

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES REPORT CROSBY ENCLAVE PROJECT

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1. PROJECT LOCATION

- **County:** San Diego
- **USGS Quad Map:** Rancho Santa Fe
- **Section:** 13S **Range:** 3W **Section:** 14
- **Physical Address:** Southeast Corner of Del Dios Highway and Bing Crosby Boulevard. The project site is located in an area of residential development within the Starwood – Santa Fe Valley project (currently known as The Crosby) of the Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan area within the County of San Diego.
- **Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):** 267-190-03

2. ELEVATION

The current elevations throughout the 8.06-acre project site vary from 100 to over 240 feet above sea level (ASL). Topography of the site trends from the high point on the north side of the property, adjacent to Del Dios Highway, and slopes to the southeast where the lowest topographic point is located.

3. OWNER AND ADDRESS

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4. SURVEY TYPE

The Letter Report's conclusions are based on a systematic archaeological survey and a review of grading plans associated with activity conducted in 2005, approximately 5 years after the project site parcel was established as part of the Crosby Estates, Planning Area II of the Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Area. It is supported by a review of current photographs that indicate the planting and subsequent establishment of vegetation and an irrigation system within the previously recorded archaeological site CA-SDI-13603H area.

5. DESCRIPTION

The project proponent, California West Communities, proposes to construct 13 single family residential units. The project site is located in an area of residential development within the Starwood – Santa Fe Valley project (currently known as The Crosby) of the Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan area within the County of San Diego (see Figures 1 and 2, attached).

Subsequent to approval of the Crosby Estates Project, Tract 5073, the project site was subject to rough grading after 2005. Grading extended northward as high as the 230-foot contour. Grading was completed consistent with project conditions of approval; compliance with conditions of approval was certified by the San Diego County Department of Public Works on March 13, 2007.

The resulting topography within the project site includes 3.48 acres that is a leveled residential development footprint, surrounded by 4.58 acres of slopes, sidewalks, and roads including Bing Crosby Boulevard (see Figure 3, attached). This peripheral area on the northern project boundary has been landscaped and surface PVC irrigation piping system has been established.

6. RECORDS SEARCH

The Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (Ogden 1995) was reviewed for information regarding archaeological resources in the vicinity of the Crosby Enclave project site. The Crosby Enclave project site is situated in the northwestern portion of the 3,163-acre Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Area (SPA). The Draft EIR indicates that there are 93 archaeological sites, ranging from temporary prehistoric camps to permanent prehistoric occupation sites to historic trash scatters to historic structures, located in the Santa Fe Valley SPA.

In addition to reviewing the Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Draft EIR, Dudek requested a records search of the Crosby Enclave project site at the South Coastal Information Center, California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), San Diego State University. The records search, completed on July 14, 2011, identified one historic-period archaeological site CA-SDI-13,603H, and one artifact isolate, a solitary waste flake fragment, P-37-013826 (see Confidential Appendix A, SCIC Records Search). Both resources were recorded south of Del

Dios Highway, but north of the previously graded and leveled residential development footprint. The location of CA-SDI-13603H is identified on Figure 3.

CA-SDI-13603H. This site, recorded in 1993 during a Phase 1 survey for the San Diego Water Authority Pipeline, consists of a historic trash scatter dating to the early 20th century. The site was recorded as approximately 50 meters (m) (165 feet [ft]) X 40 m (130 ft), and included: 55 fragments of purple, clear, aqua, and amber glass; seven white ware fragments; several metal fragments including a square can and tin fragments; and several pieces of lumber. The sketch site map provided in the site record does not provide topographic contour elevations, but the general location of the resource, based on the site record Vicinity Map plotted at the USGS 1:24000 scale, places this resource directly south of Del Dios Highway within and adjacent to the 240 foot ASL contour (see Confidential Appendix A, SCIC Records Search). Based on this recordation, CA-SDI-13063H is likely north of the previously mass grading approved by the County of San Diego.

P-37-013826. This resource was recorded as "a large flake fragment of patinated green/grey aphanitic metavolcanic material." The location was identified "downslope from CA-SDI-13603H within a cut." No specific investigation was associated with recording of the isolate. As defined by the San Diego County Local Register of Historic Resources criteria, the flake fragment, however, is not considered to: "have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history" (Significance Criterion No. 4 [San Diego County 2007]). This is because the isolated artifact cannot be associated with a particular time period or activity. In addition, the integrity of the isolated artifact is questionable, as it was identified in previously disturbed cut slope soils.

7. SYSTEMATIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Methods. A systematic Phase 1 archaeological survey of the recorded CA-SDI-13603H site area was conducted on December 22, 2011, to determine the presence/absence of historic trash associated with the site. The recorded site area was surveyed using parallel, 3-meter (10-foot) intervals.

Results. The roughly 10-meter (33-foot) wide road shoulder south of Del Dios Highway is

level (see Figures 4 and 5, attached). Ground surface visibility was good to excellent (50 to 100 percent). Evidence of previous ground disturbances associated with underground utilities (electrical, irrigation, traffic signal) and landscaping was observed.

Beyond the level road shoulder was an extremely steep, south-facing slope (see Figures 5, 6, and 7, attached). Ground surface visibility was fair to good (10 to 90 percent). Evidence of previous ground disturbances associated with extensive landscaping was observed.

No historic-period artifacts described in the 1993 CA-SDI-13603H site record form including glass bottle fragments, white ware ceramic fragments, metal cans, or lumber, were observed on the level road shoulder south of Del Dios Highway, or on the extremely steep slope below and south of the road shoulder. An update to the CA-SDI-13603H archaeological site record form is included in Appendix B.

