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Subject: Cultural Resources Records Search for a Proposed Solar Photovoltaic Facility in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California (BCR Consulting Project No. EPD1402)

Dear Rafik:

BCR Consulting LLC (BCR Consulting) was retained by EPD Solutions, Inc. to complete a cultural resources records search and Native American Consultation for a Proposed Solar Photovoltaic Facility (the project site) in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed project site is located in the southwest quarter of Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian and is depicted on the *Victorville, California* (1993) United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (Attachment A). The purpose of this study was to identify previously recorded prehistoric or historic-period resources located within one mile of the proposed project site, and to note what types of resources might be expected to occur within its boundaries. This report also includes cultural resource recommendations pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and documents any known Sacred Lands or project-related concerns received from communications with the Native American Heritage Commission, and with Native American groups and individuals (Attachment B).

Cultural Resources Records Search

BCR Consulting Field Director Daniel Leonard (PhD) conducted the cultural resources records search at the San Bernardino Archaeological Information Center (SBAIC). The records search included a review of all recorded historic and prehistoric archaeological sites, as well as recorded built environment resources within one mile of the project site. The research also reviewed known cultural resource reports completed in the vicinity. Results indicate that 27 cultural resource studies have taken place resulting in 17 cultural resources recorded within one mile of the project site. Five of the previous 27 studies have occurred within or partially within the project site, resulting in two cultural resources previously recorded within its boundaries. The resources located within the project site boundaries include the historic-period Stoddard Wells Road (designated CA-SBR-9360), and a historic-period transmission alignment (P-36-10315). CA-SBR-9360 was recorded and evaluated and found not eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register) in 2006 (Hathaway 2006), and P-36-10315 was recorded but not evaluated for California Register eligibility in 2011. The records search results are summarized in Table A.

Table A. Records Search Results

USGS 7.5 Minute Quad	Cultural Resources	Cultural Resource Reports
<i>Victorville, California</i> (1993)	P-36-12650, 12654, 12656, 20969, 61290, 61294, 61272; CA-SBR-3159, 6303, 6321, 6322, 6327, 6328, 7694, 9360*, 10315*; P1584-12H	SB106-0473, 0481, 0614, 0763, 0874*, 1219, 1280, 1479*, 1820, 1932, 1954, 2181, 2399*, 2556, 2643, 3168, 3251, 3729*, 3789*, 3795, 4445, 4861, 5049, 5050, 5051, 5052, 7541

*Within or partially within the project site.

Review of recent aerial photographs and topographic maps indicates that the project site has not been subject to significant disturbance related to the Victorville Landfill (Google Maps 2014; USGS 1993).

Summary and Recommendations

Two historic-period resources (P-36-103145 and CA-SBR-3960) are known to exist within the project site boundaries. Neither of these has been evaluated for California Register eligibility within the past five years (Hathaway 2006, and Lev-Tov and Kremkau 2011), and therefore significance under CEQA is not known. Also, although the project site has been subject to numerous cultural resource studies, none of these has occurred within the past five years. Changing field conditions require that cultural resource surveys and eligibility recommendations of historical resources be periodically updated. Although changing field conditions can vary significantly from site to site, cultural resource updates are typically required five-years after completion of the most recent study (see Office of Historic Preservation 1995:2, and California Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, Subdivision [g] part [4]).

If proposed project activities will not directly impact the two historic-period resources, no additional or updated evaluation of these resources is warranted. However, if proposed project activities will directly impact the two historic-period resources within the project site, they should be evaluated for California Register eligibility. Additionally, prior to the commencement of any ground-disturbing activities proposed within the project site, previous cultural resource assessments completed within the project site should be updated with a current field study. The field study should focus on sampling portions of the project site with a high likelihood for cultural resource sensitivity. All cultural resources work should be completed under the supervision of a professional that meets the Professional Qualification Standards for Cultural Resource Management (archaeology) set forth by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

If human remains are encountered during activities associated with the proposed project, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or his/her authorized

representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 48 hours of notification by the NAHC.

References

Google Maps

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2011 Site Record for P-36-10315. On File at the SBAIC.

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1993 *Victorville, California* 7.5-Minute Topographic Quadrangle.

