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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION December 20, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego, Department of General Services (DGS), as lead agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Los Peñasquitos Adobe Drainage Project.

Project Location: The project is located in the Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, within the City of San Diego, approximately 0.5-mile west of the intersection of Black Mountain Road and Canyonside Park Drive. The site is located 1.5 miles west of Interstate 15 (I-15).

Project Description: The project consists of the installation of approximately 350 feet of 4-inch, subdrain immediately east of the Johnson-Taylor Adobe, which is part of a historic ranch complex managed by the County of San Diego's Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The subdrain is intended to protect the foundation of the Johnson-Taylor Adobe from damage related to groundwater flowing from a spring located to the east.

The subdrain will collect excessive groundwater from the spring, and discharge it into an existing cement-lined retention basin, where it will mix with spring water which is already collected in this basin. The water in the basin will continue to be used to irrigate a nearby orchard. The subdrain will be laid in an 18-inch-wide trench with a minimum depth 4 feet. The trench will be excavated using hand tools.

Availability: The Draft MND can be reviewed at the following locations: County of San Diego, Department of General Services, 5500 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123 or http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/general_services/CEQA/CEQA.html. The Draft MND can also be reviewed at the Rancho Peñasquitos Library, located at 13330 Salmon Road, San Diego, CA 92129.

Comments: The public review period will extend between December 20, 2013 and January 21, 2014. Written comments regarding the Draft MND should be directed to Tim Manzano, Project Manager, via email at Tim.Manzano@sdcounty.ca.gov, or the DGS address above. Comments must be received **no later than January 21, 2014** at 4:00 PM.



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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Name: Los Peñasquitos Adobe Drainage Project

Project Number(s): 13205 (ML)

This Mitigated Negative Declaration is comprised of this form along with the Environmental Initial Study that includes the following:

- a. Initial Study Form
- b. Environmental Analysis Form and attached studies related to biological and cultural resources.

1. California Environmental Quality Act Mitigated Negative Declaration Findings:

Find that this Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the decision-making body's independent judgment and analysis and that the decision-making body has reviewed and considered the information contained in this Mitigated Negative Declaration and the comments received during the public review period, and, on the basis of the whole record before the decision-making body (including this Mitigated Negative Declaration) that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

2. Required Mitigation Measures:

Refer to the attached Environmental Initial Study for the rationale for requiring the following measures:

A. CULTURAL RESOURCES

MM-1: Prior to commencing installation of the subdrain, the County shall implement a grading monitoring and data recovery program for impacts to significant sites CA-SDI-5220 and CA-SDI-8125/H, consistent with that outlined in the cultural resources report prepared by Brian Smith and Associates (BFSA, 2013). This program shall include, but not be limited to, the following actions:

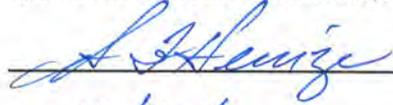
1. The data recovery program will include archaeological monitoring by a qualified archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American and screening of all soils removed during trenching through one-eighth-inch mesh hardware cloth. The monitoring of the excavation and screening will be expanded to standard archaeological excavation protocols in the event that significant deposits, features, or human remains are encountered.
2. The consulting archaeologist and Native American monitor shall attend the pre-construction meeting with the contractors to explain and coordinate the requirements of the monitoring program, as outlined in the 2007 County Report Format and Content Guidelines.
3. Artifacts which are recovered during the screening shall be labeled in the field with provenience information and taken to the laboratory for analysis using standard laboratory procedures on recovered artifacts including washing (as appropriate) and cataloging.
4. If datable materials are found in association with discovered features, a sample shall be collected for radiocarbon dating. If obvious datable samples cannot be found at the sites in the data recovery program, then several bulk soil samples may be collected and processed in an attempt to date the deposits.
5. If any human bones are discovered, the Principal Investigator shall contact the County Coroner and DPR archaeologist. In the event that the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the Most Likely Descendent (MLD), as identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), shall be contacted in order to determine proper treatment and disposition of the remains.

MM-2: Implement the research design detailed in the cultural resource study by Brian F. Smith and Associates (2013). The implementation of the research design constitutes mitigation for the impacts to historic site CA-SDI-5220 and CA-SDI-8125/H. At the completion of monitoring, a letter report will be submitted to the County archaeologist detailing prehistoric artifact analyses, including lithics analysis, ceramics analysis, faunal analysis, floral analysis, assemblage analysis, and radiocarbon dating. Historical artifacts shall be identified and analyzed using historical archaeological analytical techniques such as artifact function patterning, bottled products pattern analysis, and ceramic economic indexing. Additional historic research shall be conducted, as necessary, to aid in analyzing and explaining the significance of patterns.

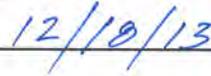
MM-3: All archaeological materials recovered during significance testing and grading monitoring activities, will be curated at a San Diego facility that meets federal standards per 36 CFR Part 79, and, therefore, will be professionally curated and made available to other archaeologists/researchers for further study. The collections and associated records shall be transferred, including title, to an appropriate curation facility within San Diego County, to be accompanied by payment of the fees necessary for permanent curation. Evidence shall be in

the form of a letter from the curation facility identifying that archaeological materials have been received and that all fees have been paid.

ADOPTION STATEMENT: This Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted and above California Environmental Quality Act findings made by the:



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April F. Heinze, Director