


**NEGATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVENTORY REPORT FOR  
APN 114-140-06-00 and 140-57-00  
LOCATED IN SUNSHINE SUMMIT, CALIFORNIA  
PDS2016-AD-16-034**

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## **National Archaeological Data Base Information**

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Report Title: Archaeological Inventory Report for APN 114-140-06-00 and 114-140-57-00, Located in Sunshine Summit/Warner Springs, California

Type of Study: Intensive Pedestrian and Archival Research

Prehistoric/Pre-Contact Resources:      None

Updated Sites: N/A

Historic Resources:              None

USGS Quad: Warner Springs

Acreage: 13.6 acres

Key Words: Sunshine Summit, Warner Springs, Negative Survey, Sierra Roble Vineyard.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the results of an archaeological inventory and survey for an approximately 13.6-acre parcel located in Warner Springs, California (APN 114-140-06-00 and 114-140-57-00). The property, with the exception of a small portion on the west that is crossed by an SDG&E easement and contains some native vegetation, and a portion to the south, is currently in use as a vineyard for the Sierra Roble Winery. The records search, field survey, and preparation of this letter report were performed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and guidelines of the County of San Diego as one element of approval of a proposed agricultural administrative permit for the study area.

Results of the field study were negative; no archaeological or historical resources were recorded at the South Coastal Information Center or as a result of the field survey. There are five known resources to the east and south east of the project.

The proposed project has not and will not impact or adversely affect any recorded or known cultural resources within the portions of the parcels currently in use as vineyards or proposed for vineyard expansion. If, however, the section of the parcel on the extreme western portion crossed by the SDG&E easement and the currently uncleared portion to the south are, in the future, cleared, then post-grading review has been recommended by the Native American monitor to ensure that unobserved, buried resources in the semi-undisturbed western portion of the project are not impacted without some level of study.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

This letter report provides the results of an archaeological inventory and survey for an approximately 13.6-acre parcel located in Sunshine Summit/Warner Springs, California (APN 114-140-57-00 and 114-140-06-00). Parcel 114-140-06-00 has been previously cleared of native vegetation and is currently in use as a vineyard. A portion of 114-140-57-00 has been cleared and planted with the southern portion still in native vegetation.

The records search, field survey, and preparation of this letter report were performed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and guidelines of the County of San Diego as one element of approval of an agricultural use permit for the non-permitted portion of the vineyard.

Results of the study were negative; no archaeological or historical resources were recorded at the South Coastal Information Center or as a result of the field survey. There are known resources within the one mile study area to the east and south of the current project across Highway 79 and to the south. Continued use of the parcels for agricultural purposes and as a vineyard will not impact or adversely affect any recorded or known cultural resources. In the event that the western portion of the parcel near the SDG&E easement and the southern section is cleared, a post-grading review of the cleared ground surface has been recommended by the Native American monitor to ensure that unobserved, buried historic resources and Native American resources are not impacted without some level of study.

## **2.0 PROJECT LOCATION**

The project is located in the community of Sunshine Summit north of Warner Springs, California immediately west of Highway 79 and (Figure 1). As shown on the Warner Springs 7.5 USGS quadrangle, the parcel is situated within Township 9 South Range 2 East; in the southwest quarter of section 36 at an approximate elevation of 3200 feet above mean sea level (msl) (Figure 2).

### 3.0 ARCHIVAL RESEARCH/RECORDS SEARCH

A self-search records search for a one mile radius was conducted at the South Coastal information Center on September 28, 2017 (Attachment A: Records Search Request). Results of the search were negative; no archaeological or historical resources were previously recorded on the subject parcel (Attachment B: Verification of Records Search). Confidential Appendix A, which is provided as a separate document, provides a map depicting the recorded resources beyond the area of potential effect. A listing of the five recorded sites within a one-mile radius of the Sierra Roble project is provided below on Table 1. The nearest resource (SDI-18141) is 800 feet to the southeast.

