

Appendix I

State Historic Preservation Office Letter

397 Blossom Hill Road Mixed-Use Project Environmental Assessment

City of San José

January 22, 2020

Ms. Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
Department of Parks and Recreation
1725 23rd Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95616-7100

Re: Section 106 Review for Blossom Hill Road Mixed-Use Project
397 Blossom Hill Road, San José
Assessor's Parcel Numbers 277-20-044, 277-20-045, and 277-20-046
(San José Planning File Numbers: CP18-022 and T18-034)

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The City of San José (City) requests the State Historic Preservation Officer's review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and specifically to 36 CFR 800, regarding the identification and preservation of historic resources for the project site located at 397 Blossom Hill Road.

Holman & Associates completed a Section 106 records search, initiated Native American consultation on behalf of the City, and completed a presence/absence exploration at the project site based on the findings of the literature search. The records search and presence/absence exploration report are included as Attachment A to this letter.

The City seeks the State Historic Preservation Officer's concurrence with the findings outlined below.

Project Description/Undertaking

The proposed project would include demolition of an existing commercial building, and construction of a four-story mixed-use development with 145 restricted affordable apartment units, two on-site staff units, and 16,066 square feet of commercial office space on 397 Blossom Hill Road. The maximum height of the building would be approximately 57 feet at the top of the roof.

The project applicant would require a *Conditional Use Permit* to allow the construction of the proposed mixed-use development in an area designated as Neighborhood/Community Commercial in the General Plan. The project applicant would also require a *Tentative Map* to reconfigure the lot.

- Based on the review of historical land use at the site, there is a low potential for historic archaeological deposits within the project APE (i.e., project site).
- None of the Native American tribes that were consulted identified tribal cultural resources at the site.

However, because there is the potential for archaeological resources to be uncovered during construction activities, the following conditions are included in the permit:

Standard Permit Conditions: Implementation of the following conditions would reduce the impacts of the project on subsurface cultural resources:

- If prehistoric or historic resources are encountered during excavation and/or grading of the site, all activity within a 50-foot radius of the find shall be stopped, the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement (PBCE) or the Director's designee and the City's Historic Preservation Officer shall be notified, and a qualified archaeologist shall examine the find. The archaeologist shall 1) evaluate the find(s) to determine if they meet the definition of a historical or archaeological resource; and (2) make appropriate recommendations regarding the disposition of such finds prior to issuance of building permits. Recommendations could include collection, recordation, and analysis of any significant cultural materials. A report of findings documenting any data recovery shall be submitted to Director of PBCE or the Director's designee and the City's Historic Preservation Officer and the Northwest Information Center (if applicable). Project personnel shall not collect or move any cultural materials.
- If any human remains are found during any field investigations, grading, or other construction activities, all provisions of California Health and Safety Code Sections 7054 and 7050.5 and Public Resources Code Sections 5097.9 through 5097.99, as amended per Assembly Bill 2641, shall be followed. If human remains during construction, there shall be no further excavation or disturbance of the site or any nearby area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent remains. The project applicant shall immediately notify the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement (PBCE) or the Director's designee and the qualified archaeologist, who shall then notify the Santa Clara County Coroner. The Coroner will make a determination as to whether the remains are Native American.
- If the remains are believed to be Native American, the Coroner will contact the NAHC within 48 hours. The NAHC will then designate a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). The MLD will inspect the remains and make a recommendation on the treatment of the remains and associated artifacts.
- If one of the following conditions occurs, the landowner or his authorized representative shall work with the Coroner to reinter the Native American human remains and associated grave goods with appropriate dignity in a location not subject to further subsurface disturbance:
 - The NAHC is unable to identify a MLD or the MLD failed to make a recommendation within 48 hours after being given access to the site.

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Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Reema Mahamood at 408-535-6872 or via email at reema.mahamood@sanjoseca.gov.

