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VIA EMAIL

In reply refer to: FHWA_2023_0227_001

Claudia Harbert, Heritage Resource Coordinator
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Subject: Determination of Eligibility for the Proposed SR 23 Drainage System Restoration, Bardsdale, Ventura County, CA

Dear Ms. Harbert:

Caltrans is initiating consultation regarding the above project in accordance with the January 1, 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California (PA)*. As part of your documentation, Caltrans submitted a Historic Property Survey Report and a Historic Resources Evaluation Report for the proposed project.

Caltrans is proposing the State Route (SR) 23 Drainage Restoration Project on SR 23/Chambersburg Road between Bellevue Avenue and East Guiberson Road (postmile 22.5 to postmile 22.9) near the community of Bardsdale in Ventura County, California. The project would rehabilitate the existing earthen drainage channels on the northbound and southbound sides of SR 23. All work would take place within the existing state right-of-way.

Pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.6 of the Section 106 PA, Caltrans requests concurrence that the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road in Bardsdale are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of landscape design at the local level of significance. This planting of trees is the lone tree row planted within the community of Bardsdale and is an important and rare example of a roadway tree planting at the local level.

Based on review of the submitted documentation, I concur with the above determination.

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If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist at natalie.lindquist@parks.ca.gov .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julianne Polanco', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer

California Department of Transportation

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February 27, 2023

Ms. Julianne Polanco
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Attn: Section 106 Reviewer

Re: Initiation of Consultation and Review of Historic Property Survey Report for EA 37630
– SR 23 Drainage System Restoration, Community of Bardsdale, Ventura County

Dear Ms. Polanco:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), under the authority of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is initiating consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the State Route (SR) 23 Drainage System Restoration Project in the Community of Bardsdale, Ventura County. This consultation is undertaken in accordance with the January 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, As it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California* (hereafter, the 106 PA).

Enclosed for your review please find the Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR) and the Historical Resources Evaluation Report (HRER) for the undertaking. The HPSR documents Caltrans' consulting party and public participation to date and documents Caltrans' Area of Potential Effects (APE) determination and efforts to identify historic properties located within the undertaking's APE. The HRER contains evaluations of built-environment resources within the APE.

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the northbound and southbound sides of SR 23. All work would take place within the existing state right-of-way.

Caltrans has identified one property within the APE that was evaluated as part of this study and has determined it eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). **Caltrans requests SHPO concurrence with the determination that the following property is eligible for listing in the NRHP.**

Name	Location	Community	OHP Status Code	Map Ref. #
Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road	East side of Chambersburg Road (SR 23) from Guiberson Road to Bellevue Avenue	Bardsdale	2S2	MR #1

We look forward to receiving your response within 30 days of your receipt of this submittal, in accordance with Stipulation VIII.C.6 of the PA. The effects of the undertaking on historic properties are still undetermined, and Caltrans will continue consultation with the Caltrans Cultural Studies Office and/or SHPO, in accordance with PA Stipulation X.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Jeff Carr at (213) 310-2680 or jeffrey.carr@dot.ca.gov. Thank you for your assistance with this undertaking.

Sincerely,



Claudia Harbert
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Caltrans, District 7
Division of Environmental Planning, Cultural Resources Unit

Enclosures: HPSR, HRER

cc: David Price, Caltrans HQ CSO
Natalie Lindquist, Office of Historic Preservation

HISTORIC PROPERTY SURVEY REPORT**1. UNDERTAKING DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION**

District	County	Route	Post Mile(s)	EA	E-FIS Project Number
7	VEN	23	22.5/22.9	37630	0721000094

The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

The studies for this undertaking were carried out in a manner consistent with Caltrans' regulatory responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800) and pursuant to the January 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act* (Section 106 PA)

