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PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY, TTM 20454, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MESA VIEW DRIVE AND NYACK ROAD CITY OF VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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1.0 Introduction

At the request of RY Properties, *Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates* conducted a Phase I Cultural Resource Survey at a 30.22-acre site for a proposed residential development at the southwest corner of Mesa View Drive and Nyack Road, City of Victorville, California. The Phase I Cultural Resource Survey consisted of a pedestrian survey of the site and a cultural resource record search.

2.0 Survey Location

The survey area is in the City of Victorville. It lies within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, T.5N., R.5W., San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian, as displayed on the United States Geological Survey Baldy Mesa 7.5-minute quadrangle map (Figure 1). The proposed residential development located at the southwest corner of Mesa View Drive and Nyack Road in a semi-rural area in the City of Victorville, California.

3.0 Records Search

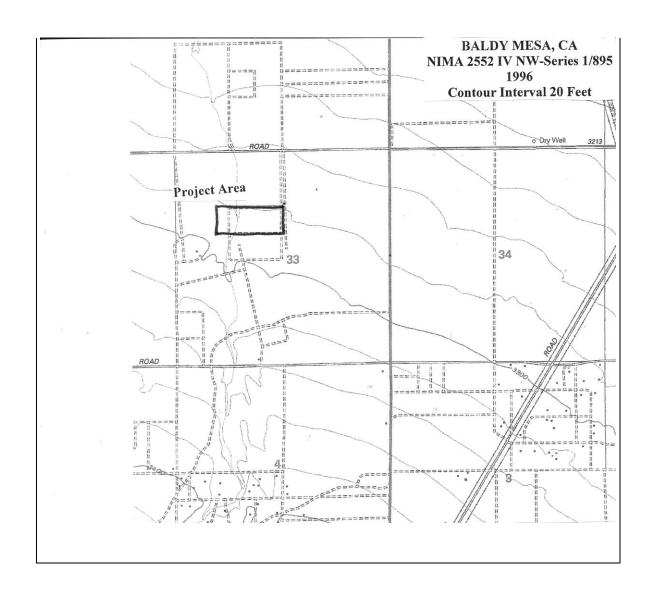
A record search of the survey area and the environs within a half mile was conducted at the South Central Coast Archaeological Information Center. Archaeological Information Center staff conducted the record search on January 25, 2022 (Appendix II). The record search revealed that four cultural resources have been recorded within one-half mile of the project area. Each of these cultural resources are historic resources, three are historic trash scatters and the last is a historic road cut. Two cultural resources surveys have been conducted within one half mile; both of these surveys are right-of-way projects. No cultural resources have previously identified within the current project boundaries, and no cultural resources surveys have been conducted within the current project boundaries as well.

4.0 Environmental Background

The survey area is located at elevation of 3300 and 3320 feet above mean sea level west of Cajon Pass and Ora Grande Wash and north of Baldy Mesa. The survey area lies within a creosote scrub landscape, which is covered in modern, dumped trash (Figures 2 and 3).

5.0 Prehistoric Archaeological Context

A generally accepted prehistoric cultural chronology for the western Mojave region has yet to be developed, partially because sparse local



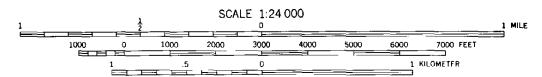


Figure 1 Survey Area Location Map

chronometric data is unavailable to use as a foundation. Consequently, most proposed local culture histories have been borrowed from other regions, with minor modifications based on sparse local data. The most common pattern is the tripartite Early/Middle/Late sequence familiar in Californian culture history, often with the addition of a Post-Contact (Norwood 1987) or Protohistoric Period (Sutton 1988). The differences between the sequences are mainly in the inclusion of various horizons, technologies, or stages. The following chronology is based on Claude Warren's Lake Mojave, Pinto, Gypsum, Saratoga Springs, and Protohistoric Periods, which is partially based on time-sensitive projectile points and shell bead sequences (Warren 1984; Warren and Crabtree 1986).

Most Lake Mojave Period sites within the northern Mojave Desert and southwestern Great Basin are early Holocene lakeshore occupations. Sutton stated that the subsistence strategy during this period was presumably one of hunting and utilization of lacustrine resources (Sutton 1988:30). The best examples of sites from this period are associated with the shoreline of Pleistocene Lake Mojave (Campbell et al. 1937). Artifacts include percussion-flaked foliate points and knives, Lake Mojave and Silver Lake projectile points, and an unspecialized tool kit of scrapers, gravers, and perforating tools.