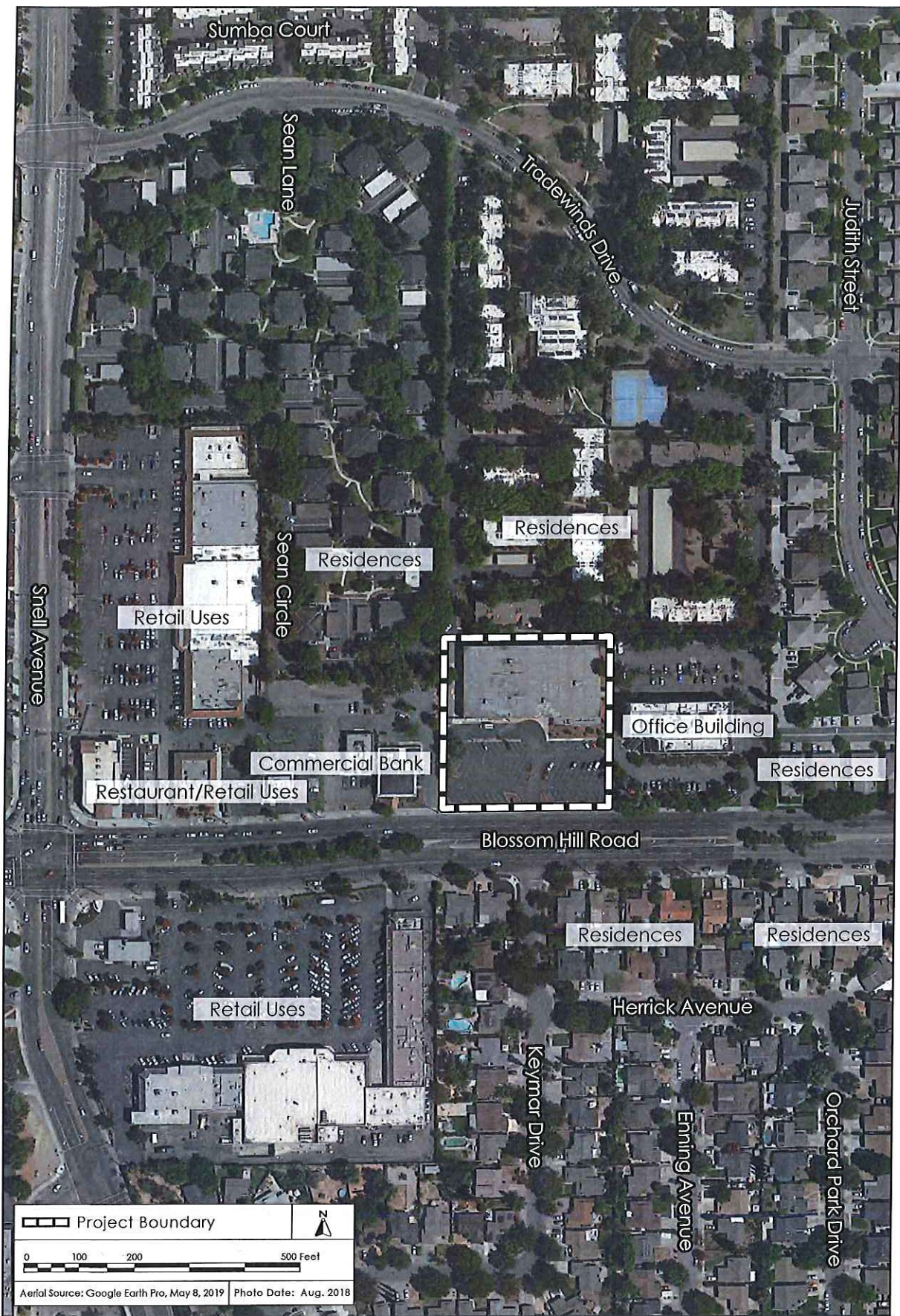
Sincerely,



Deputy for Rosalynn Hughey
Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement

Attachments:

- Figure 1: Aerial Photograph and Surrounding Land Uses
- Figure 2: Areas of Potential Effect
- Attachment A: Section 106 Archaeological Literature Search and Initial Native American Consultation and Presence/Absence Exploration Report
- Attachment B: Photographs of the Project Site and Surrounding Areas



