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STANISLAUS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REFERRAL

DATE: February 27, 2009

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FROM: Department of Planning and Community Development - Joshua Mann

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL REFERRAL - STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND NOTIFICATION OF NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED FOR THE STATE ROUTE 219 FOUR-LANE WIDENING PROJECT, STANISLAUS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, 10-STA-219, PM 2.9/4.9

Stanislaus County has established an Environmental Review Committee, which consists of representatives of the Departments of Public Works, Planning and Community Development, Environmental Resources, Fire Safety, County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office. The ERC meets every other Wednesday at 9:30 AM in the Planning Department Conference Room at 1010 10th Street, Modesto. The primary purpose of the ERC is to provide a unified County review and response to environmental issues associated with projects which are referred to the County. The Planning Department has been designated as the County Agency responsible for coordinating the review process. This referral may also be forwarded to you as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.

Each agency should review the projects from the point of view of impacts on its own areas of responsibility. Please be as specific as possible in the expected degree of impacts including costs of providing services and possible methods of mitigating the impacts to acceptable levels including mitigation fees. Please complete the attached response form or provide a written response within 2 weeks.

The California Environmental Quality Act establishes very tight time frames for review. For that reason it is very important that a prompt response be provided. It is our hope that all County responses can be sent to the referring agencies as a package. However, in some instances the time for review does not permit that to happen. Some responses will have to go directly to the agency, with a copy to County Planning, while others can come back to Planning. Please note below the date responses are needed and where to send them. PLEASE SEND THE ORIGINAL OF ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE AGENCY LISTED BELOW AND A COPY TO THE STANISLAUS COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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RESPOND TO
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Archaeologist
(559) 243-8404

RESPONSE DATE
N/A

**STANISLAUS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
REFERRAL RESPONSE FORM**

TO: Stanislaus County Planning & Community Development
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Based on this agencies particular field(s) of expertise, it is our position the above described project:

- Will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- May have a significant effect on the environment.
- No Comments.

Listed below are specific impacts which support our determination (e.g., traffic general, carrying capacity, soil types, air quality, etc.) - (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Listed below are possible mitigation measures for the above-listed impacts *PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE WHEN THE MITIGATION OR CONDITION NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED (PRIOR TO RECORDING A MAP, PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, ETC.):*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

In addition, our agency has the following comments (attach additional sheets if necessary).

Response prepared by:

| Name | Title | Date |
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ATTACHMENTS

EMAIL TO BARBARA BARKER TO BE DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL
cc: Kirk Ford, Angela Freitas, Joshua Mann

Joshua — ERC —

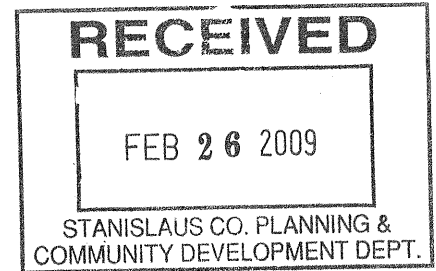
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File: E.A. 10-0A872
10-STA-219, P.M. 2.9/4.9
Four-Lane Widening Project

Re: Determination of Eligibility and Notification of No Historic Properties Affected for the State Route 219 Four-Lane Widening Project, Stanislaus County, California, 10-STA-219, PM 2.9/4.9

Dear Gentleperson:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in compliance with 36 CFR Part 800.11 is providing the enclosed documentation for a 30-day comment period.

Caltrans is proposing to widen State Route (SR) 219 near the City of Modesto in Stanislaus County, California. SR 219 is an east-west, two-lane conventional highway beginning at SR 99 (PM 0.1) and ending with the project tapering down just east of McHenry Avenue (SR 108) on Claribel Road (PM 4.9). The proposed project would upgrade the existing facility from a two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane conventional highway and improve several road intersections to meet current design standards. Other proposed improvements associated with the project include moving utility lines and constructing water retention basins.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Caltrans conducted surveys in the 2000 calendar year. As a result of those efforts, an Archaeological Study Report (ASR), Supplemental ASR, and a Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) were written and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review. SHPO concurred with the findings of these studies on November 16, 2000. Subsequent changes to the project resulted in an expansion of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) north and south of SR 219 along Sisk Road. Cultural studies, documented in a Second Supplemental ASR, found that no properties requiring evaluation for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places were present within the additional APE.

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Due to high increases in right-of-way costs, the original project (10-0A870 PM 0.1/4.9) was divided into two stages (10-0A870 and 10-0A872). Stage 1, 10-0A870 (PM 0.1/2.9) is currently in construction and no additional cultural studies were required. However, Stage 2 of the project (EA 10-0A872, PM 2.9/4.9) is the subject of this consultation. Stage 2 requires the purchase of right-of-way for a six-lane facility. A four-lane roadway with a 63-foot wide median to accommodate future widening and to meet current design standards will be built. Stage 2 requires the widening and signalization of Carver Road, Tully Road, and McHenry Avenue intersections to meet current standards for intersection. Minimal improvements will be made on the local north-south intersecting streets of Carver Road, Tully Road, McHenry Avenue, and Claribel Road (which continues east-west when SR 219 begins/ends at McHenry Avenue). These proposed local road improvements exceed the limits of the original cultural resources surveys, so additional surveys were conducted, necessitating a Third Supplemental ASR and Supplemental HRER. The attached Second Supplemental HPSR provides a description of the current efforts to identify historic properties, the APE, and effects findings. Identification efforts for the current phase of the proposed undertaking (summarized on pages 2-3 in the attached HPSR) resulted in the identification of three properties requiring evaluation:

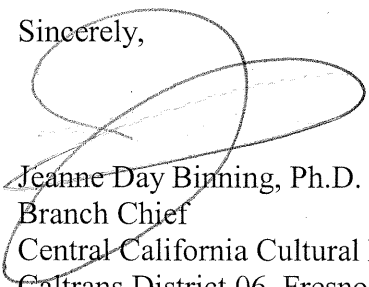
- 4767 Tully Road, single-family residence
- 5125 Tully Road, single-family residence
- 5106 Tully Road, traditional three-bay transverse crib barn

All three properties were found to be ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. No other archaeological or architectural resources were identified within the undertaking's APE.

This letter also serves as notification of a finding of No Historic Properties Affected due to the absence of any identified historic properties within the Second Supplemental APE.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Caltrans Central Region Archaeologist Wendy Nettles (phone: 559-243-8404; fax: 559-243-8215; email: Wendy_Nettles@dot.ca.gov). Thank you for your assistance with this undertaking.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Day Binning, Ph.D.
Branch Chief
Central California Cultural Resources Branch
Caltrans District 06, Fresno

Attachment: Historic Property Survey Report – SR 219 Four-Lane Widening Project