discoveries.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me or Micah Hale at ASM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Micah J. Hale". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Micah J. Hale, Ph.D.
Principal

Attachments:

Figure 1. Castlerock Project vicinity map

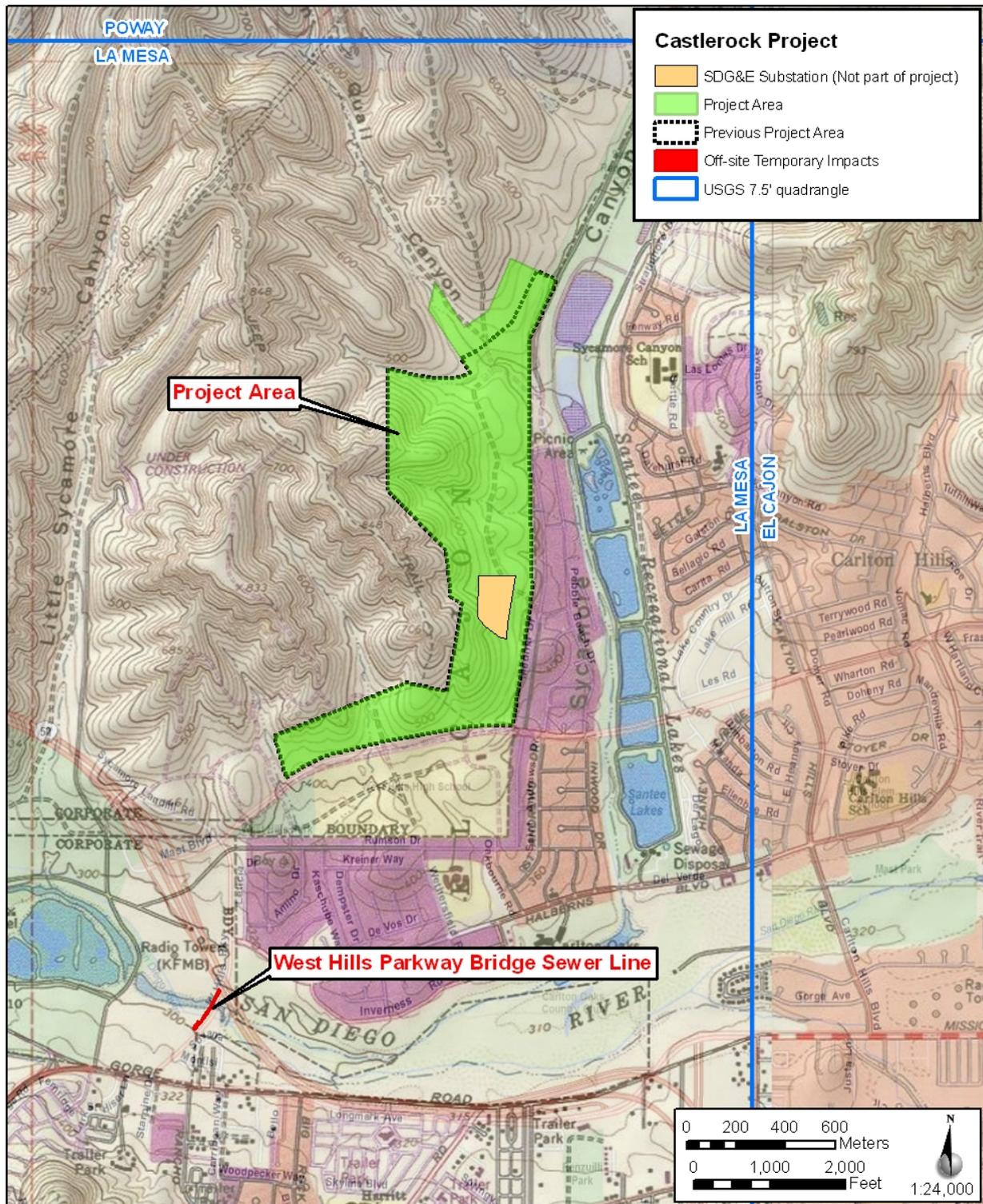
Figure 2. Castlerock Project location map

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Records Search Map Showing the Locations of Previously Recorded Cultural Resources



Figure 1. Project vicinity map



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Figure 2. Project location map