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND SURROUNDING LAND USES

FIGURE 1

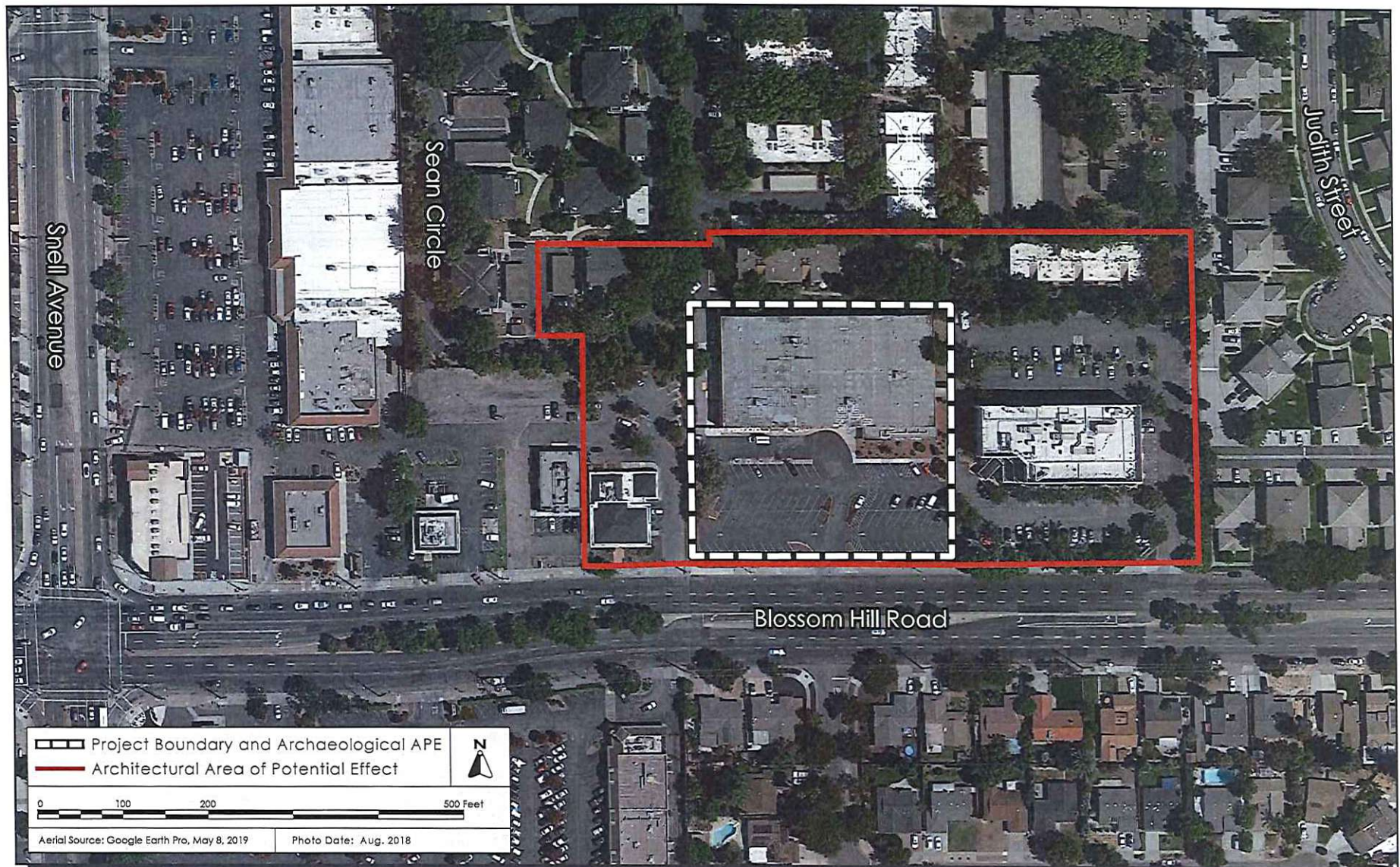


Figure 2. Area of Potential Effects for 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Development Project

Attachment A

Section 106 Archaeological Literature Search and Initial Native American Consultation Presence/Absence Exploration Report



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10 January 2019

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San Jose, CA 9512

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Re: Results of a Section 106 Archaeological Literature Search and Initial Native American Consultation for 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Project, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Ms. Sharpe:

Per your request, Holman & Associates completed a records search and initiated Native American consultation for the above property in San Jose (Maps 1 and 2). The property consists of a 2.04-acre parcel located at 397 Blossom Hill Road (APN 690-25-021) on the northern side of Blossom Hill Road, approximately 715 feet east of Snell Avenue. The land is currently developed with a retail furniture store and a parking lot. The property is surrounded by multi-family residences to the north, commercial and residential uses to the west, Blossom Hill Road and single-family residences to the south, and a commercial office building to the east.

The Project proposes to construct a four-story, mixed-use affordable housing development on a podium. The proposed development would have a maximum of 150 apartment units comprised of 120 studio/junior one bedroom units, 15 one bedroom units, and 15 two bedroom units. The residential amenities would include a community room with a full kitchen, television lounge, laundry room, property management and service staff offices. The proposed development would also include 26,000 square feet of commercial space, one level of underground parking and surface parking.

The project's area of potential effects (APE) measures 300 by 300 feet. The deepest excavation comprising the vertical component of the Project APE would be for the sanitary sewer connection to the existing public line near the back corner of the site at approximately 17-ft to build the manhole.

Elpaloalto complex that is similar to the neighboring complex except for the soil profile. For Urbanland Elpaloalto complex, the top eight inches was decomposing duff overlaid by nine inches of clay loam. Below is 77 inches of silty clay loam. Based on this information, there is a moderate potential for buried archaeological sites.

None of the Project APE has been previously surveyed for its archaeological potential. Table 1 presents a list of the various nearby studies that have been conducted, along with a brief summary of the pertinent work completed. Several nearby projects have necessitated the study of SCL-137 and warrant a separate discussion.

In 2010, Caltrans studied SCL-137 as part of a proposed State Route 85 (SR85) rehabilitation project that included the entire site boundary within their APE (Rushing 2010a, 2010b). Previous Caltrans projects have included SCL-137 and its investigations, but most of these were not within the study zone selected for the current records search. A detailed summary of the archaeological studies conducted at SCL-137 was presented and is summarized for the most recent Caltrans project (Rushing 2010b:6-9). First identified in 1974 by Dietz, the site was originally designated WVC 20, a West Valley College numbering system to inventory sites identified within Santa Clara Valley. In 1977, Winter excavated the habitation site and burials finding the top 30cm comprised of the plow zone and the midden extending from 60 to 70cm below surface. Below the cultural deposit is a sandy base. In 1982, the site went through the formal nomination process and is listed on the National Register. Two years later, Weigel conducted several investigations for Caltrans during the planning and creation of SR85. Basin Research Associates excavated the site and estimated it constituted more than 30 acres. Situated near a former marshy slough area that once drained into Canoas Creek, SCL-137 was used from the Middle to Late periods and probably into the Protohistoric. An intensive trenching program to define site boundaries was conducted in less sensitive surrounding areas and five 1 by 1m units were placed within the main portion of SCL-137. Because of the presence of multiple burials, archaeological monitoring was carried out during construction and improvements to SR85 with the site placed within an Environmentally Sensitive Area to ensure its long-term management. In 1987, additional excavation was conducted prior to the Santa Clara County Water District to construct the Snell Pipeline including a portion within Caltrans right-of-way. An additional 22 burials were unearthed and four fire pits were documented. Monitoring for a PG&E gas pipeline in 1988 identified an additional 13 burials.