Project Description:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing the State Route (SR) 23 Drainage Restoration Project on SR 23/Chambersburg Road between Bellevue Avenue and East Guiberson Road (postmile 22.5 to postmile 22.9) near the community of Bardsdale in Ventura County, California (see Appendix A, Figures 1 and 2 of the attached Historic Resources Evaluation Report [HRER] for Project Vicinity and Location maps). The project would rehabilitate the existing earthen drainage channels on the northbound and southbound sides of SR 23. On the northbound side, the project would regrade the existing channel, place rock slope protection along the side of the roadway, replace existing cross-pipe culverts with reinforced concrete box culverts at three driveways, construct a transition structure to join the existing box culvert at Guiberson Road, clear and grub vegetation as needed, and trim the roots of existing palm trees. On the southbound side of SR 23, the project would construct a concrete rectangular drainage channel, replace the existing double cross pipe culverts with reinforced concrete box culverts at Bellevue Avenue and Chambersburg Road, and replace the existing cross box culverts with reinforced concrete box culverts at Pasadena Avenue and Guiberson Drive. All work would take place within the existing state right-of-way.

2. AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

In accordance with the Section 106 PA Stipulation VIII.A, the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the project was established in consultation with Jeff Carr, Caltrans PQS Principal Architectural Historian and David Miraaney, Caltrans District 7 Project Manager, on September 20, 2022 (see Figure 3 in Attachment A of the attached HRER). In accordance with Section 106 PA Stipulation VIII.A, the APE was delineated to include all cultural resources that could be potentially affected by the proposed undertaking.

The APE includes state right-of-way along SR 23/Chambersburg Road between Bellevue Avenue and East Guiberson Road (postmile 22.5 to postmile 22.9) near the community of Bardsdale in

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Ventura County, California. Additionally, the APE includes an area that extends approximately five feet beyond the right-of-way line on the east side of SR 23 to include the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road, a cultural resource that could be potentially affected as a result of root trimming that may be required to implement the project.

3. CONSULTING PARTIES / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On April 26, 2022, Caltrans sent letters via email to organizations and agencies that were identified as potentially having an interest in the undertaking. The purpose of the letters was request information regarding potential and/or designated historically significant properties within the vicinity of the project. The letters also served as an opportunity for the parties to participate as a consulting party within the context of Section 106. Communications with potentially interested parties are located in Attachment C of the attached HRER.

 Local GovernmentCounty of Ventura, Division of Planning/Cultural Heritage Board

Dillan Murray, Assistant Planner with the County of Ventura, responded with an April 26, 2022 email to Jeff Carr, Caltrans Architectural Historian, stating that Cultural Heritage Board staff would provide a response to the April 26, 2022 Caltrans letter; however the County provided no further response around that time. Mr. Carr followed up via email on February 13, 2023, explaining that Caltrans was currently preparing cultural resources studies and had recently contracted a certified arborist to examine the health of the trees and to make recommendations to incorporate into the project that would ensure the continued preservation of the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road (Ventura County Landmark 22). Mr. Murray responded in a February 14, 2023 email asking that Caltrans provide him a digital copy of cultural resources reports and the arborist report prepared for the project. Mr. Carr responded via email the same day saying that he would provide Mr. Murray the requested reports as they become available.

 Local Historical Society / Historic Preservation GroupSan Buenaventura Conservancy for Preservation

Stephen Schafer, President of San Buenaventura Conservancy for Preservation, responded to the Caltrans letter via a May 16, 2022 email to Jeff Carr. In the email, Mr. Schafer asked whether a Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) 523 form for recording and evaluating historic resources was prepared for the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road. He also mentioned that an archaeological site, a quarry used by the Chumash, was located in the area. Mr. Carr responded via email on May 18, 2022, explaining that a decision to evaluate the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road had not been made yet and that he would forward the information about the archaeological site to the Caltrans archaeologist assigned to the project. On February 15, 2023, Mr. Carr emailed Mr. Schafer with a project update, explaining that Caltrans was currently preparing cultural resources studies and had recently contracted a certified arborist to examine the health of the trees and to make

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recommendations to incorporate into the project that would ensure the continued preservation of the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road. Mr. Schafer responded via email the same day thanking Mr. Carr for keeping him informed of the project status.

Museum of Ventura County

Deya Terrafranca, Research Library and Archives Director, responded to the Caltrans letter via email on April 26, 2022, stating that museum staff do not have knowledge of the site or vicinity and suggested that the library may have materials that would be helpful.

