

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL LETTER REPORT FOR A
NEGATIVE SURVEY OF THE DEL PRADO NORTH AND SOUTH PROJECT, APN
238-130-11, 26, 27, 35, & 36**

ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA

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Cultural Resources Inventory of 4.86 Acres

USGS Quadrangle: Escondido

Unsectioned Portion Rincon del Diablo Land Grant of Township 12 South; Range 2 West

Guidelines: CEQA

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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

This letter report provides the results of an archaeological, historical, and paleontological inventory and survey for a 4.86-acre parcel located in Escondido, California. The property is slated for development of multi-family residential units by Touchstone Communities, Inc. 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 City of Escondido, California. The survey and report preparation was conducted by Richard L. Carrico, a certified archaeologist and historian, of Recuerdos Research with assistant from the Save Sacred Sites Luiseno group and their field monitor Rueben Salvador.

Results of the study were negative; no significant or important archaeological, historical resources were recorded at the South Coast Information Center or as a result of the field survey. The proposed project will not impact or adversely affect any recorded or known cultural resources.

PROJECT LOCATION

The APN is APN 238-130-11, 26, 27, 35 & 36. As shown on the Escondido 7.5 USGS quadrangle, the parcel is situated within Township 12 South Range 2 West; in an unsectioned portion of a Mexican era land grant El Rincon del Diablo (Figure 1). The project is located in Escondido, California west of Centre City Parkway and bounded on the north by Brotherton Street. A paved road for access to a San Diego Gas and Electric facility separates Del Prado North and Del Prado South (Figures 2, 3 and 4).

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH/RECORDS SEARCH

A self-search records search was conducted at the South Coast information Center on September 14, 2015 by Richard L. Carrico (Attachment A: Records Search Request). Results of the search were negative; no archaeological or historical resources were previously recorded on or near the subject parcel (Attachment B: Verification of Records Search). It is known that several Luiseño and Kumeyaay Indian sites are located along Escondido Creek to north and the San Dieguito River to the south but past research has indicated that the immediate vicinity was rarely inhabited. In general, the immediate area might have been used for hunting and the gathering of native grasses and seeds but otherwise, offered little to prehistoric people.

A review of historic maps and background data did not indicate that any historical roads or buildings existed within the parcel. Past land use did include the old Cask and Cleaver Restaurant that once stood on the site before it became a Woody's Barbeque and was subsequently abandoned and demolished.