In 1997, minimal excavations were carried out at SCL-137 prior to telecommunications improvements (Cartier et al. 1997). One unit was placed near trenching areas for a monopole and connecting cables, and excavated in 20cm levels to a depth of 80 centimeters. The top 40cm contained recent debris mixed with the Native American artifacts and ecofacts. The dark-brown silty soil had animal tunnels throughout the area examined. Franciscan chert was the most common flaked stone material with a few samples of Monterey banded chert recovered. One bifacially flaked obsidian fragment was recovered. Two chert biface fragments were recovered from the backdirt of a utility trench along with an abalone pendant fragment. As with other investigations, dietary remains continued to be represented by *Cerithidea californica*, *Mytilus californianus*, and *Ostrea lurida* shell fragments.

Historic-era maps for the Project APE were examined to identify the potential for archaeological resources that might elaborate on the history. In 1869, the Project APE was in the very background of a bird's eye view of San Jose with only a few shrubs/trees depicted (Gray and Gifford 1869). By 1876, the

Ave. (now Blossom Hill Rd.; US Army 1942). Much of the surrounding lands were planted in orchards. Canoas Creek was depicted west of the Project APE and appeared channelized. After 1951 and by 1953, the Project APE was planted in orchards and the dirt road no longer existed (US Army 1947; USGS 1951, 1953). Between 1961 and 1968, the lands south of Downer Ave. were grouped into an urban designation that does not provide specific details (USGS 1961, 1968). Within the next five years, the Project APE was absorbed into the ever growing urban development of San Jose (USGS 1973). By 1980, the project footprint was surrounded by Urbanland, but it was depicted beyond that designation with a large building extant (USGS 1980). Based on the review of historical land use patterns and the previous discussion of historical land use, there is a low potential for specific historic archaeological deposits within the current Project APE.

Native American Consultation

On 11 December 2018, Holman & Associates initiated Native American consultation to assist HUD and the City. The Native American Heritage Commission was contacted to request a review of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) for any evidence of cultural resources or traditional properties of potential concern that might be known on lands within or adjacent to the Project APE (see Appendix for all correspondence). The next day, the Commission sent a reply by fax. A search of their SLF failed to identify any Native American resource. This agency also provided a contact list of seven Native American individuals/organizations who may know of cultural resources in this area or have specific concerns about the project. On the same day, each of these contacts was sent an email with an attachment including a letter describing the project, a map of the Project APE, and inquiring whether they had any concerns. A paper copy was mailed to Katherine Perez because she has had trouble receiving her email attachments.

Representatives from the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band responded by email that day. Valentin Lopez, the Tribal Chairperson, said the Project APE was outside his tribal territory and so he had no comment. Ed Ketchum, the Tribal Historian, commented that Project is on lands once controlled by Tamien speakers and he referred the author to the Muwekma Tribal Band.

Andrew Galvan also responded on 12 December 2019. He asked for the records search results. A summary of these were emailed on 7 January 2019. He asked for the Most Likely Descendant (MLD) for SCL-137. In both reports discussing the site, a specific MLD was not mentioned. He then requested a Native American monitor be present during the recommended procedures described below.

On 21 December 2019, Katherine Perez called and was briefed on the Project. She requested she be briefed on the recommendations when compiled. On 8 January 2019, the author left a message on her phone summarizing the recommendations.

When none of the individuals/organizations responded, the author telephoned each on 4 January 2019. Phone messages were left for Irenne Zwierlein and Charlene Nijmeh. Messages could not be provided for Ms. Sayers and her original letter was again sent to her via email. As of 9 January 2019, no additional comments or concerns voiced.

Summary and Recommendations

A records search at CHRIS identified that none of the Project APE was previously studied. No cultural resources have been identified within or adjacent to the project footprint. Three large village sites

