

# CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT

## SANTA TERESA-SNELL AVENUE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT SAN JOSÉ



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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project (the “Project”) will construct three 3-story buildings with a total of 49 affordable housing units. The 1.46-acre project site is located on the west side of Snell Avenue approximately 200 feet south of Santa Teresa Boulevard, and is currently developed as a parking lot and landscaping (APN 695-24-072).

To meet the cultural resources identification requirements outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological/Historical Consultants (A/HC) of Oakland, California, was retained to complete a cultural resources survey of the project’s Area of Potential Effect (APE), including an archaeological survey and sensitivity assessment of the property.

A/HC completed an archaeological survey of the site in November 2023. No prehistoric resources were noted on the survey, and research suggests the project’s Area of Potential Effect (hereafter referred to as APE or project area) has **low sensitivity** for both buried Native American and historic-era archaeological resources. Therefore, a finding of No Historic Properties Affected (36 CFR §800.4[d]) appears appropriate for the project.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING

The Project site is owned by Charities Housing and consists of APN 695-24-072, which totals 1.46 acres. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is the lead Section 106 agency for the project, with the city of San José acting as Responsible Entity per 24 CFR §58.4.

The Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project (“Project”) would redevelop the project site by removing the existing surface parking, and trees to construct three multi-family residential buildings, each of which would be three stories in height and in total would provide 49 housing units reserved for very-low income residents. Building A is proposed on the southeastern portion of the project site, and would include an entry lobby, a trash room, meeting room, communal pantry, and residential community. Open space would be included on the first floor. Communal recreational spaces would be provided for each building, including play structures. Building B is proposed on the northwestern portion of the project site, and would feature two communal recreational spaces to the east and south of Building B. Building C is proposed on the southwestern portion of the project site, and would be connected via the communal recreational space located south of Building B. The Project would be operated by Charities Housing.

Site preparation activities would include demolition, excavation for foundation and utilities work, and grading of the site prior to construction of the buildings. The Project would have a maximum height of 36.7 feet, and would feature amenities including residential common areas, laundry areas, and a bike storage room. There would be approximately 54 surface parking spaces on-site, including 14 garage spaces and 40 surface parking spaces outside of Buildings A, B, and C. The Project would also include three bicycle racks (2 horizontal bicycle racks and 1 vertical bicycle rack) with 49 long-term bike storage spaces for residential users. Vehicle access to the project site would be provided via a two-way driveway on Snell Avenue. There would be no throughway access to Oneida Drive, located south of the project site. Additional sidewalks and pathways would be created to improve pedestrian ingress/egress to and from the project site.

Landscape on the project site would include approximately 11 species of trees (47 new trees), and approximately 15 species of shrubs, succulents, groundcovers and vines along the perimeter of the project site and within the common space areas. The project would include utility connections in accordance with requirements of the applicable utility providers for water, sewer, stormwater drainage, power, and telecommunications services. These utilities would connect to existing infrastructure in the vicinity of the project site.

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for this project includes the 1.46-acre project parcel and a 200-foot radius around it. The project parcel is bounded by Snell Avenue to the east, single-family homes to the south and west, Santa Teresa High School to the east, and a shopping center to the north (see Figure 3). The single-family homes along Oneida Drive (to the south) and Iowa Drive (to the west) are tract homes constructed circa 1968, which do not appear to have characteristics that would make them eligible historic resources. The shopping center buildings north of the project parcel were

constructed after 1980 and are not of sufficient age to require evaluation. Santa Teresa High School opened in 1974, but will not be affected by project activities.