**TABLE 1**  
**CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN A ONE MILE RADIUS OF PROJECT SITE**

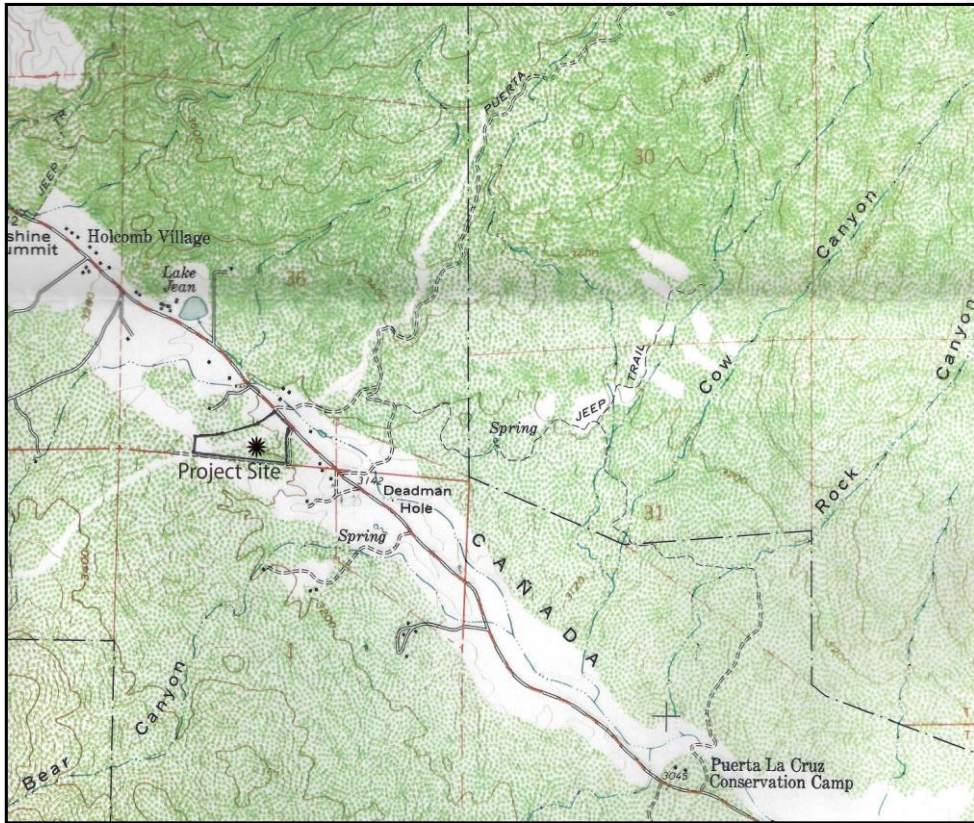
Site No. SDI-	Type	Report/Recorder
18173	Bedrock milling features w/debitage & ceramics	J Underwood et al 2006. Proposed Vista Irrigation District Expansion
18141	Probably village site w/extensive bedrock milling, ceramics, lithics.	J Underwood et al 2006 Proposed Vista Irrigation District Expansion
9849H	Cement slab foundation & two flakes with modern historic glass and cans	D Hanna & J Cook 1984. SERE Camp FY 1986 U. S. Navy Family Housing
00428	Extensive bedrock milling with slicks and mortars. Pestles noted	D. L. True 1958 (Site Survey Record Only)
18157	Historic site with cans, glass, metal. Mainly glass food and condiment jars.	J Underwood et al 2006 Proposed Vista Irrigation District Expansion

The County of San Diego will serve as the Lead Agency and will be ultimately responsible for conducting a Sacred Lands review through the Native American Heritage Commission as well as consultation with the local tribes.



**FIGURE 1**

**Depicting Existing Vineyard and Natural Vegetation to the South  
That is a Part of the Proposed Action**



**FIGURE 2**

**Project Site As Depicted On the Warner Springs  
7.5 Minute USGS Quadrangle**

## SUBJECT PARCEL



The project is subject to AB-52 consultation. County staff is engaged in tribal outreach with the Pala Band of Mission Indians and the San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (Attachment C). Native American consultation will be an on-going effort throughout the environmental review process. To date, no tribal cultural resources have been identified within the project site.

Several archaeological and historical sites have been recorded to the east of the current project site. An extensive and concentrated assemblage of artifacts with bedrock milling features is located east of the project site and probably comprises a precontact village location.

