

**Appendix A:
Cultural Resources**

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A.1 - NAHC Correspondence

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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October 27, 2015

Dr. Dana DePietro
The City of Fairfield

Sent by Email: ddepietro@fcs-intl.com
Number of Pages: 3

RE: Solano Community College, New Science Building project, Solano County

Dear Dr. DePietro:

As of July 1, 2015, Public Resources Code Sections 21080.1, 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 21080.1(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. Attached is a consultation list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the potential "area of project affect" (APE).

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.1(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 measures.
- 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. A search of the NAHC Sacred Lands File was completed for the APE referenced above. Please note that the absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not indicate the absence of Native American traditional cultural places or cultural landscapes in any APE. While in this case, a search of the NAHC Sacred Lands File did not indicate the presence of any sites within the APE you provided, a Native American tribe or individual may be the only source for the presence of traditional cultural places. Enclosed is a list of Native American tribes who may have knowledge of traditional cultural places in your project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating any areas of potential adverse impact.
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.

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 debbie.treadway@nahc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Debbie Pilas-Treadway
Environmental Specialist III

**Native American Heritage Commission
Tribal Consultation List
Solano County
October 26, 2015**

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Charlie Wright, Chairperson
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(530) 473-3274 Office

Wintun / Patwin

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Leland Kinter, Chairperson
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lkinter@yochadehe-nsn.gov
(530) 796-3400

Wintun (Patwin)

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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 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is applicable only for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed Solano Community College, New Science Building project, Solano County

A.2 - AB 52 Correspondence

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November 19, 2015

Leland Kinter, Chairperson
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
P.O. Box 18
Brooks, CA, 95606

**Subject: Notification of Proposed New Science Building at the Solano College Campus
Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 (AB52)**

Dear Mr. Kinter:

This letter is formal notification of the Solano Community College District's proposal to build a new science building at the Solano College Campus in Fairfield, CA which is subject to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Solano Community College District is the lead CEQA agency responsible for consulting with California Native American Tribes pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 (a.k.a. AB52). Accordingly, this letter provides a brief description of the proposed project, its location, and lead agency contact information. Pursuant to AB52, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has 30 days to request in writing its desire to consult on this particular project. The request to consult must be received on or before December 21, 2015, and shall provide the name of the tribe's designated lead contact person.

Project Description

The Solano Community College District is proposing to develop a New Science Building at the Solano College Campus in Fairfield (see attached Regional Location Map). The approximately 30,400 square-foot building would be located between existing Buildings 100, 1400, 1500, and 1700 in the center of the campus (see attached Project Location Map). Utility upgrades and site improvements would be implemented in conjunction with the proposed project. While the proposed building does not include a basement level, the project calls for foundations at least 24 inches in depth. The construction period is expected to be 18 to 20 months with a goal to open the New Science Building in the fall of 2018.

Research Status

A CEQA Tribal Consultation List and search of the Sacred Lands File were requested the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) on October 9, 2015. On October 29, 2015, we received the NAHC response, indicating the results of the Sacred Lands search were negative. The list included the names and contact information of three tribal representatives, including yourself, that may be interested in consulting on the project pursuant to AB-52.

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A pedestrian survey was conducted for the project area on October 21, 2015. No archaeological resources were identified on the surface as a result of the pedestrian survey, however the area was heavily landscaped which limited surface visibility. A records search conducted at the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) on October 15, 2015 indicated that 29 surveys have been performed within a ½ mile radius of the project area, however none of those surveys address the project area directly. The surveys recorded 6 Native American associated archaeological resources within a ½ mile radius of the building footprint. Two of these 6 resources are located within 1000 feet of the building footprint. The others range from 1200 to 2600 feet away from the project footprint. The two archaeological sites (CA-SOL-243 and CA-SOL-441 are) located within 1000 feet of the project area are described in the following paragraphs.

CA-SOL-243 This resource is a prehistoric and ethnographic village and burial site designated as *Ule Ule/Ululato* or "Chief Solano's Village." The site was first recorded in 1949, with subsequent studies performed in 1971, 2005 and 2011 (Piling and Bennyhoff, 1949; Jackmond, 1971; Koenig, 2005; Jones, 2011). The site is described as an extensive (800ft. diameter) scattering of lithic debitage and artifacts including handstones, projectile points and so-called "charmstones" on both sides of Suisun Valley Road. Approximately 15 burials were discovered during cultivation activities sometime prior to the construction of the campus, and another 3 burials were discovered and excavated during construction of the campus in 1969. Artifacts collected over the course of investigations at the site included chert scrapers, handstones, projectile points, fragments of European ceramics, olivella beads and obsidian debitage.