Some scholars have interpreted the association of Pinto Basin sites and a now extinct riverbed as indicative of occupation during a time of abundant moisture (Campbell and Campbell 1935). Settlement patterns appear to be associated with ephemeral lakes and now dry streams and springs (Warren 1984). Though the Pinto Period is roughly concurrent with the Altithermal climatic event --a time when human populations were supposedly reduced in size and more widely dispersed due to the desiccation of wetter habitats (Moratto 1984:546) --the occurrence of a milder, wetter, Little Pluvial period within the Altithermal has been noted by several archaeologists. The extent to which the Little Pluvial climatic period may coincide with Pinto Period sites is unknown.

Lithic materials utilized during the Pinto Period range from fine-grained basalts and obsidians to progressively poorer quality cherts, rhyolites, basalts, and quartz materials. The obsidian has been sourced to the Coso volcanic fields and is considered exotic, while most of the other materials are locally available. Norwood stated that "...basalts, rhyolites, and relatively tough materials" are typically favored, as demonstrated by the flaked lithic debitage (Norwood 1987:104). Norwood further noted that flake assemblages from Pinto Period sites appear to have a relatively high ratio of flakes to flaked-stone tools (Norwood 1987). Large scrapers and large cone-shaped cores occur frequently.

During the Gypsum Period evidence of a millingstone culture becomes much more common. During this period, the mortar and pestle is believed to have been introduced (Wallace 1955:222-223; Warren 1984:4163). Wallace (1977:121) noted evidence of expanded subsistence activities where late period peoples around Mesquite Flat were believed to have extended their food-collecting activities into the surrounding mountains.



Figure 2 Survey Area, View to the South



Figure 3 Survey Area, View to the East

Uto-Aztecan speakers, such as the Kawaiisu, appear to have entered the Mojave Desert from the east during the Gypsum Period. The Uto-Aztecan expansion in California coincides with the Gypsum Period, which is marked by millingstones, Humboldt, Elko, and Gypsum projectile points, and other traits introduced from the Southwest (Moratto 1984:559). Settlement patterns, during the Gypsum Period, were quite similar to those of the earlier Pinto Period. Certain sites indicate that a possible relationship between milling technology and mesquite thickets. This suggests evidence of the exploitation of a new resource not present in the archaeological record prior to the Gypsum Period. Wallace and Warren postulated annual reoccupation of seasonal camps at both Mesquite Flat and Corn Creek Dunes on the basis of the large size of the sites and a wide variety of artifactual evidence (Wallace 1977:121; Warren 1984:419).

A gradual transition from the use of large dart points to smaller projectile points associated with use of the bow and arrow occurred toward the end of the Gypsum Period. At roughly A.D. 500, the bow and arrow essentially replaced the atlatl (a device used for throwing spears or darts that consists of a rod with a hook at the rear end to hold the projectile in place until release) (Warren 1984:415). Shutler postulated that Anasazi ceramics were initially introduced into the eastern Mojave at about the same time (Shutler et al 1961). Diagnostic projectile points associated with the Gypsum Period include the Humboldt, Gypsum Cave, Elko Eared, and Elko Corner-notched types (Warren 1984:414-415). Other temporal designations, which may be correlated with Warren's Gypsum Period, include the Early and Middle Rose Spring Periods (Lanning 1963; Clewlow et al. 1970) and the Newberry Period (Bettinger and Taylor 1974).

The scant published literature reports relatively little local evidence of Gypsum material (Robinson 1977:45; Sutton 1988:38). Norwood, (1987:101-104) however, notes several isolated local examples of projectile points from this period. If isolated points are eliminated from the sample, the remaining 17 points from the Gypsum Period come from 16 sites. Radiocarbon data identifies another five Antelope Valley sites (LAN-82, LAN-192, KER-303, KER-526, and KER-533) with materials that fall within the Gypsum Period. Hydration readings suggest the possibility that a number of additional Gypsum Period sites are present. Therefore, a Gypsum presence in the area is well represented.

The Saratoga Springs Period is marked by what appears to be the establishment of large villages, or village complexes. This reflects a transition from the previous seasonal transhumance pattern into one of semi-, or fully-sedentary occupation within the Antelope Valley (Sutton 1988). This period also marks the beginning of the Shoshonean period, named for the Shoshonean peoples who occupied the Western Mojave Desert during this period (Robinson 1977). The Numic and Takic Shoshonean groups were expanding during this period. Both groups made use of a millingstone technology. Other aspects of their material culture include marine shell, bone, and perishable artifacts. Takic sociopolitical organizations differ from those of Northern Numic groups. The Kitanemuk (a Takic group) are reported as having well developed social ranking and prestige systems (Blackburn and Bean 1978). Grover Krantz postulated that the Takic expansion to the south was stimulated by Northern groups who

"...overran their neighbors for a considerable distance to the south" (Krantz 1978:64) in order to obtain acorn resources. This migration occurred at about 2000 B.P. (Sutton 1988:40).