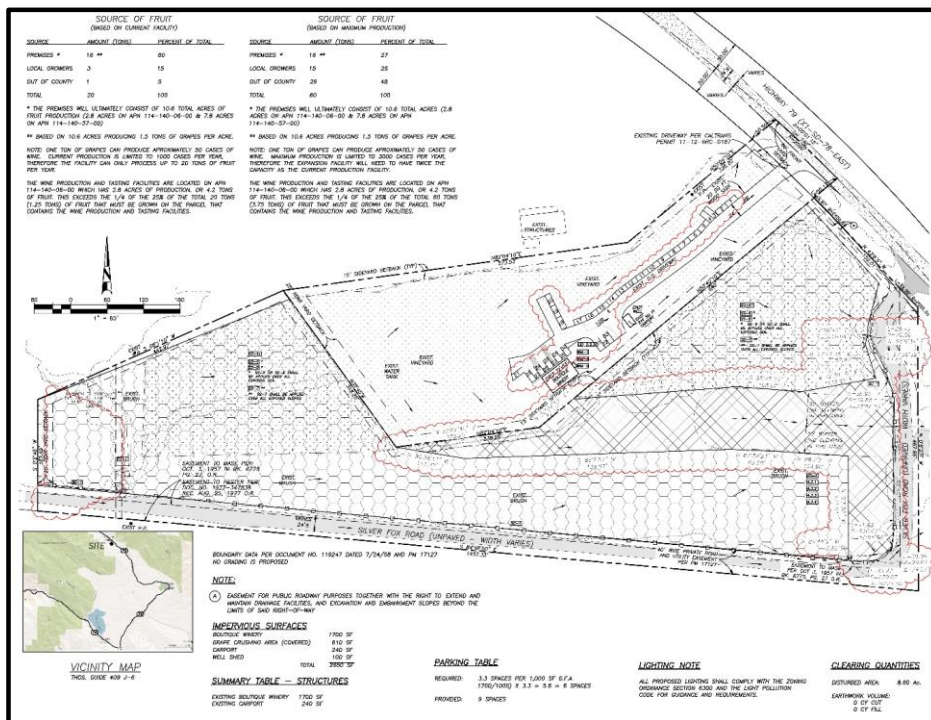
A review of historic maps and reports do not indicate any significant historic land use associated directly with the parcel. Current Highway 79 and earlier unpaved roads within and beyond the current route served as a major transportation link between the eastern desert and communities to the north including Temecula. The road has been heavily modified and is not within the area of potential effect.

### 4.0 SETTING

The subject parcel is within a set of rolling hills that generally trend east west with small drainages cutting through the hills. Elevation in the parcel varies from 3278 feet above mean sea level (msl) on the western highest point to 3200 feet above msl on the east. The proposed action is to gain a permit from the County of San Diego for the expansion of the vineyard and winery from Boutique Winery status to Small Winery status. The cross hatched area depicted in Figure 3 shows the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Figure 4 shows the existing vineyard including the portion that is not currently permitted and will be a portion of the Small Winery permit. Figure 5 depicts the existing permitted vineyard from the west.

The soils within the parcel are crumbly brown to dark orange loam with small angular granitic bedrock fragments and nodules in relatively shallow in the subsoils. The small outcrops beyond the area of potential effect are not suitable for milling or food processing. The entire subject parcel has been cleared for installation of the current vineyards. Vegetation beyond the current study area (which is limited to the vineyards) on the south and west include red shank, yucca, buckwheat, and other members of the Coastal Sage Scrub community.





**FIGURE 3**

**Project Site as Depicted Engineering Plot Plan  
Area of Potential Effect (APE) Depicted with Cross Hatches**



**FIGURE 4**

**Project Site Looking East/Southeast From  
The Winery Deck Area. Native Vegetation to the Right is a Part of  
the APE**



**FIGURE 5**

**Project Site Looking East From  
the Cleared SDG&E Easement Towards the Vineyard and Winery.  
Native Vegetation that is a Part of the APE is to the Right  
(Southward). Note the Rocky Soils within the Easement**

## **5.0 FIELD SURVEY**

The field survey was conducted on October 11, 2017 by Richard L. Carrico acting as the Principal Investigator and on October 16, 2017 by Richard Carrico with P. J. Stoneburner of the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation under contract to Save Sacred Sites as the Native American Monitor. The survey was conducted by transecting the acreage in east to west transects spaced at 3 meter intervals. Ground visibility was excellent given that the majority of the survey area is currently in use as a vineyard. As an estimate, more than 95% of the ground surface was visible within the vineyard and approximately 60% within the vegetated section to the south. The entire APE was intensively surveyed.

## **6.0 RESULTS OF THE SURVEY**

Results of the field survey were negative; no archaeological or historical resources were noted within the parcel. The acreage has been cleared in all but a small portion to the west and tilled/brushed over for most of the parcel allowing for a thorough examination of surface soils, and in many cases subsoils. Precontact sites tend to be associated with major water sources and useable bedrock; resources that are lacking within the parcel.