CA-SOL-441 This resource was recorded in 2005, and consists of three pieces of obsidian debitage that were recorded in a small plowed field just east of the college tennis courts (Koenig, 2005). The site lies approximately 400m east of CA-SOL-243.

Contact Information

The College District lead contact for AB52 Consultation on this project is:

Yulian Ligioso
Vice President, Finance and Administration
4000 Suisun Valley Road
Fairfield, CA 94534

c/o Trish Fernandez, M.A.
Cultural Resources Manager
4836 Skyway Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

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If the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation wishes to consult with the College regarding the New Science Building Project, please indicate in writing via letter or email addressed to the lead contact provided above within 30 days (on or before December 21, 2015) and provide the name of the tribe's designated lead contact person.

Sincerely,



Yulian Ligioso
Vice President, Finance and Administration

Enclosures: NAHC Response Letter
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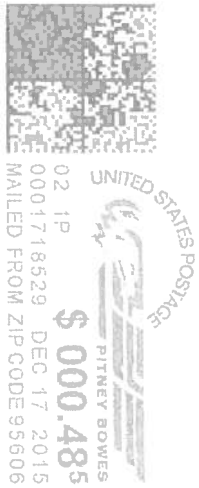


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CULTURAL RESOURCES

December 14th, 2015

Trish Hernandez
Cultural Resources Manager
4836 Skyway Drive
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

RE: New Science Building at the Solano College Campus Project

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

Thank you for your project notification letter dated November 19, 2015 regarding cultural information on or near the proposed above named project, Fairfield, Solano County, CA. We appreciate your effort to contact us and wish to respond.

The Cultural Resources Department has reviewed the project and concluded that it is within the aboriginal territories of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Therefore, we have a cultural interest and authority in the proposed project area. We wish to initiate consultation with the Solano Community College.

Please provide our Cultural Resources Department with a project timeline, detailed project information and the latest cultural study for the proposed project. As the project progresses, if any new information or cultural items are found, we do have a process to protect such important and sacred artifacts. Upon such a finding, please contact the following individual:

Mr. James Sarmiento
Cultural Resources Manager
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Office: (530) 723-0452, Email: jsarmiento@yochadehe-nsn.gov

Please refer to identification number YD – 12042015-01 in any correspondences concerning this project.

Thank you for providing us with project information and the opportunity to comment. Please contact Mr. Sarmiento at your earliest convenience to coordinate a date and time for the consultation meeting.

Sincerely,

James Kinter
Tribal Secretary
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

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Elizabeth Johnson

From: Dana DePietro
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:36 PM
To: Elizabeth Johnson
Subject: Fwd: Excellent Meeting You

----- Forwarded message -----

From: James Sarmiento <JSarmiento@yochadehe-nsn.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 2:10 PM
Subject: Re: Excellent Meeting You
To: Dana DePietro <ddepietro@fcs-intl.com>, Laverne Bill <LBill@yochadehe-nsn.gov>

Greetings Dana,
I wanted to follow up from our previous meeting.

Based on the information provided and the high sensitivity for cultural resources in the APE of the new Science Building there is a need for both Archaeological Monitors and Tribal Cultural Monitors during ground disturbing activities of the project. We would be happy to set up a Monitoring Agreement with the Project Lead for Tribal Monitoring and can provide a treatment plan as necessary.

One of the points we would like to clarify is that in event of the discovery of cultural resources or human remains all work should stop within 100 ft and workers should avoid altering the materials until a qualified Archaeologist or Tribal Monitor has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project Workers should not collect or remove any cultural resources.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully,
James

James Sarmiento
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From: Dana DePietro <ddepietro@fcs-intl.com>
Date: Monday, January 25, 2016 at 2:18 PM

To: James Sarmiento <jsarmiento@yochadehe-nsn.gov>, Laverne Bill <lbill@yochadehe-nsn.gov>

Subject: Excellent Meeting You

Dear James and Laverne,

It was excellent meeting the two of you at our consultation meeting Friday, and I felt the meeting went very well. I wanted to follow up on our conversation and provide you with copies of the test excavation and monitoring reports I mentioned, as well as some irrigation schematics that Brian sent along.

I'm glad we are all on the same page about the need for monitoring in such a potentially sensitive location. Please let me know your thoughts on the proposed mitigation measures, and we will incorporate your input into the CEQA document.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any additional questions, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks,

Dana

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