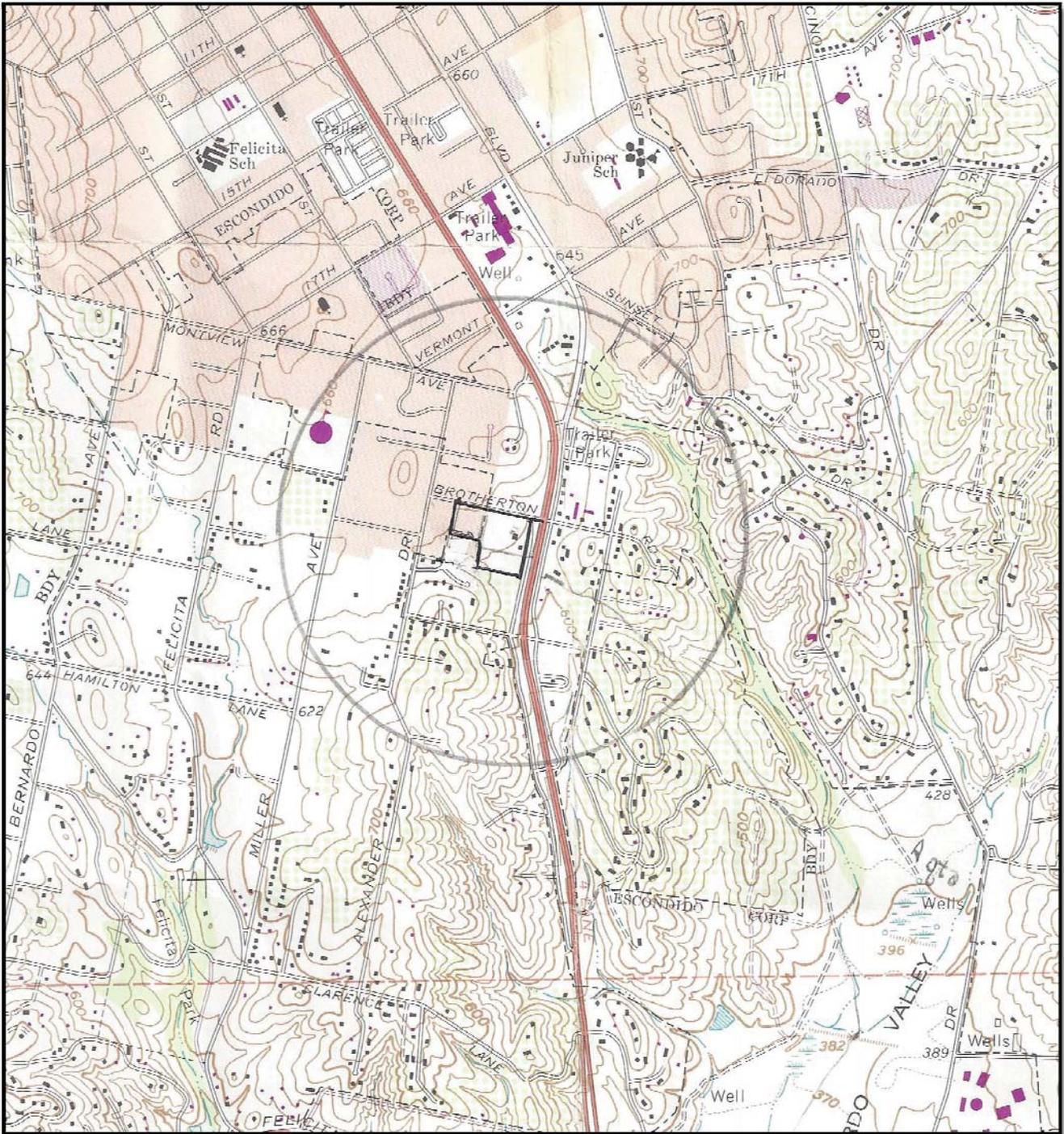


FIGURE 1:
PROJECT SITE AS DEPICTED ON THE
ESCONDIDO CALIFORNIA 7.5 MINUTE USGS QUADRANGLE

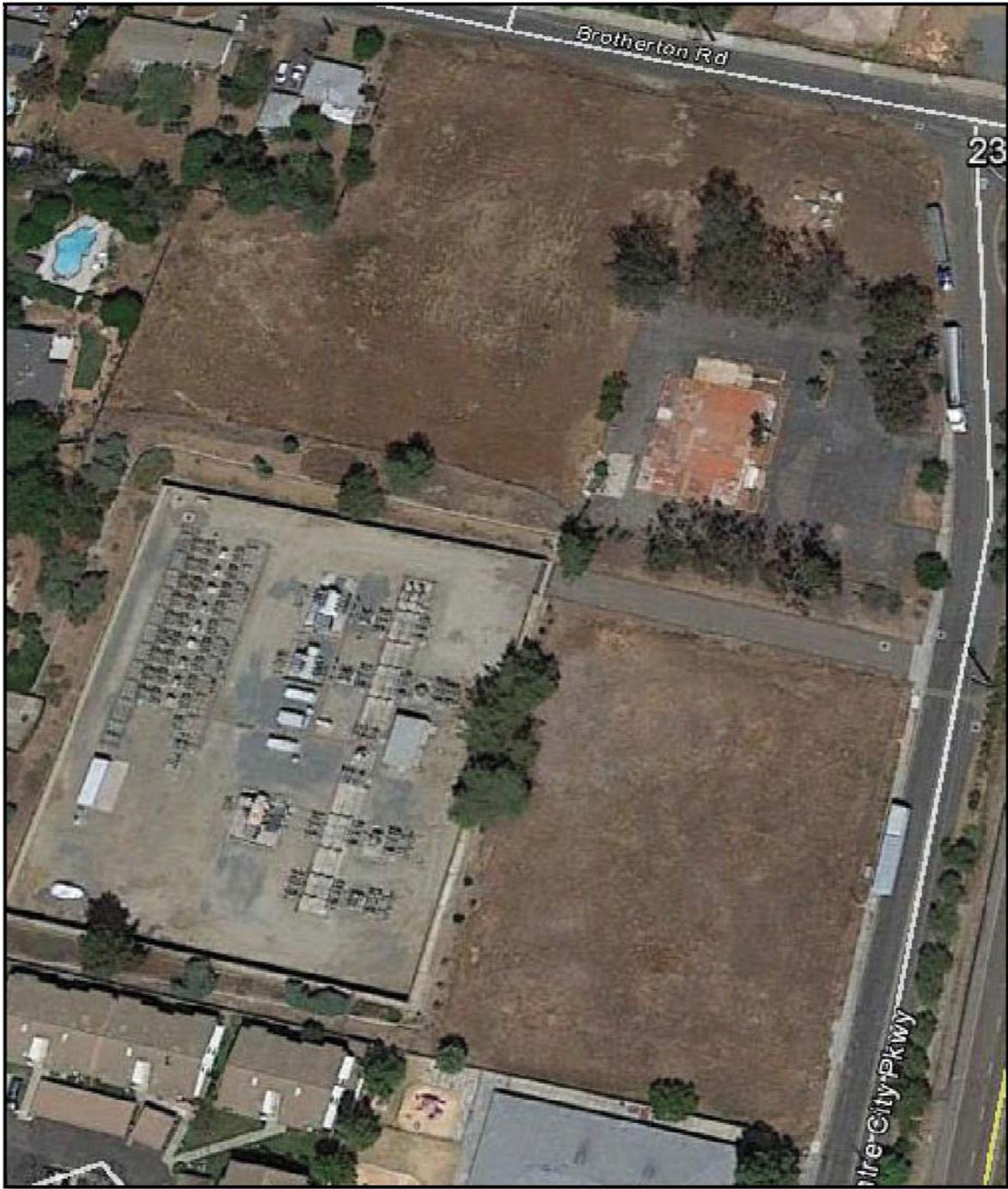


FIGURE 2
PROJECT SITE AS SHOWN ON GOOGLE EARTH

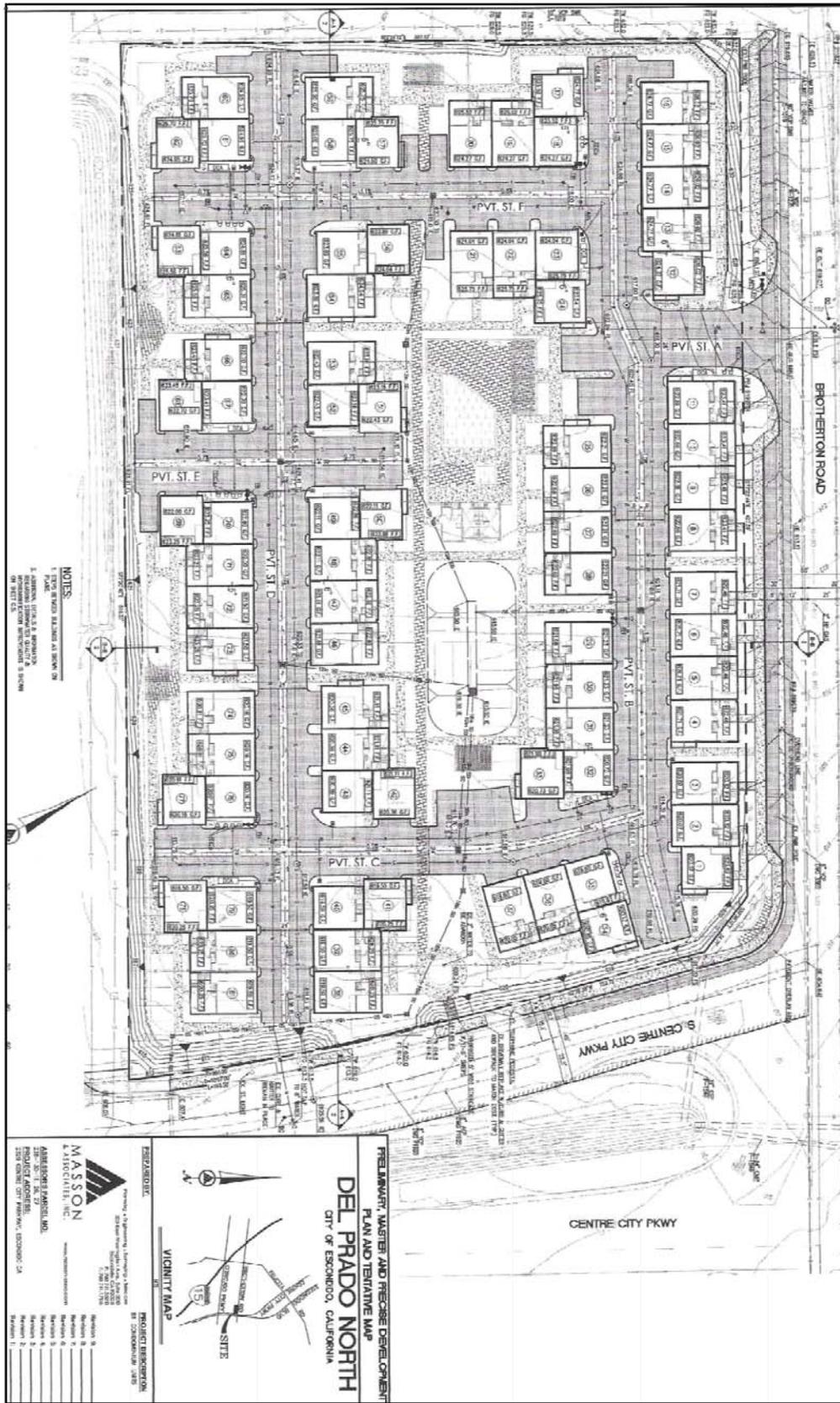


FIGURE 4
 Site Plan for Prado North

SETTING

The subject parcel is a graded and nearly flat piece of land with an asphalt parking lot in the southeast portion of the Prado North parcel with the slab of the previous Woody's Barbeque/Cask and Cleaver restaurant also present. As shown in Figure 2, the previous commercial facility encompasses nearly one-fourth of the North Prado parcel. Elevation in the parcel varies from 611 feet above mean sea level (msl) on the southeast to approximately 627 feet above msl on the north. An existing residence was noted on northwest end of the North Prado parcel. The single family residence is typical of suburban homes in the area. It was built in 1953 and is a standard stucco dwelling with wood trim, a concrete porch and attached garage. The dwelling does not represent a unique or outstanding architectural style and is not associated with person important in the history of Escondido.

Based on soils map and the trench logs from recent soils testing, the soils within the parcel consist of a top soil or upper level comprised of older alluvium soils containing loose, silty sands. Beginning around 1.5 to 2.0 feet in depth the soils gradually shift to more clayey sands to a depth of approximately four feet at which time the soils become increasingly clayey before a level of weathered granitics are encountered at approximately 8 to 9 feet. This geological setting with a mixture of recent alluvial