Appendix C:
Cultural Resources Supporting Information
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C.1 - NWIC Records Search Results
Date: 9/7/2016

Records Search File No.: 9989 LN
Re: Project: Recology BVON 4875.0001
3909 Gaffery Rd., Vernalis, CA 95385
Access and Use Agreement No.: 37

Email: ddepietro@fcs.intl.com

Dear Ms. DePietro,

The Central California Information Center received your Priority Response record search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Soloy USGS 7.5' quadrangle in Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a one-half-mile radius:

As per data currently available at the CCaIC, the locations of resources and reports are provided in the following format: ☒ custom GIS maps ☐ shapefiles ☐ hand-drawn maps

**Summary Data:**

| Resources within project area: | 0 prehistoric resources reported to the CCaIC. 1 historic-era resource reported (but not fully recorded or evaluated as an archaeological resource or an historic property; and not field-recorded): P-39-005069 / P-50-002044 Vernalis Naval Auxiliary Air Station (overlaps 2 counties) |
| Resources within ¼-mile radius: | 0 prehistoric or historic archaeological resources reported. Historic-era resources: (1) P-39-000089 / P-50-001904 Delta-Mendota Canal (not recorded in this search radius, but has been formally determined eligible for the NRHP; also nominated to the NRHP as part of the CVP; nomination process pending). (2) 3 bridges plotted on our maps from the Caltrans Local Bridges Inventory: #29C-373, 29C-374, 38C-221. |
Reports within project area: 1 reported overlapping project area: SJ / ST-02653
Reports within ¼-mile radius: 3 reported: SJ / ST-00621, -02753, -07779

Resource Database Printout (list): pdf ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed
Resource Database Printout (details): pdf ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed
Resource Digital Database Records (spreadsheet): ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed
Resource Record Copies: pdf ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed

Primary record P-39-005069 / P-50-002044 for the Vernalis Naval Auxiliary Air Station (1-page DPR record prepared by the CCaIC Coordinator, along with attached Google Earth map and internet article by P. Freeman, and excerpt from Hillman and Covello [1985] regarding the Air Station).

Resource Shapefiles: ☐ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed

Report Database Printout (list): pdf ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed
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Pdf attached for SJ / ST-02653 (only project area requested)
Report Shapefiles: ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed

OHP Historic Properties Directory: ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed

HPDF pages from the San Joaquin Co., Stanislaus Co., and Merced Co. directories showing entries for the Delta-Mendota Canal (Primary #’s P-39-000089, P-50-001904, P-24-001703, respectively). The canal has not been recorded in this search radius (and is not plotted in GIS in this location); no DPR records are attached (numerous ones are available). The very large draft multiple property NRHP nomination form (for the Central Valley Project, which includes the D-M Canal) can be found at usbr.gov/mp/mp150/mp153/docs.

Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility: ☐ enclosed ☐ not requested ☒ nothing listed

CA Inventory of Historic Resources (1976): ☐ enclosed ☐ not requested ☒ nothing listed

Caltrans Bridge Survey: ☒ enclosed ☐ not requested ☐ nothing listed

Hardcopy pages from the Caltrans Bridges Inventory, for bridges
#29C-373 Koster Rd. at Hospital Creek
#29C-374 Koster Rd. at Hospital Creek Overflow
#38C-221 Gaffery Rd. at Delta-Mendota Canal
Ethnographic Information: □ enclosed  ☒ not requested  □ nothing listed

Historical Literature: □ enclosed  ☒ not requested  □ nothing listed

Historical Maps: □ enclosed  ☒ not requested  □ nothing listed

Local Inventories: None on file or maintained at the CCaIC for this part of San Joaquin Co. or this part of Stanislaus Co.; please inquire with county or local agencies or groups.

GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps: ☒ enclosed  □ not requested  □ nothing listed

Hardcopy T4S/R6E Sheet #44-239 Dated 1854-1870

Soil Survey Maps: ☐ not available at CCIC; please go to

Resources known to have value to local cultural groups:
None have been formally reported to the CCaIC.

Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.

The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

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 CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.
Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

Note: Billing will be transmitted separately via email by our Financial Services office* ($425.85), payable within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

Sincerely,

Robin Hards, Assistant Research Technician
Central California Information Center
California Historical Resources Information System

*Invoice to: Laurie Marroquin, Financial Services (lamarroquin@csustan.edu or MSR270@csustan.edu)
## Resource List

(1 resource, overlaps 2 counties)

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C.2 - NAHC Sacred Lands File Search and Tribal Correspondence
Local Government Tribal Consultation List Request

Native American Heritage Commission
1550 Harbor Blvd, Suite 100
West Sacramento, CA 95691
916-373-3710
916-373-5471 – Fax
nahc@nahc.ca.gov

Type of List Requested

☒ CEQA Tribal Consultation List (AB 52) – Per Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subs. (b), (d), (e) and 21080.3.2
☐ General Plan (SB 18) - Per Government Code § 65352.3.