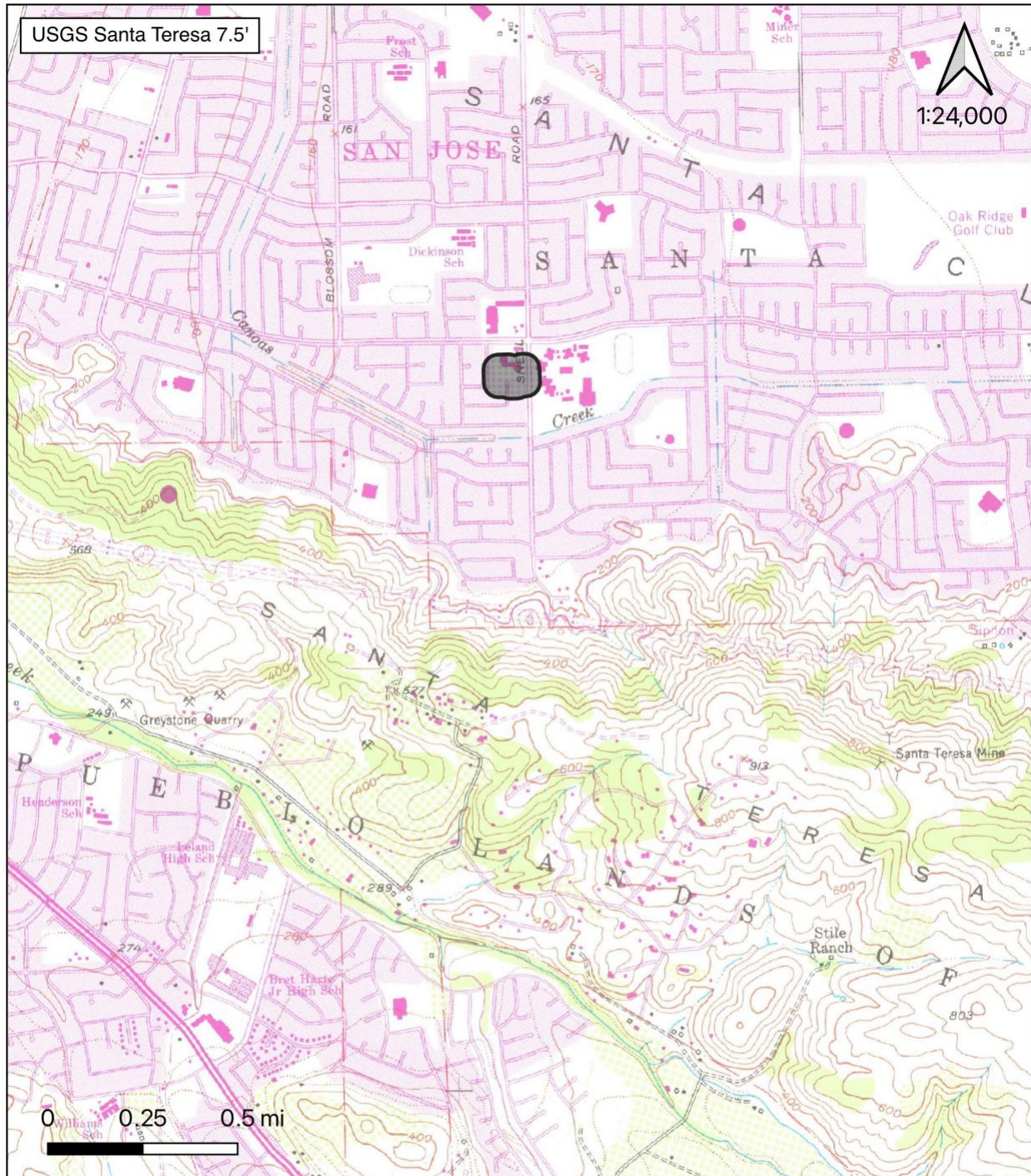
### Project Location Map

Santa Teresa and Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project  
San José, CA