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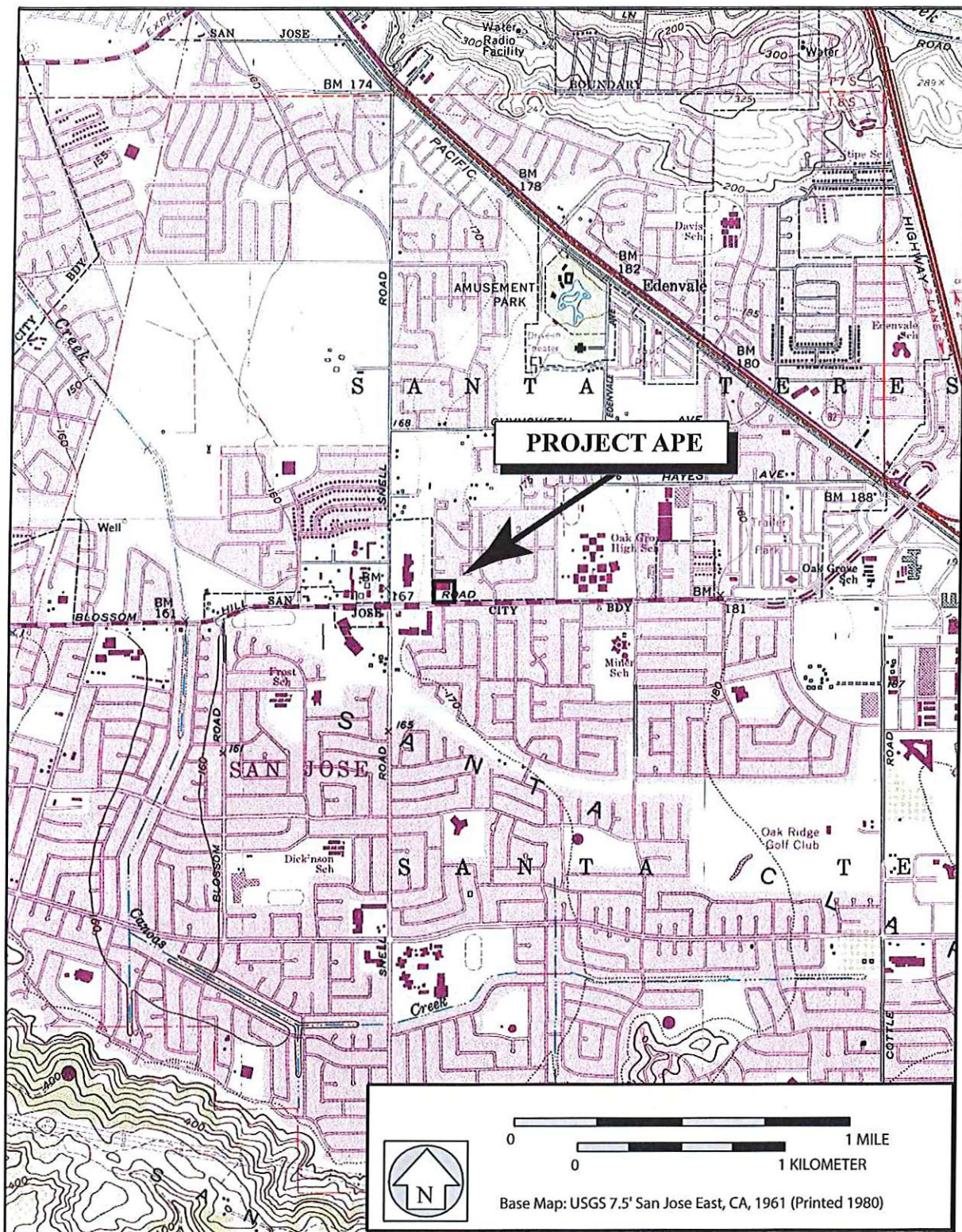
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Map 2. 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Development, San Jose, Santa Clara County

APPENDIX:

Native American Consultation

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

☒ *Feasibility Project* ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Specific Plan Amendment ☐ Pre-planning Outreach Activity

Required Information

Project Title: 397 Blossom Hill Senior Development

Local Government/Lead Agency: HUD

Contact Person: Sunshine Psota

Street Address: 1340 Kelly Ave.

City: Sebastopol, CA Zip: 95472

Phone: 707/291.0786 Fax: 707/861.3424

Email: spsota@sonic.net

Specific Area Subject to Proposed Action

County: Santa Clara City/Community: San Jose

Project Description:

see attached letter

Additional Request

☒ Sacred Lands File Search - Required Information:

USGS Quadrangle Name(s): San Jose East

Township: 8S Range: 1E Section(s): unsectioned

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Cultural and Environmental Department
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December 12, 2018

Sunshine Psota
Holman & Associates Archaeological Consultants

Sent by E-mail: spsota@sonic.net

RE: Proposed 397 Blossom Hill Senior Development Project, City of San Jose; San Jose East
USGS Quadrangle, Santa Clara County, California

Dear Ms. Psota:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) *Sacred Lands File* was completed for the area of potential project effect (APE) referenced above with negative results. Please note that the absence of specific site information in the *Sacred Lands File* does not indicate the absence of Native American cultural resources in any APE.

Attached is a list of tribes culturally affiliated to the project area. I suggest you contact all of the listed Tribes. If they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. The list should provide a starting place to locate areas of potential adverse impact within the APE. By contacting all those on the list, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the NAHC requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact via email: gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Associate Governmental Program Analyst
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12 December 2018

Valentin Lopez
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
P. O. Box 5272
Galt, CA 95632

Re: Consultation for the 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Development, San Jose, Santa Clara County

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Holman & Associates is consulting with Native Americans for the above referenced project in San Jose (APN 690-25-021). The project proposes to demolish the existing buildings and construct a four-story, mixed-use affordable housing development on a podium. The proposed development would have a maximum of 150 apartment units comprised of 120 studio/junior-one-bedroom units, 15 one-bedroom units, and 15 two-bedroom units. The plans also include 26,000 square feet of commercial space. Proposed improvements to the 300 by 305 ft. parcel will have a maximum depth of 17 ft. for the sanitary sewer connection. This project involves HUD funding and consultation will assist with Section 106 compliance. The project is located within the unsectioned Santa Teresa Landgrant within Township 8 South and Range 1 East of MDBM as depicted on the San Jose East 7.5' topographic quadrangle.