soils and older granitic base soils is generally not conducive to significant paleontological remains and the general area is not known to have produced significant or substantial paleontological discoveries. Vegetation on the parcels varies from intrusive weeds sporadically across the land with planted pines and eucalyptus trees present along some of the property borders..

FIELD SURVEY

The field survey was conducted on September 16, 2015 by Richard L. Carrico acting as the Principal Investigator accompanied by Rueben Salvador a local Luiseño serving as field surveyor and monitor under contract to Save Sacred Sites, representing the San Luis Band of Mission Indians (SLBMI). Ms. Cami Mojado was informed of the project and provided the monitoring services.

The survey was conducted by transecting the acreage in north to south transects spaced at 3 meter intervals. Ground visibility was excellent to moderate with only the presence of leaves and debris from pines trees on the western border impairing visibility in small sporadic areas. The paved asphalt parking lot and restaurant slab obscured a portion of the project in the North Prado parcel. As an estimate, more than 70% of the ground was visible and the entire parcel was intensively surveyed.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

Results of the field survey were negative; no historical or archaeological resources were noted within the parcel. The absence of historic, pre-contact, or paleontological resources within the subject parcel is consistent with previous surveys in the region and with the landform within the parcel.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The absence of cultural resources within the subject parcel leads to a finding of no adverse effect and of no impacts to significant cultural resources as result of approval of the proposed construction on the parcel. Therefore no mitigating measures or requirements for further study or monitoring are required. A copy of this report will be filed with the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) at San Diego State University.

ATTACHMENT A:
REQUEST FOR SELF SEARCH AT SCIC
And
VERIFICATION OF SELF SEARCH AT SCIC

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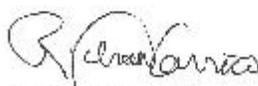
September 14, 2015

Re: Request to Conduct Self Search for Prado Escondido APN 238-130-11, 26, 27 Project,
Escondido, California. Recuerdos Project #15-032

Jaime per our e-mail communications I would like to come into SCIC on September 14, 2015, to conduct a self-search of the records and documents for an approximately 4.8-acre parcel on largely undeveloped land located in the unsectioned portion of Township 12 South, Range 2 West, within the community of Escondido, California. I am completing an archaeological and historical report for the Client for their submittal to the City of Escondido.

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

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



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CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM CLIENT IN-HOUSE RECORDS SEARCH

Company: Recuerdos Research
Company Representative: Richard Carrico
Date: 9/14/2015
Project Identification: Prado Escondido APN 238-130-11 #15-032

Search Radius: 1/2 mile

Historical Resources: SELF

Trinomial 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: 12

Hours: 1