### Legend

★ Project Location

Figure 1: Location Map



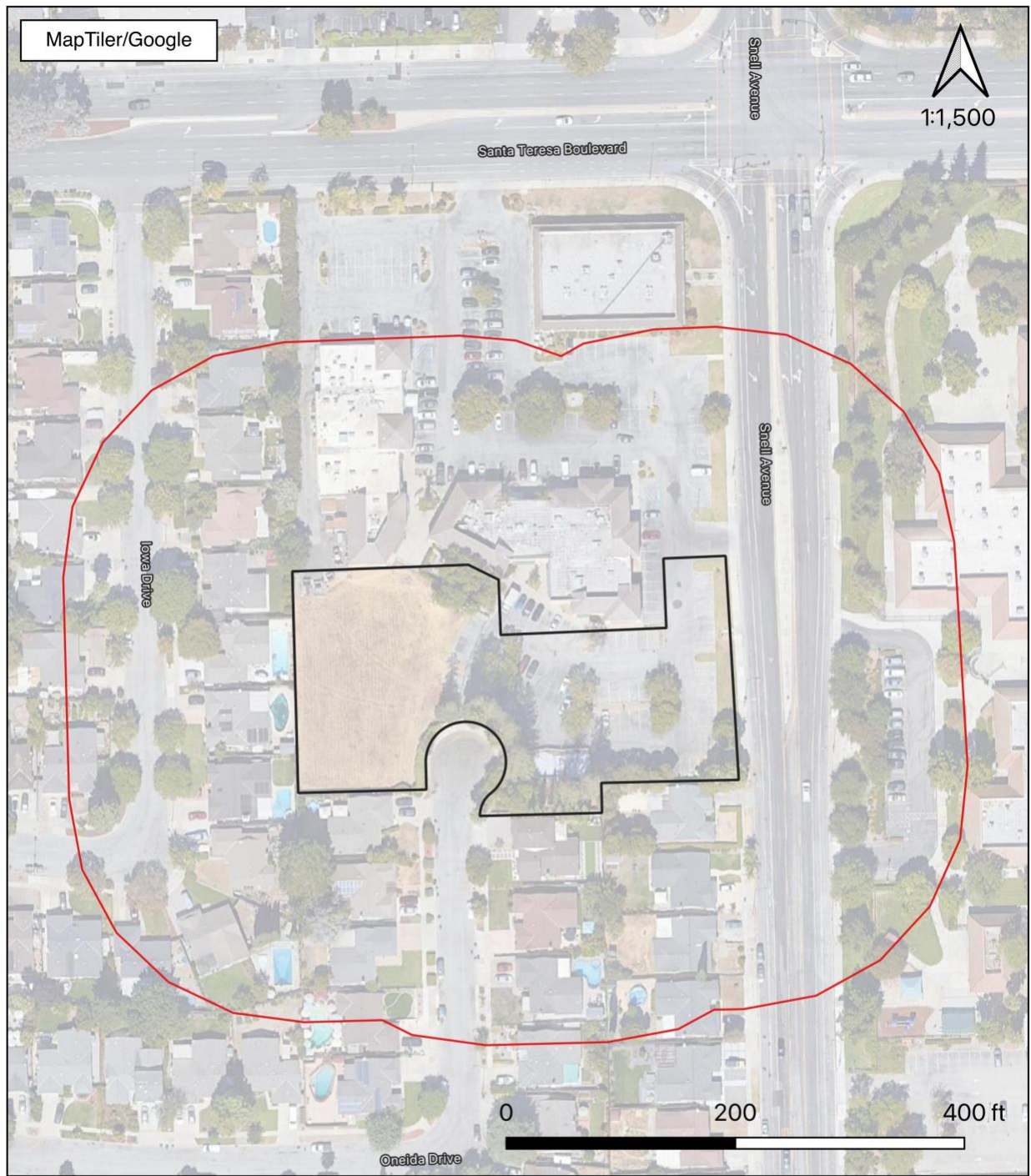
**Vicinity Map**

Santa Teresa and Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project  
San José