Fillmore Historical Museum

The Fillmore Historical Museum did not initially respond to Caltrans' April 26, 2022 letter. Mr. Carr followed up with an email on February 15, 2023, explaining that cultural resources studies were underway and welcomed any questions or comments on the project. Martha Gentry, President and Executive Director of the Fillmore Historical Museum, respond via email the same day acknowledging that the project is needed and expressing concerns about the potential effects of root trimming on the Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road. She recommended enlisting the help of a professional arborist in assessing the effects of the project. Mr. Carr responded via email and indicated that Caltrans had contracted a certified arborist, whose recommendations were being incorporated into the project design to ensure the continued preservation of the trees. Ms. Gentry responded with appreciation for Caltrans' care for local historic resources.

 Other

Due to the limited potential for the undertaking to affect archaeological historic properties, Diana Valadez, PQS Co-Principal Investigator-Prehistoric Archaeology determined that Native American consultation was not required for this undertaking.

4. SUMMARY OF IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Points of Historical Interest |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) | <input type="checkbox"/> California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Historic Landmark (NHL) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Historic Bridge Inventory |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Historical Landmarks (CHL) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Cultural Resources Database (CCRD) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Sources consulted: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geologic map of the Fillmore quadrangle, Ventura County, California. Dibblee Geological Foundation. Dibblee Foundation Map DF-27. Dibblee, T.W., and John A. Minch, ed., 2010. | |

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- Geologic map of the Moorpark quadrangle, Ventura County, California. Dibblee Geological Foundation. Dibblee Foundation Map DF-40. Dibblee, T.W., and John A. Minch, ed., 2010.
 - The Names and Locations of Historic Chumash Villages Map (King 1975).
 - Archaeological Sensitivity Map, in Ventura County General Plan: Resources Appendix (2011).
 - Sites of Merit and Cultural Heritage Surveys Map prepared by Ventura County Resource Management Agency (2015).
 - County of Ventura Cultural Heritage Survey Phase IV Santa Clara Valley 1987-1988. Prepared for Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board by Judith P. Triem, San Buenaventura Research Associates (1988).
 - Historic USGS topographic quadrangle maps: Camulos 1903; Piru 1921 and 1941; Fillmore 1951, 1969; Moorpark 1951 and 1969.
 - Historic Aerial photos from UC Santa Barbara Map and Imagery Library: Flight C-688, Frame Z-151, Year 1929, Scale 1:20400; Flight AXI-1938, Frame 21-83, Year 1938, Scale 1:20000.
- Results: A review of the above sources and a field survey resulted in the identification of one property within the APE, Ventura County Landmark 122, Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road. No other properties were identified with the APE of the proposed undertaking.
- The proposed project's location is entirely within the area that was disturbed by the construction of SR 23, and a search of the CCRD and other sources found no previously recorded archaeological sites or other known cultural resources within the project APE. As a result, Diana Valadez, Caltrans PQS Co-PI Prehistoric Archaeology, determined that completing an Archaeological Survey Report was not required for this project.

5. PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED

- Caltrans has determined there are properties within the APE that were evaluated as a result of this project and are **eligible** for inclusion in the NRHP. Under Section 106 PA Stipulation VIII.C.6, Caltrans requests SHPO's concurrence in this determination.

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Palm Trees along Chambersburg Road	East side of Chambersburg Road (SR 23) from Guiberson Road to Bellevue Avenue	Bardsdale	2S2	(MR #1)

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- Caltrans, pursuant to Section 106 PA Stipulation IX.B, has determined that there are historic properties within the APE that may be affected by the undertaking. **Effects are still undetermined**, so in accordance with Section 106 PA Stipulation X, Caltrans will continue consultation with CSO and/or SHPO in the future on the assessment of effects.

7. CEQA CONSIDERATIONS

- Caltrans PQS has determined that there are resources in the project area that **are historical resources** for the purposes of CEQA; see Section 5.

8. LIST OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION

- Project Vicinity, Location, and APE Maps (See Attachment C of the attached HRER).
- Historical Resources Evaluation Report (HRER)

9. HPSR PREPARATION AND CALTRANS APPROVAL

Prepared by: Jeff Carr 2/23/2023
 Jeff Carr Date
 District 7 Caltrans PQS Principal Architectural Historian

Reviewed for
 Approval by: Joshua Knudson 2/23/2023
 Joshua Knudson Date
 District 7 Caltrans PQS Principal Architectural Historian

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