### **Native American Consultation**

No information has been obtained through Native American consultation with the Pala Band of Mission Indians or communication with the Native American monitor during fieldwork that tribal cultural resources are known to exist within the project area that current serve religious or other community practices. A review of the notes of John P. Harrington for the general area did not reveal any specific placenames or recorded places of importance although nearby Puerta la Cruz, Warner Springs, Dead Man's Hole and Oak Grove were all noted as important. During the current archaeological evaluation, no artifacts or remains were identified or recovered that could be reasonably associated with cultural or religious practices. The cultural survey was negative for resources.

## **7.0 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

The absence of cultural resources within the subject parcel leads to a finding of no adverse effect and of no impacts to known significant cultural resources as result of approval of the existing vineyards within the parcel.

The Native American monitor has requested that if grading or clearing is conducted in the future for the small remnant of native plants and soils in the extreme western portion of the overall parcel near the SDG&E easement and within the southern section, that post-clearing review be conducted. The review shall include a qualified archaeologist and a knowledgeable Luiseño or Cupeño monitor. All review/monitoring efforts and reporting shall follow the County of San Diego guidelines to include the authority to halt and investigate potentially important resources (if any) encountered during grading.

## **8.0 SOURCES CONSULTED**

### Aerial Photograph

1928 San Diego County Tax Factor 1928 Aerial Photograph. Cartographic Services, San Diego County Operations Center.

1946 United States Department of Agriculture 1946 Aerial Photograph. On line at [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com).

1953 United States Department of Agriculture 1953 Aerial Photograph. On line at [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com).

1964 United States Department of Agriculture 1964 Aerial Photograph. On line at [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com).

1968 United States Department of Agriculture 1968 Aerial Photograph. On line at [historicalaerials.com](http://historicalaerials.com).

### Alexander, W.E.

1912 San Diego County Plat Book. San Diego History Center Archives

### General Land Office

1876 Plat Map of Township 9 South South, Range 2 East, San Bernardino Meridian.

1891 Copy of Plat Map on file Cartographic Services, San Diego County Operations Center, and at <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>.

### Harrington, John P.

1925 Field notes of J. P. Harrington. Volume 3, Reel 119 and 169.

USGS (United States Geological Service)

1948 Warner Springs Quadrangle.

1975 Warner Springs 7.5' Quadrangle.

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**REQUEST TO PERFORM A SELF SEARCH AT THE**  
**SOUTH COASTAL INFORMATION CENTER**





RECUERDOS RESEARCH  
Ethnography and History

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September 28, 2017

Re: Request to Conduct Self Search for the Sierra Roble Vineyard Expansion Project, Warner Springs, California. Recuerdos Project #17-0020

Jairne per our e-mail communications of this week I would like to come into SCIC on September 28, 2014, to conduct a self-search of the records and documents for a less than 12-acre parcel located near Warner Springs, California. I am completing an archaeological and historical report for the Client for their submittal to the County of San Diego.

This work is being conducted in support of completion of an environmental planning document for a private client. I will be conducting a search within a one mile radius of the project site.

Thank you for the opportunity to conduct this self-search.

  
Richard L. Carrico  
Recuerdos Research



Record Search within One Mile Radius  
Of the Project Center

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**VERIFICATION OF A SELF SEARCH AT THE SOUTH**  
**COASTAL INFORMATION CENTER**



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**CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM  
CLIENT IN-HOUSE RECORDS SEARCH**

**Company:** Ricardos  
**Company Representative:** Richard Carrico  
**Date:** 10/9/2017  
**Project Identification:** Project # 7-0020

**Search Radius:** 1 mile

**Historical Resources:**

SELF

Tinnomial and Primary site maps have been reviewed. All sites within the project boundaries and the specified radius of the project area have been plotted. Copies of the site record forms have been included for all recorded sites.

**Previous Survey Report Boundaries:**

SELF

Project boundary maps have been reviewed. National Archaeological Database (NADB) citations for reports within the project boundaries and within the specified radius of the project area have been included.

**Historic Addresses:**

SELF

A map and database of historic properties (formerly Geofinder) has been included.

**Historic Maps:**

SELF

The historic maps on file at the South Coastal Information Center have been reviewed, and copies have been included.

**Copies:** 60  
**Hours:** 1.5

*Richard Carrico*

**ATTACHMENT C**

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**TO BE PROVIDED**

**Commented [NK1]:** Place in confidential appendix

**CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX A:  
CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN A ONE MILE  
RADIUS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

**(Provided Under Separate Cover: Not for Public Review)**