Figure 2: Vicinity Map

**Legend**

■ Area of Potential Effect



**Area of Potential Effects**

Santa Teresa and Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project  
San José

**Legend**



-  Project Parcel
-  Area of Potential Effect

Figure 3: Area of Potential Effects Map

## BACKGROUND

### ENVIRONMENT

The project APE is located at the southern edge of the Santa Clara Valley at 165 feet in elevation. It has a flat aspect. In the early historic era, the habitat of the project area was wet meadow (SFEI 2015). Due to clayey soils with poor drainage, wet meadows could be flooded for days or weeks, making them almost marsh-like, and treeless except for scattered willow groves. These meadows were considered good for grazing by early European settlers (Beller et al. 2010:27-28). Near the Project APE, intermittent drainages flowed from the hills, but did not maintain consistent channels. Instead, they “spread into a high groundwater area which included freshwater wetlands and willow groves” (Beller et al. 2010: 20). The nearest perennial watercourse was Alamitos Creek, one mile to the south over the Santa Teresa Hills.

### PREHISTORY

Although humans arrived in California by the Terminal Pleistocene (13500–11700 calibrated radiocarbon years before present [cal BP]), no archaeological materials firmly datable to this period have been found in the San Francisco Bay Area. The Early Holocene (11700–8200 cal BP) is slightly better attested and is characterized by mobile foragers using wide-stemmed and leaf-shaped projectile points and large milling slabs (Milliken et al. 2007:112). In the South Bay, deep deposits from the Coyote Narrows (CA-SCL-178) in Morgan Hill have yielded radiocarbon dates of 10000–8500 years cal BP associated with flaked tools of local Franciscan chert (Jones et al. 2007:130). Early Holocene settlement is also known from CA-SCL-65, on the southern margins of the Santa Clara Valley, and the Fremont site (P-01-011556) in the city of Fremont. However, given the rise in sea levels in the Middle Holocene, most evidence of the earliest human habitation near the project area is likely to be underwater or deeply buried (Meyer and Kaijankoski 2017).

The Middle Holocene (8200–4200 cal BP), by contrast, is better documented through radiocarbon dates from more than 60 sites in the Bay and Delta regions. This period saw the introduction of the mortar and pestle, side-notched projectile points, and expanded ground stone and shell bead technologies in regional and inter-regional trading networks that extended as far as the Bodie Hills and Napa Valley (Byrd et al. 2017; Milliken et al. 2007:114-115). The slowing rise in sea level allowed the formation of extensive marshes and increased use of estuarine resources, leading to the formation of the first shell middens.

Archaeologists divide the Late Holocene into five periods, Early (4200–2550 cal BP), Early/Middle Transition (2550–2150 cal BP), Middle (2150–930 cal BP), Middle/Late Transition (930–685 cal BP), and Late (685–180 cal BP; Hylkema 2002; Milliken et al. 2007).

The Early Period saw the establishment of many large shellmounds around the Bay Area, with permanent settlements, integration of religious symbolism, expanded regional trade, and the establishment of the first large cemeteries. Typical artifact assemblages in this period included mortars, stemmed and broad-leaf projectile points, rectangular and spire-lopped *Olivella* beads, abalone beads and pendants, notched and grooved net sinkers, and bone awls. *Olivella* and *Haliotis* beads and pendants

were also produced as regional trade items (Lightfoot 1997:138; Milliken et al. 2007:114-115; Hylkema 2002:241).

The Middle Period on the San Francisco Bay saw an apparent cultural intensification that included refinement and change in bead and bone ornaments and projectile point types, as well as the introduction of coiled basketry. Higher populations and more permanent settlements were accompanied by increased social stratification and ritual complexity. A shift from marine to terrestrial resources is also evident (Lightfoot 1997; Lightfoot and Luby 2012). In the later Middle Period, another major cultural shift seems to have taken place, with the collapse of trade networks, site abandonment, and the introduction of new bead forms.