Holman & Associates is assisting the City and HUD with initial Native American consultation. Please notify me if you have any information or concerns about cultural resources that may be within or adjacent to the Project Area. I request that you respond in writing within 10 working days if you have such information or concerns. To reach me, please use email (spsota@sonic.net), or fax to (707.861.3424) and not the main office number shown above, or write to me at 1340 Kelly Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

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Re: Results of Presence/Absence Exploration of 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Project, San Jose,
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Dear Ms. Sharpe:

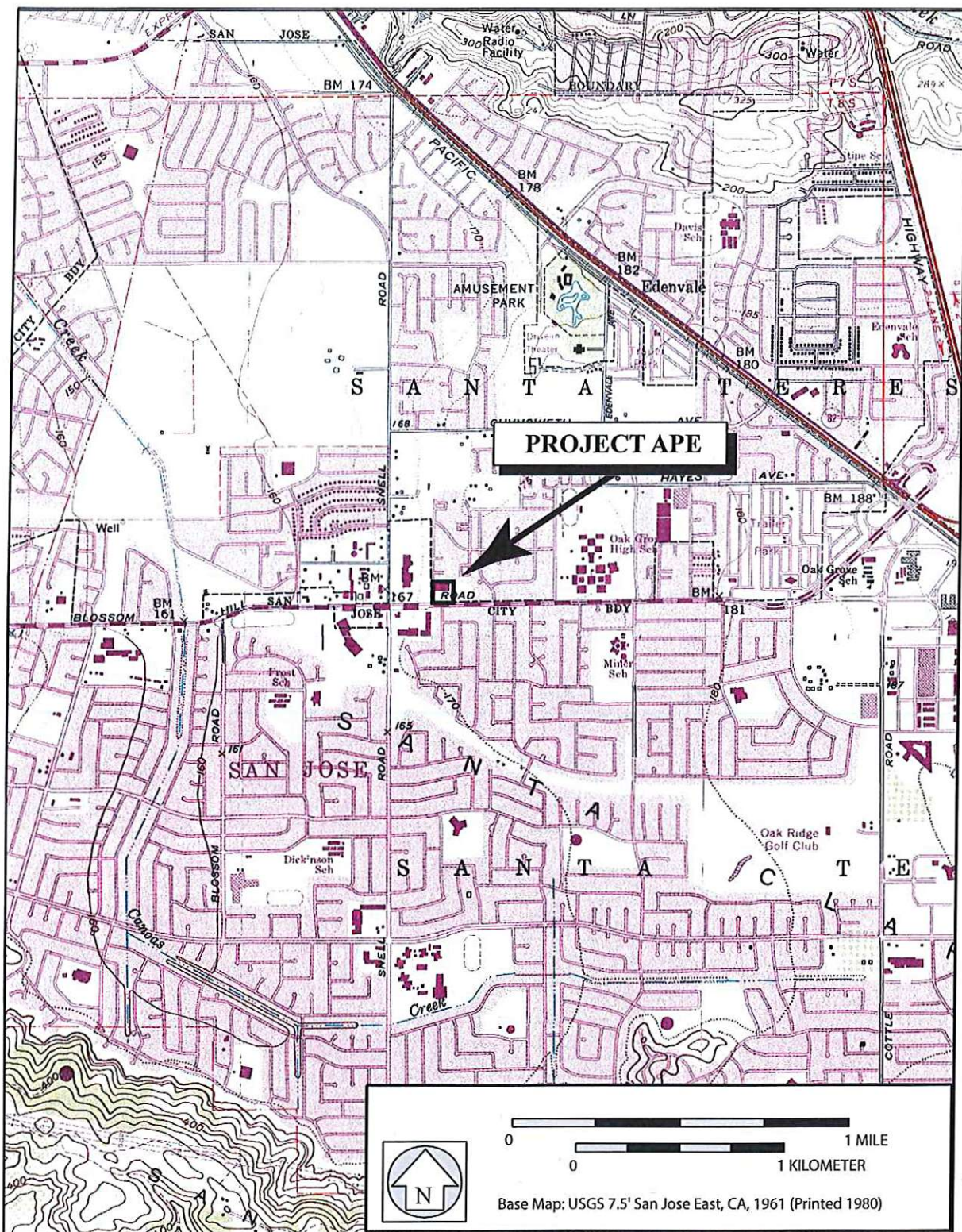
At your request, Holman & Associates conducted presence/absence exploration to sample for any buried archaeological deposits that might be present at the referenced address in San Jose. A 2.04-acre parcel is slated for redevelopment (APN 690-25-021; Map 1). The project proposes to construct a four-story, mixed-use affordable housing development on a podium. The proposed development would have a maximum of 150 apartment units comprised of 120 studio/junior one-bedroom units, 15 one-bedroom units, and 15 two-bedroom units. The proposed development would also include 26,000 square feet of commercial space, one level of underground parking and surface parking. The deepest vertical component is 17 ft. for a sewer hookup and then 14 ft. for work with a storm drain system. The study will assist both Section 106 compliance for HUD and CEQA compliance for the City of San Jose (City).