8. CONCLUSIONS

The current archaeological assessment, consisting of a systematic archaeological survey and a review of grading plans and photographs, concludes that no potentially significant prehistoric or historic archaeological resources are located or recorded within the areas that are proposed for additional grading. Additional fine grading and placement of utilities would occur within areas that were previously rough graded. No evidence of cultural materials associated with recorded archaeological site CA-SDI-13603H and artifact isolate P-37-013826 was identified. These materials appear to have been previously impacted by existing improvements. Therefore, there is no potential for proposed project ground disturbances to impact previously recorded cultural resources including CA-SDI-13603H and artifact isolate P-37-013826.

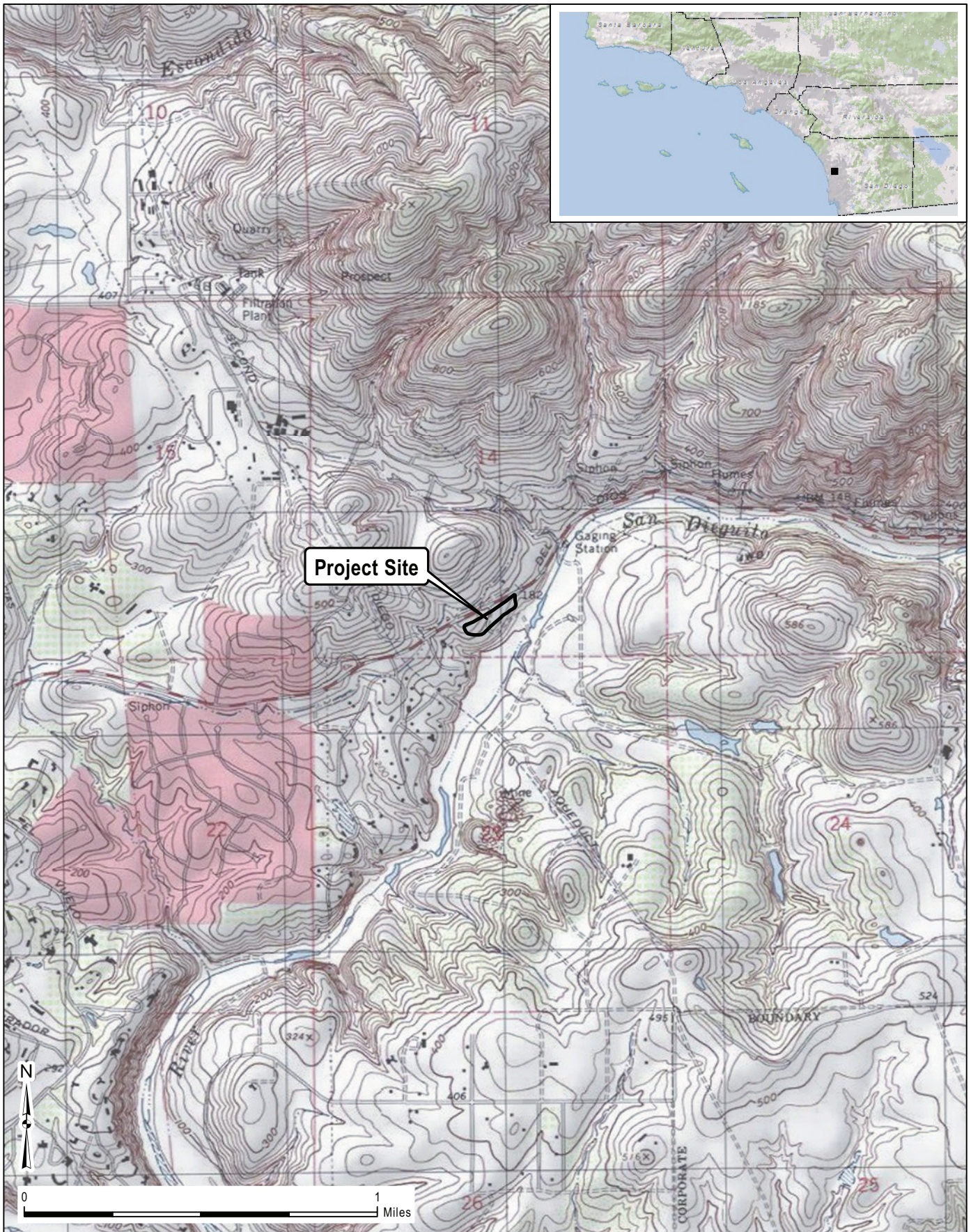
9. SOURCES CONSULTED

Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Co., Inc. (Ogden).

1995. *Santa Fe Valley Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Specific Plan 95-001; Rezone 95-008; Log 95-8-21)*.



FIGURE 1
Regional Vicinity



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SOURCE: USGS Topo 7.5 Minute Series - Rancho Santa Fe Quadrangle
Township 13S / Range 3W / Section 14

FIGURE 2
Project Vicinity





Figure 4: Del Dios Highway Southern Road Shoulder, Looking West



Figure 5: Del Dios Highway Southern Road Shoulder and Cut Slope, Looking East



Figure 6: Cut Slope below Del Dios Highway, Looking North



Figure 7: Cut Slope below Del Dios Highway, Looking Northeast

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APPENDIX A

SCIC Records Search

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APPENDIX B

CA-SDI-13603H Site Record Form

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