The Late Period saw a new increase in population size, sedentary villages, and social and religious complexity in the Bay region (Byrd et al. 2017; Milliken et al. 2007:116). The cultural pattern that had emerged by the time of Spanish contact included:

...large populations; a greater number of settlements and more evidence of status differentiation among them; a greater emphasis on gathering vegetal foods, especially acorns; more intensive trade and highly developed exchange systems; the spread of secret societies and cults together with their associated architectural features and ceremonial traits; and, in late prehistory, the appearance of clamshell disk beads as a currency for exchange (Moratto 1984:283).

The Late Period archaeological record also documents the increased gathering of small seeds and the consumption of a wider range of animal species, including marine mammals (Milliken et al. 2007:106, 117; Moratto 1984:235, 283).

## **ETHNOGRAPHY**

At the time of contact with the Spanish, the people of the Santa Clara Valley spoke the Tamyen dialect of the Ohlone/Costanoan language. Closely related to the Miwok languages, Ohlone/Costanoan is a branch of the Yok-Utian subfamily of the Penutian languages, which are spoken in Central California and along the Pacific Coast as far as southeast Alaska. Penutian speakers seem to have entered central California from the northern Great Basin around 4,000–4,500 years ago and arrived in the San Francisco Bay Area about 1,500 years ago, displacing speakers of Hokan languages (Golla 2007:74). This movement may be correlated with the spread of the Windmiller pattern of material culture in the Late Period into the Coast Ranges and San Francisco Bay area (Moratto 1984:553; Levy 1978:486).

Ohlone society was organized in independent local tribes of 200–400 people living in semi-permanent villages, with tribes controlling fixed territories averaging 10 to 12 miles in diameter (Milliken et al. 2007). Shoup and Milliken (1999:8) note that local tribes “were clusters of unrelated family groups that formed cooperative communities for ceremonial festivals, for group harvesting efforts, and – most importantly – for interfamily conflict resolution.” Hereditary village leaders, who could be male or female, played an important role in conflict resolution, receiving guests, directing ceremonies, organizing food-gathering expeditions, and leading war parties but did not otherwise exercise direct

authority (Levy 1978:487). Despite their autonomy, intermarriage between local tribes appears to have been frequent (Milliken 1995:22-24).

Ohlone residences were typically round, domed, or conical thatch homes on a frame of poles or branches, with a hearth in the center of the floor and a corresponding smoke hole in the roof (Kroeber 1925:219). Sweathouses, dance enclosures, and assembly houses are also attested. Material culture included complex decorative and utilitarian basketry, shell ornaments, tule boats, feather nets, hair decorations and jackets, and a full suite of bone and stone tools. Tattooing of face, hands, and neck is attested in early ethnographic accounts (Levy 1978:493-493; Byrd et al. 2017).

Ohlone peoples made full use of local food resources and consumed a varied diet. Acorns from a range of oak species (Coast Live, black, tanbark) were a staple, with buckeye, laurel, and hazelnuts playing a secondary role. Seeds including chia, pine nuts, and a range of grass seeds were harvested: soldiers on the 1776 Anza expedition were fed a kind of ‘tamale’ made of seeds at several Ohlone villages (Milliken 1995:33-34). Berries such as blackberries, strawberries, madrone, grapes, and toyon were also eaten, as were a range of roots (Levy 1978:491). For animal resources people looked both to the Bay for fish, shellfish, waterfowl, and sea mammals, and to the plains and foothills for larger animals such as deer and elk. Compared to other Bay Area regions, settlements in the Santa Clara Valley were located farther from the bayshore and took comparatively greater advantage of foothill and freshwater resources (Milliken et al. 2007:105-106).

At Spanish contact, Santa Clara Valley had an overall pre-contact population density of perhaps 6.3 people per square mile, the highest in the Bay Area. Milliken estimates that the total population of the Santa Clara Valley at Spanish contact was 1,750 (Milliken et al. 2009:64). Lower Santa Clara Valley, where the project site is located, had a slightly lower density, estimated at 4.5 people per square mile (Milliken 2007:53).

