

May 16, 2011

I. REPRESENTATIVES, LOCATIONS AND DATES

LINK 1: Rough Acres, Jacumba, McCain Valley and Imperial Valley Substation

- Richard Alvanez of Cocopah served as monitor from May 9 through 12.
- David Elliott Sr., Kumeyaay Native, monitored at Fly Yard/Plaster City on May 9, 10, and 11.
- Cody Elliott, Kumeyaay Native, served as a monitor May 9-10, and May 11.
- Darlene Mack of Campo Kumeyaay served as monitor on May 10, 11, 12, and 13.
- Ed Mercado, La Posta, served as monitor for May 9-14.
- Andrea Najera, Campo, served as monitor for this week. Her reports have yet to be submitted.
- Carlos Quevedo, Campo, served as monitor for this week. His reports have yet to be submitted.
- Frank Salazar III of the Campo Band served as monitor from May 9 through 14.
- Kenneth Stokes Jr. of Kumeyaay served as monitor on May 10, 11, and 13.

LINK 2: Various Locations

- No monitors required at this location for this week.

LINK 3: Various Locations

- No monitors required at this location for this week.

LINK 4: Alpine Underground Substation; Alpine Underground; Alpine Bullpen

- Clarence Brown, Viejas, served as monitor for Alpine Blvd from May 9 through 13.
- Frank Brown, Viejas, served as monitor for the Alpine Underground May 9, 11, and 13. His reports have yet to be received.
- Joshua Craddock, Viejas, served as monitor for the Alpine Bullpen on May 11-13. His reports have yet to be submitted.
- Larry Sutton, Viejas, served as monitor for the Alpine Bullpen on May 10.
- Vera Tucker, Viejas, served as monitor on May 9 and 10.

LINK 5: Various Locations

- No monitors required at this location for this week.

II. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

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Ms. Mack observed drilling and spreading dirt in the Plaster City area. On May 9, Mr. D. Elliott noted digging, roadway construction, compaction, grading, and watering. Mr. Salazar observed fencing, installation of signage, and marking sensitive areas.

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Construction activities reported for this week included excavation and trenching along Alpine Boulevard.

LINK 5: Various Locations

No monitors required at this location for this week.

III. OBSERVATIONS

LINK 1: Rough Acres, Jacumba, McCain Valley and Imperial Valley Substation

Although she reported no cultural resources within the project area, Ms. Mack noted a scatter of materials between markers one hundred and two hundred that contained 8 flakes, 1 hammerstone, 3 cores, 2 core fragments, 1 chopper and 4 scrapers.

On May 10, Mr. Salazar resurveyed the area of Dunaway Yard and collected a few artifacts.

On May 10, Mr. D. Elliott noted 7 pieces of brownware pottery in a roped off area that will not be impacted. He left them there.

On May 10, K. Stokes, participated in the resurvey of Dunaway Yard. He noted fifteen isolates, two retouched flakes, four hammerstones and four “Debauched.” All were collected. He also did a resurvey of the ESA boundary and found two flakes mere inches outside the ESA boundary.

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On May 12, Mr. C. Brown noted 5 flakes and one possible mano west of 15-R on the south side.

On May 10, Mr. Sutton noted a shell fragment, a metavolcanic flake, a secondary primary flake and a mano fragment near vault 3, Alpine Blvd. They were found in fill dirt and were not attributed to a local site.

LINK 5: Various Locations

No monitors required at this location for this week.

IV. CONCERNS EXPRESSED

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Mr. Salazar noted on May 12 dense scatters of artifacts and would like to be notified when construction is scheduled at these locations and would like to be present when that construction is done.

On May 12, Mr. C. Elliott noticed another Native American monitor and an Archaeologist putting lithics into an ESA. He is concerned they were reducing a site. It is his opinion that Dunaway yard be relocated to avoid impacts.

Mr. Elliott called me immediately when he noticed these actions. I contacted Brian Williams and then the Native American monitor I had scheduled to be at that location while Brian contacted his monitor. We discussed the issue, the monitor said she felt conflicted over procedures, so we revisited the protocol. She also has written information in her possession confirming what to do in confusing situations in the future. She affirmed that she won't be moving artifacts in the future.

Mr. D. Elliott Sr. notes that very strong winds made working very difficult and recommends that all employees be provided helmet straps to avoid blowing helmets. He also notes concern for a lack of water being dispersed on dirt piles and mentions an oil rig spill which shut down that site.

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LINK 3: Various Locations

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No concerns expressed at this time.

LINK 5: Various Locations

No monitors required at this location for this week.

V. SUMMARY

There are a few concerns expressed about the treatment of artifacts this week. The majority of work is now in the Plaster City region of the desert.

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