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re: CDMS24-00013 / APN-195-151-007 at 1699 Alameda Diablo, Diablo / Alexander R. Mehran

Dear Diana Lecca,

Records at this office were reviewed to determine if this project could adversely affect cultural resources. Please note that use of the term cultural resources includes both archaeological sites and historical buildings and/or structures. The review for possible historic-era building/structures, however, was limited to references currently in our office and should not be considered comprehensive.

Project Description:

The applicant requests approval of a tentative parcel map for the subdivision of a 5.89-acre parcel into two lots resulting in a 2.59-acre "Parcel A" and a 3.30-acre "Parel B". No development is requested at this time. Concurrent Lot Line Adjustment CDL24-00011.

Previous Studies:

XX This office has no record of any previous cultural resource field survey for the proposed project area conducted by a professional archaeologist or architectural historian (see recommendation below).

Archaeological and Native American Resources Recommendations:

- XX The proposed project area has the possibility of containing unrecorded archaeological sites due to the proximity of known archaeological sites located in similar environments as the proposed project area. Given this sensitivity and lack of prior survey of the proposed project area, we therefore recommend that a qualified archaeologist conduct further archival and field study of the project area to identify cultural resources. Field study may include, but is not limited to, pedestrian survey, hand auger sampling, shovel test units, or geoarchaeological analyses as well as other common methods used to identify the presence of archaeological resources. Please refer to the list of consultants who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards at http://www.chrisinfo.org.
- XX We recommend the lead agency contact the local Native American tribe(s) regarding traditional, cultural, and religious heritage values. For a complete listing of tribes in the vicinity of the project, please contact the Native American Heritage Commission at 916/373-3710.

The proposed project area has a <u>low</u> possibility of containing unrecorded <u>archaeological site(s)</u>. Therefore, no further study for archaeological resources is recommended.

Built Environment Recommendations:

XX Since the Office of Historic Preservation has determined that any building or structure 45 years or older may be of historical value, if the project area contains such properties, it is recommended that prior to commencement of project activities, a qualified professional familiar with the architecture and history of Contra Costa County conduct a formal CEQA evaluation.

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 California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

For your reference, a list of qualified professionals in California that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards can be found at http://www.chrisinfo.org. If archaeological resources are encountered during the project, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds should be halted until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation. If you have any questions please give us a call (707) 588-8455.

Sincerely,

Bryan Much Coordinator