At least four large villages of over 100 people, and a number of smaller villages, were located in Santa Clara Valley at the time of Spanish contact. The project area was in the territory of a local tribe associated with one of the smaller villages, called San Juan Bautista in Mission Santa Clara records. San Juan Bautista, located on the Guadalupe River in the present-day Willow Glen neighborhood of San José, was the northernmost of a group of villages (Milliken 2007:52-53). These villages and the project area most likely belonged to a local tribe that controlled the upper Guadalupe River system and today’s south San José, Campbell, and Los Gatos areas (Shoup and Milliken 1999:9). The local tribe’s name is not known.

## HISTORIC CONTEXT

### EARLY HISTORY OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY

Seven Spanish expeditions passed through the Santa Clara Valley between 1769 and 1776, culminating in the foundation of Mission Santa Clara de Asís and the Pueblo of San José in 1777 by Joaquin Moraga and Father Tomás de la Peña. The establishment of a mission system by Franciscan priests was part of a strategic effort to extend Spanish power northward into Alta California against an

ongoing Russian advance down the Pacific Coast. The missions, supported with small military detachments, were to convert local Native Americans and establish agricultural plantations using their labor (Shoup and Milliken 1999:17).

The establishment of Mission Santa Clara in 1777 was accompanied by epidemic diseases that dramatically reduced local populations and impeded the efforts of the missionaries to attract local tribespeople to live permanently at the Mission, which did not happen in significant numbers until 1789 (Shoup and Milliken 1999:24). Native people came into the missions through a mixture of choice, persuasion, and force. Missionized Ohlone received instruction in Christianity and were compelled to work at agricultural tasks that must have appeared strange to them; more difficult was the loss of personal freedoms, brutal treatment by soldiers and priests, and forcible imposition of Catholic beliefs (Milliken 1995:88, 274).

During the Mission Era, European diseases ran rampant, with death tolls reaching 8% per year (higher among women and children); Mission livestock grazing began to degrade the local environment, impacting the availability of traditional food resources for those Native Americans who remained outside the Mission system. By 1810, traditional cultures were collapsing throughout coastal and central California (Milliken 1995:221). Disease, dietary deficiency, declining birth rate, and violence resulted in an almost 80% population decline by 1832. This population loss, the mingling of ethnic groups at the missions, and the discouragement of traditional social practices resulted in a widespread disintegration of traditional lifeways by the beginning of the Mexican period.

After independence from Spain in 1821, the Mission system went into terminal decline. In a climate of increasing immigration from Mexico and increasing local population of Californios, the Franciscan missions were secularized and much of their land confiscated between 1834 and 1837 (Shoup and Milliken 1999:109). In turn, large land grants were distributed to prominent Mexican citizens; thirty-eight grants were issued in the Santa Clara Valley between 1833 and 1845.

## **RANCHO SANTA TERESA & THE EARLY AMERICAN PERIOD**

José Joaquín Bernal, a member of the Anza expedition, was a career soldier at the Presidio of San Francisco and Pueblo of San José. He retired from military service in 1819 and settled south of the Pueblo de San José near Santa Teresa Spring. Bernal was formally granted Rancho Santa Teresa in 1835, receiving title to almost 10,000 acres of the southeastern Santa Clara Valley bounded on the east by Coyote Creek and on the south by the Santa Teresa hills. Bernal's rancho was a large operation; in 1834 it had four adobes, 68 dependents, vineyards (1,000 vines), 100 fruit trees, 2,100 cattle, and almost 200 other livestock. The Treaty of Santa Teresa was signed at Rancho Santa Teresa in 1844 by Governor Manuel Micheltoarena and former governor Juan Bautista Alvarado (Hoover et al. 2002:433; Pierce 1990:10-11).