A diffusion of Southwestern cultural traits into the southern Mojave Desert occurred late during the Saratoga Springs Period, and is termed the Hakataya intrusion. It replaced the earlier Anasazi influences in the eastern Mojave Desert, and eventually reached the eastern fringes of the Antelope Valley along the Mojave River (Warren 1984:420). However, Warren and Crabtree remarked that in comparison with the rest of the southern Mojave Desert, the Antelope Valley seems to have had less influence from the Southwest and more from the California coast, with cultural continuity visible from about 0 A.D (Warren and Crabtree 1986:192).

Time-sensitive projectile points from this period include the Rose Spring, Cottonwood, and Desert Side-Notched series. It has been argued that assemblages with Cottonwood points and no Desert Side-Notched points represent an earlier occupation than sites with both Cottonwood and Desert Side-notched points, and that the earlier occupation is associated with the Hakataya influence from the Southwest (Warren 1984:423-424; Warren and Crabtree 1986:191). In the western Mojave Desert, diagnostic materials from this period include various types or examples of poorly understood brownware pottery and desert side notch series projectile points (Warren and Crabtree 1986:191). The use of pottery in the Antelope Valley is poorly understood currently.

Warren (1984) used the term "Protohistoric" to describe the period, which reflects a transition from the prehistoric to historic eras. However, Arkush (1990:29), noting this term has distinct cultural implications, argued this time is more properly designated the "Late Archaic," while many archaeologists colloquially call this period the "Late Prehistoric." This period is also termed the "Shoshonean" Period (Warren 1984; Warren and Crabtree 1986), potentially clouding the culture history sequence by adding a name, which has cultural and linguistic meanings when describing modern groups. Whatever its name, the period markers are considered to be Desert Side-notched arrow points "...and various poorly defined types of brownware pottery including Owens Valley Brownware" (Warren and Crabtree 1986:191).

This period reflects a continuation of cultural developments established during the previous period, but with adaptive modifications. Trade along the Mojave River likely affected the people of the Eastern Antelope Valley, allowing active groups to acquire considerable amounts of wealth. Socioeconomic and sociopolitical organizations continued to increase in complexity. However, most Antelope Valley groups appear to have developed stronger ties with coastal groups rather than those of the eastern desert and Great Basin (Warren 1984:426). By approximately A.D. 1300, the Hakataya expansion reached its western extreme. Warren (1984) interprets the paucity of ceramic ware in Antelope Valley village sites as evidence that Hakatayan influence upon local groups was minimal.

Protohistoric populations utilized a greater variety of subsistence resources, including exploitation of large and small mammals and, in some areas, fish. The continuation of milling technologies reflects the continued importance of seed collecting. The frequency of special purpose sites increases proportionally with a growing awareness of resource availability and potential (McIntyre 1990).

The "contact" period is difficult to define in theory and to detect in practice. The earliest contact between the native populations of the New and Old Worlds traditionally dates to Columbus' landfall. From that time, Native Americans in a variety of ways felt Europeans' impact (and later, the Euro-Americans); direct, face-to-face contact was not necessary for their lives to be changed irrevocably. For example, trade items like guns, horses, metal, and cloth spread quickly, and were rapidly incorporated into the indigenous cultures, in some cases trade with Europeans altered an entire culture or dramatically shifting power balances between groups. Diseases to which Native Americans had little or no resistance preceded the Euro-Americans to the furthest corners of the continent, decimating entire populations within months (Cook 1955; Salisbury 1982). Such population shifts rippled across the continent, exacerbated by the expansion of European and Euro-American settlements.

Even word-of-mouth spread the news of alien people, goods, and events. In the archaeological record, clear evidence of contact takes three forms: a mix of aboriginal and Euro-American artifacts, aboriginal-style artifacts made from Euro-American materials (e.g., glass projectile points or thimble tinklers), or European forms, designs, and motifs utilized in aboriginal crafts (i.e. basketry or pottery). In rare cases, specific types of osteological damage or mass burials can indicate the onset of Euro-American diseases. However, such evidence has been elusive. Thus, "contact" in North America is usually perceived by anthropologists not as a single point in time, but rather, as a period of centuries, the beginning and ending points of which are frustratingly vague, and vary from region to region.

