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Re: Broadmeadows Estates Cultural Resources Records Search Results

Dear Mr. Baracco:

The North Central Information Center, California Historical Resources Information System responded to our request for a cultural resources records search of the Broadmeadows Estates vicinity on December 18, 2017. It is my understanding that the City of Sutter Creek required the records search. In such circumstances, records searches are generally conducted to determine:

- The extent and distribution of previous archaeological surveys;
- The location of known prehistoric archaeological sites and historic sites and any previously recorded archaeological districts, and
- The relationship between known sites and the environmental setting.

At my request, the North Central Information Center completed a records search of the proposed Broadmeadows Estates and a one-half mile radius around the proposed development (IC File No. AMA-17-40). Broadmeadows Estates is a 10-lot, single family residential subdivision on 2.7 acres on the east side of the City of Sutter Creek, Amador County. As a result of the information center's search of its files and maps, no previous cultural resource studies or archaeological surveys were on file with the information center and located within or immediately adjacent to the project site. No previously recorded cultural resources were identified by information center staff within the project area as marked in red on the confidential map in Attachment A: Confidential Records Search Results.

However, a portion of four previous studies were found by information center staff located within a one-half mile radius of the project site. Seven previously identified cultural resources were identified by information center staff within the same one-half mile radius. The identified cultural resources include a historic trash scatter (P-3-830); rock wall remnants (P-3-831) and; a structure site (P-3-835). All three sites are grouped together at the northeast edge of Sutter Creek as the city boundary appears on the 1962 USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle.

The identified resources also include a cluster of historic sites one-quarter to one-half mile northwest of the project site: The Whisky Gulch Site (mines) (P-3-1853); drift mines (P-3-1854); historic (unknown) site (P-3-1858) and ; an isolated historic find (P-3-1863).

The four previous studies include a 1991 cultural resources survey for the Oak Knolls Subdivision by Eleanor Derr; a 1998 archaeological survey of the Lincoln Mine Project by Roger Werner; a 2006 cultural resources survey of the Plymouth Pipeline Project by Kyle Napton and Elizabeth Greathouse and; a 2010 cultural resources inventory and evaluation for the Sutter Gold Mining Company's Lincoln Project by Analytical Environmental Services.

As no record of cultural resources are on file with the information center for the project site, the Office of Historic Preservation's Historic Properties Directory and Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility could not be searched by trinomial or primary number designations for sites located within the project site. However, the California Inventory of Historic Resources could be searched and was searched, although no relevant listings were found for the project site. The only listing in the California Inventory of Historic Resources (1976) was "Sutter Creek" (State Historic Landmark #322).

The 1855 General Land Office (GLO) plat for Township 6 North, Range 11 East of the Mt. Diablo Meridian illustrates two mineral entries in the immediate project vicinity (58 and 62). The 1962 USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle illustrates two man-made features in the immediate project vicinity: Gopher Gulch Road and a secondary road linking Gopher Gulch Road with Sutter Creek Road.

Broadmeadows Estates lies mainly on a north-facing slope of a ridge on the south side of the Gopher Gulch drainage. Within the half-mile radius of the project site, mines are illustrated on the 1962 USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle on a ridge top. An old road is illustrated on the same map along a ridge within one-quarter mile of the project site. The Whisky Gulch Site and other recorded mines lie within one-quarter mile north of the project site in a ravine location.

Outside of the project site and the one-half mile radius surrounding the project site, historic maps illustrate the location of additional mines, roads and ditches in settings similar to those of the project site. Prehistoric and historic Native American village and campsites may be found along streams and near springs. Burial places may be nearby. Bedrock milling sites may be found wherever rock outcrops provided suitable places for pulverizing acorns, grinding seeds and other vegetable materials. Other Native American sites such as rock quarries, battle fields, fishing places, sacred and ceremonial locations may also occur within the range of microenvironments surrounding Sutter Creek.

Sincerely,



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Archaeologist

Enclosures.

Attachment A: Confidential Records Search Results

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