Local Action Type:
___ General Plan   ___ General Plan Element   ___ General Plan Amendment
___ Specific Plan   ___ Specific Plan Amendment   ___ Pre-planning Outreach Activity

Required Information

Project Title:____________________________________________________________________

Local Government/Lead Agency: ___________________________________________________________

Contact Person: ____________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City:_____________________________________________________   Zip:__________________________

Phone:____________________________________   Fax:_________________________________________

Email:_____________________________________________

Specific Area Subject to Proposed Action

County:__ Stanislaus ________________   City/Community:  Unincorporated Stanislaus County

Project Description:

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Additional Request

☒ Sacred Lands File Search - Required Information:

USGS Quadrangle Name(s): USGS Solyo (1971) 7.5' Quadrangle

Township: 4S   Range: 6E   Section(s): 9
September 9, 2016

Dr. Dana DePietro
FirstCarbon Solutions

Sent by E-mail: ddepietro@fcs-intl.com

RE: Proposed Recology BVON 4875.0001 Project, near the Community of Vernalis; Solyo USGS Quadrangle, Stanislaus County, California

Dear Dr. DePietro:

Attached is a contact list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the above referenced counties. A search of the SFL was completed for the USGS quadrangle information provided with negative results.

Our records indicate that the lead agency for this project has not requested a Native American Consultation List for the purposes of formal consultation. Lists for cultural resource assessments are different than consultation lists. Please note that the intent of the referenced codes below is to avoid or mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, as defined, for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) projects under AB-52.

As of July 1, 2015, Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 require public agencies to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose mitigating impacts to tribal cultural resources:

**Within 14 days** of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section. (Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1(d))

The law does not preclude agencies from initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated with their jurisdictions. The NAHC believes that in fact that this is the best practice to ensure that tribes are consulted commensurate with the intent of the law.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1(d), formal notification must include a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. The NAHC believes that agencies should also include with their notification letters information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the APE, such as:

1. **The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:**
   - A listing of any and all known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE;
   - Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
   - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the potential APE; and
If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:
   - Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measurers.
   - All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code Section 6254.10.

3. The results of any Sacred Lands File (SFL) check conducted through Native American Heritage Commission.

4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the potential APE; and

5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the potential APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS is not exhaustive, and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a cultural place. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the case that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

The results of these searches and surveys should be included in the “Tribal Cultural Resources” subsection of the Cultural Resources section of the environmental document submitted for review.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our consultation list contains current information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Gayle Totton, M.A., PhD.
Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Stanislaus County
9/9/2016

North Valley Yokuts Tribe
Katherine Erolinda Perez, Chairperson
P.O. Box 717
Linden, CA, 95236
Phone: (209)887-3415
canutes@verizon.net

Costanoan
Northern Valley
Yokut

Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation
Lois Martin, Chairperson
P.O. Box 186
Mariposa, CA, 95338
Phone: (209)742-6867

Miwok
Northern Valley
Yokut
Paiute

This list is current only as of the date of this document. Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7059.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Section 5097.88 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Nestegy BVON 4875.0001, Stanislaus County.

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Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation
Lois Martin, Chairperson
P.O. Box 186
Mariposa, CA 95338
Phone: (209) 742-6867

Subject: Proposed Recology Development, Blossom Valley CA

Dear Chairperson Martin,

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Sincerely,
Dana Douglas DePietro, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist, Archaeology
FirstCarbon Solutions
1350 Treat Boulevard, Ste. 380
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Enc: Project location map for the proposed development
Source: USGS Solyo (1971) 7.5' Quadrangle

Legend
- Project Site
- 1/2-mile Buffer

Exhibit 1
Records Search Map
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C.3 - Survey Photographs
Photograph 1. View from southwest corner of the project site; facing east.

Photograph 2: View from the northwest corner of the project site; facing south, southeast.
Photograph 3: View from the northeast corner of the project site; facing south

Photograph 4: View from the southeast corner of the project area; facing north.
Photograph 5: Detail of typical soils and soil visibility found across the project site.

Photograph 6: Detail of typical refuse piles found across the project site.
Photograph 7: View of piping trench running down the center of the site; facing southeast.

Photograph 8: View of new retention pond in the southeast of the site; facing north.