6.0 Ethnographic Background

Ethnographically, the Cajon Pass region was occupied by the Vanyume, occasionally referred to as "Serrano" in the literature (Kroeber 1925; Bean and Smith 1978). Kroeber stated they were found as far west as Barstow. However, King and Blackburn (1978:535) speculated that "the major portion of the Antelope Valley itself was probably held by Kitanemuk and Vanyume speakers." Further clouding the issue, Bean and Smith (1978:570), writing about the Vanyume in the same volume, stated the Vanyume language cannot be identified.

Whether they spoke a dialect of Serrano or a separate Takic language cannot be determined from the brief word list available (Bright 1975; Kroeber 1907:139-140). The number of Vanyume, never large, dwindled rapidly between 1820 and 1834 as the Spanish collected southern California Indians in various

asistencias and missions (Beattie and Beattie 1939); well before 1900 the group was extinct.

Bean and Smith did not fully depict the Vanyume territory in their map. Harrington's notes revealed his Kitanemuk informants grouped the languages in the southern Antelope Valley and east to Cajon Pass under the name "Haminat." Dialect differences were noted, and conform to the Kitanemuk, Serrano, and Vanyume "language" divisions of earlier research (Earle 1990:98-99). This would indicate that an emphasis on determining (or despairing over) the ethnographic boundaries between these groups is wasted effort. A more productive approach, Earle argued (1990:101), is an examination of the chiefs, clans and/or moieties, and naciónes, or intermediate sociopolitical groups, which seem to have been hierarchical and reflected in inter-village organization.

The Vanyume or Serrano were hunter-gathers and fishers, depending on the environment in which they lived. In the mountain areas, such as Cajon Pass, the staple was pinion and acorns. Games animals, such as deer, mountain sheep, antelope, rabbits, were consumed. These animals were procured using a bow and arrow, throwing sticks, and deadfall traps.

Settlement location and size was limited by the availability of water. Two primary dwellings were built, family dwellings and ramadas. Family dwellings are typical southern California circular, domed brush dwellings, built of willow. Ramadas or arbors are wall-less structures that are constructed to provide shade. Four or more poles are placed vertically into the ground supporting a lattice roof of willow boughs. Communal structures were also built to provide shelter for partilineal leaders, known as kika?. Other village structures include granaries, for storing acorns or pinion nuts, and sweat lodges.

Serrano material culture is quite similar to their neighbors to the southwest, the Cahuilla. Most artifacts were made from plant fibers. Baskets, usually fashioned by coiling and often having black geometric designs woven on the sides, had the most varied cluster of forms. Among the more common styles were globular baskets used as utensils or containers for small objects, and round forms for food or seed storage. Shell, wood, bone, and stone were also used for various items, particularly for hunting, food processing, ritual needs, and architectural functions.

7.0 Field Procedures and Methods

On November 16, 2021, Scott M. Hudlow (for qualifications see Appendix I) conducted a pedestrian survey of the entire survey area. Hudlow surveyed in east/west transects at 10-meter (33 feet) intervals across the entire parcel. All archaeological material more than fifty years of age or earlier encountered during the inventory was recorded.

8.0 Report of Findings

No cultural resources were identified. The property is covered with modern trash, landscaping materials, and construction mounds.

9.0 Management Recommendations

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Full resume available upon request.

Appendix II

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Reports within project area: 0

Reports within ½-mile radius: 2

Re: Record Search Results for RY Properties 21-02

The South Central Coastal Information Center received your records search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Baldy Mesa, CA USGS 7.5' quadrangle(s). <u>Due to the COVID-19</u> emergency, we have implemented new records search protocols, which limits the deliverables available to you at this time. <u>WE ARE ONLY PROVIDING DATA THAT IS ALREADY DIGITAL AT THIS TIME.</u> Please see the attached document on COVID-19 Emergency Protocols for what data is available and for future instructions on how to submit a records search request during the course of this crisis. If your selections on your data request form are in conflict with this document, we reserve the right to default to emergency protocols and provide you with what we stated on this document. You may receive more than you asked for or less than you wanted. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a ½-mile radius:

SEE ATTACHED MAP or LIST

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Ethnographic Information:	⋈ not available at SCCIC			
<u>Historical Literature:</u>	⋈ not available at SCCIC			
GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps:	⋈ not available at SCCIC			
Caltrans Bridge Survey:	⋈ not available at SCCIC; please go to			
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/structur/strmaint/historic.htm				
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Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.

The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System,

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Enclosures:

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- (X) Report Database Printout (list) 1 page
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