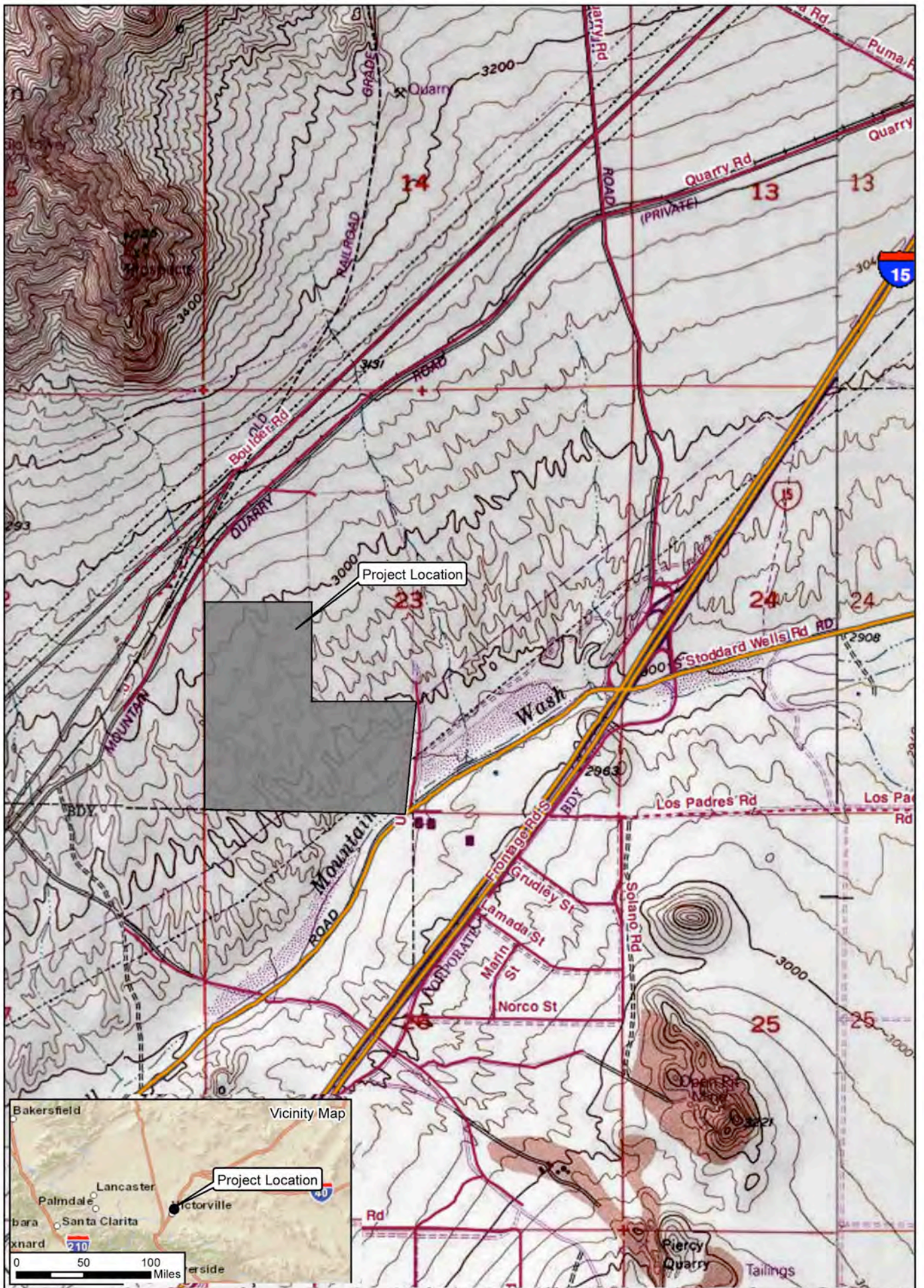
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Sincerely,



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**ATTACHMENT A:
REGIONAL AND PROJECT LOCATION MAP**



Project Location



Project Location Site
Victorville Landfill Solar Project

Figure 1

Reference: ESRI; USGS Quad: Victorville (1993), CA

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**ATTACHMENT B:
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