Work was supervised by myself, Sunshine Psota, M.A. (Cultural Resources Management [CRM]), Registered Professional Archaeologist. I have 38 years of experience in California archaeology, much of it in the San Francisco Bay Area, and meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for professionals in both prehistoric and historical archaeology.

Six locations were marked for exploration and USA North was contacted (Ticket No. 5109171360 for 1 March 2019). Access to the rear of the building was restricted by gates, so the depths of the central cores were adjusted for proposed impacts. On 8 March 2019, Greg King with Underground Locating Specialists refined some of the utility markings and noted water service, sewer, and stormdrains.

Presence/absence exploration was completed on 12 March 2019 with Timothy Tyler of Environmental Control Associates operating the coring rig (Photo 1). Cores 1 through 4 were sampled to five feet. Core 5 was sampled to 17 ft. and Core 6 was 16 ft. deep (Map 2). The bottom layers of these two deeper cores were loosely compacted and the soils were not always retrievable. Core 6 was slated for 14 ft. sample but an additional two feet of soils were pushed into the tube in an effort to provide a usable sample to examine. All trench logs are provided in Table 1 and Photos 1 through 4 document the process and show the soil samples recovered from Cores 5 and 6.

The parking lot of asphalt and road base was constructed on native soil with no areas containing fill. The alluvial soils ranged from clayey silt to silty clay consistent with large-scale flooding from either



Map 1. 397 Blossom Hill Senior Housing Development, San Jose, Santa Clara County

Photodocumentation of Presence/Absence Exploration at 397 Blossom Hill Road

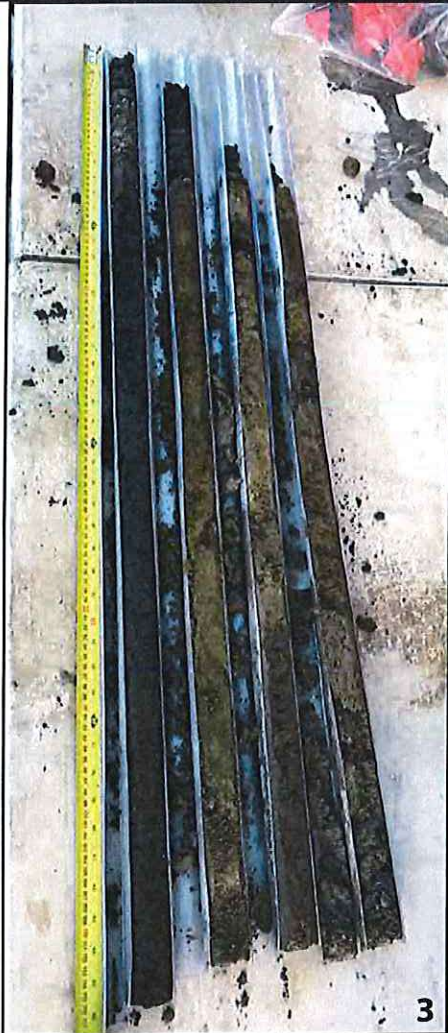
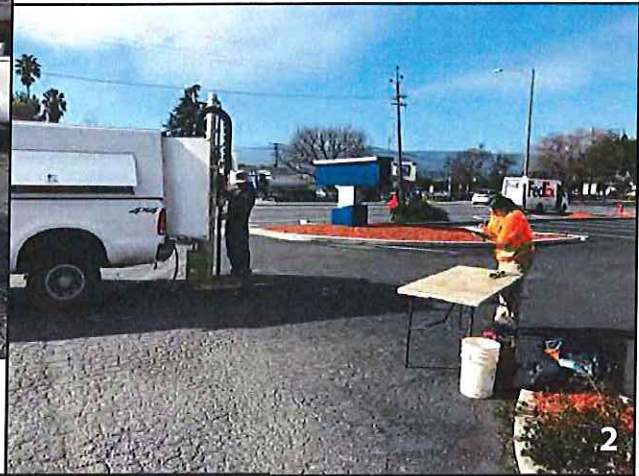


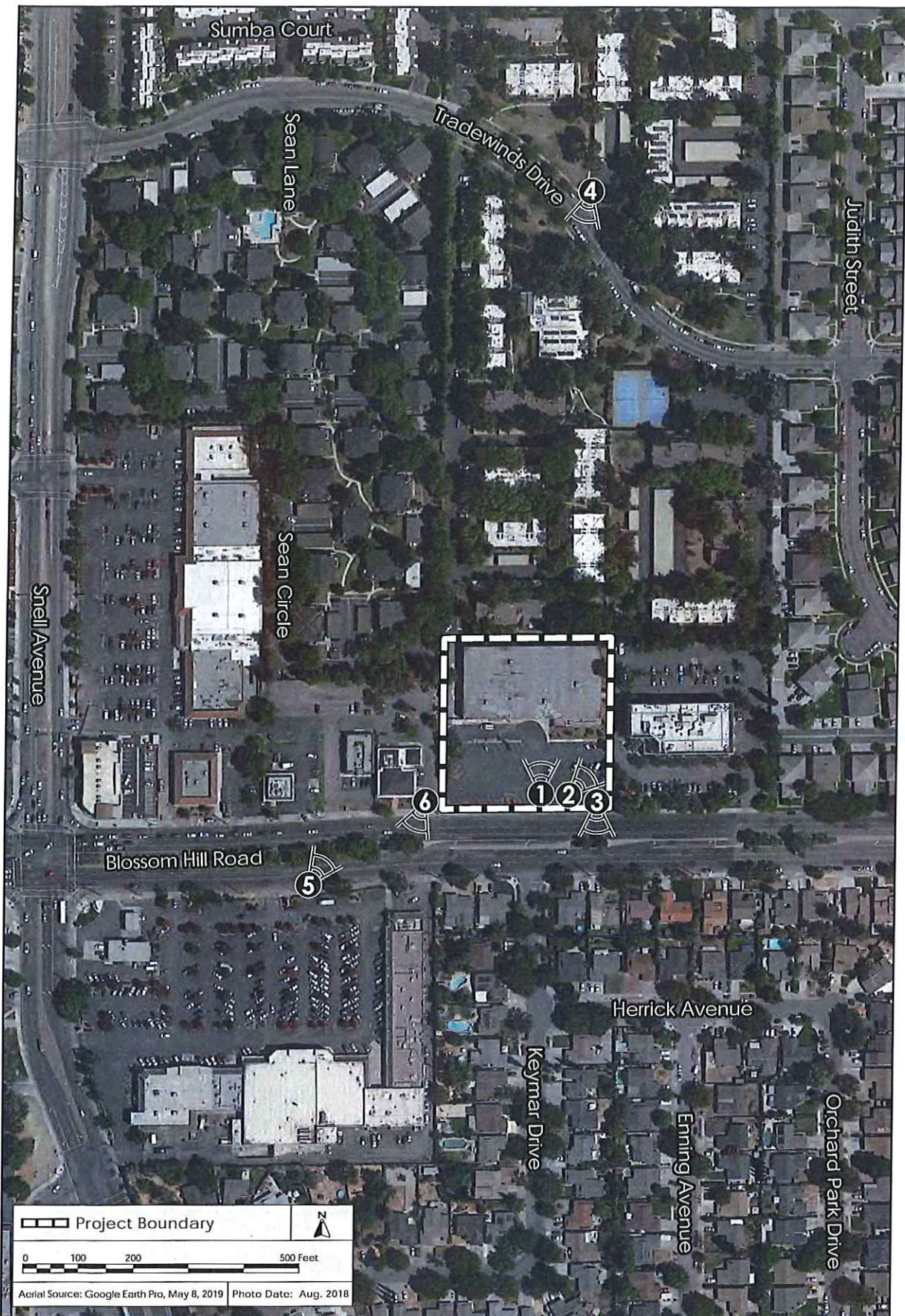
Photo 1. Overview of west side of Project APE at Core 6 with Tim Tyler at truck rig and Donielle Neddeau taking notes, view to north with one of the gates beyond. **Photo 2.** Overview of Project APE drilling Core 2, view to south. **Photo 3.** Soil samples from Core 5 with top in upper right. **Photo 4.** Soil samples from Core 5 with top in upper right.

		16-19	Light gray/brown fine clayey sand with occasional subangular pea gravels.
		19-26	Medium-brown sand with medium and small rounded and subangular gravels.
6	0-4	0-6	Asphalt and roadbase.
		6-10	Dark gray/brown silty clay, mottled and compacted.
		10-22	Dark-gray clayey silt.
		22-32	Medium gray/brown clayey silt, with a few carbon flecks at 26 inch.
		32-46	Brown clayey silt.
	4-8	0-12	Brown to yellow/brown clayey silt.
		12-17	Medium-tan clayey silt.
		17-30	Medium-tan very fine sandy silt with traces of subangular pea gravels.
		30-37	Medium tan/brown sandy silt, fine to medium grain sand, with decaying rootlet.
	8-12	0-9	Medium tan/brown sand.
		9-17	Medium tan/brown clayey silt, moist.
		17-32	Dark-brown silty clay.
		32-45	Medium-brown silty clay.
	12-16	0-25	Medium-brown silty clay, becoming very wet at 11 inches.
		25-31	Medium-brown clayey silt, very wet.
		31-36	Medium-brown sandy clay.

K. Dobinson and D. Neddeau, 12 March 2019

Attachment B

Photographs of the Project Site and Surrounding Area



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH AND PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONS

FIGURE #



Photo 3: View of the single-family residences on Blossom Hill Road, to the south of the site.



Photo 4: View of multi-family residences to the north of the site, looking south from Tradewinds Drive.