The era of the Californios, however, was to be short-lived – the U.S. conquest of California in 1847 followed by the discovery of gold brought a vast new wave of settlers to the state. In the wake of Gold Rush, a number of returning miners settled in the Santa Clara Valley and began farming; many either purchased land from Mexican patentees, squatted, or claimed un-granted land. Although the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo stated that the existing land grants would be honored after the U.S. takeover

of California, Californios were required to file a claim for their lands with the U.S. Land Commission. Obtaining patents for Spanish or Mexican Land grants often took years, if not decades, with claimants bearing the burden of proving not only ownership but also land boundaries and facing legal challenges and exorbitant legal fees. Bernal's son, Augustín, did not receive the patent for Rancho Santa Teresa until 1867 (Pierce 1990:11).

## THE GROWTH OF SAN JOSÉ

The Early American period saw the economy of the Santa Clara Valley, long dominated by stock raising, give way to wheat production as small farms spread across the valley (Laffey 1992). However, the arrival of the transcontinental railroad in the Santa Clara Valley in 1869 changed the agricultural landscape. Fruit could now be quickly transported to distant markets and orchards rapidly replaced wheat and other crops. The canning and drying industries grew apace, along with other light manufacturing to support the fruit industry – such as box, basket, and can production. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century, San José had become a hub for one of the nation's premiere fruit-growing and exporting regions (Arbuckle 1986; Broek 1932; Laffey 1996:9). The advent of World War II led to growth of a more diverse industrial base in the Santa Clara Valley, including Fairchild Semiconductor, Intel, IBM, General Electric, Kaiser Permanente Cement, Hewlett-Packard, and the development of Moffett Field and the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory (later NASA Ames Research Center). The defense industry continued to dominate the valley's economy after the war, displacing fruit processing and leading to technological innovations that sowed the seeds for the later development of Silicon Valley (Payne 1987:173-175).

New industrial and engineering jobs, combined with the post-war population boom, led to an unprecedented annexation campaign led by San José City Manager Dutch Hamann (1950-1969). The city grew from 95,000 residents and 17 square miles in 1950 to 500,000 residents and 120 square miles in 1970 (Arbuckle 1986; PAST Consultants 2009). The project area was annexed by San José in 1967 as part of the Alamos No 2 annexation, one of Hamann's 1,377 annexations.

## HISTORY OF THE PROJECT AREA

By 1876, the project area was part of a 32-acre parcel belonging to Charles H. Mitchell, who also owned a larger parcel about ½-mile to the south (Thompson & West 1876). Mitchell (also Michel) was listed in the 1870 census as owning a 350-acre farm in the area, so he most likely owned the project area at that time as well and may have bought it directly from the Bernal family. In 1870, Mitchell was a 41-year-old single, white male born in Canada; that year his farm was valued at \$3,500, produced 800 bushels of barley and 40 tons of hay, and had 14 horses (US Census 1870a, 1870b). His 32-acre parcel is depicted on an 1876 map with a house in the center of it. This house appears to be south of the project area, which is currently developed as single-family homes (Figure 4).

Mitchell retained the property until his death in 1891 (Herrmann Bros. 1890). He left all his property, and presumably the project area, to his friends Mayne B. Rogers and John Dunn (CA Superior Court n.d.). By 1903, the same 32-acre parcel belonged to Lillie E. Kocher (McMillan 1903). Kocher (1874-1944) was born Lillie Smout, daughter of George and Elise Smout, who had owned neighboring properties since at least 1876. Circa 1895, she married John R. Kocher, a jeweler, and in 1900 the

couple lived with their two-year-old son, George, Elise Smout, and a servant in San José on San Carlos Street (US Census 1900). In 1910, they lived on South Genter Street in San José with their son and a servant (US Census 1910). Kocher owned the project area until at least 1929 (McMillan 1914; McMillan & McMillan 1929).

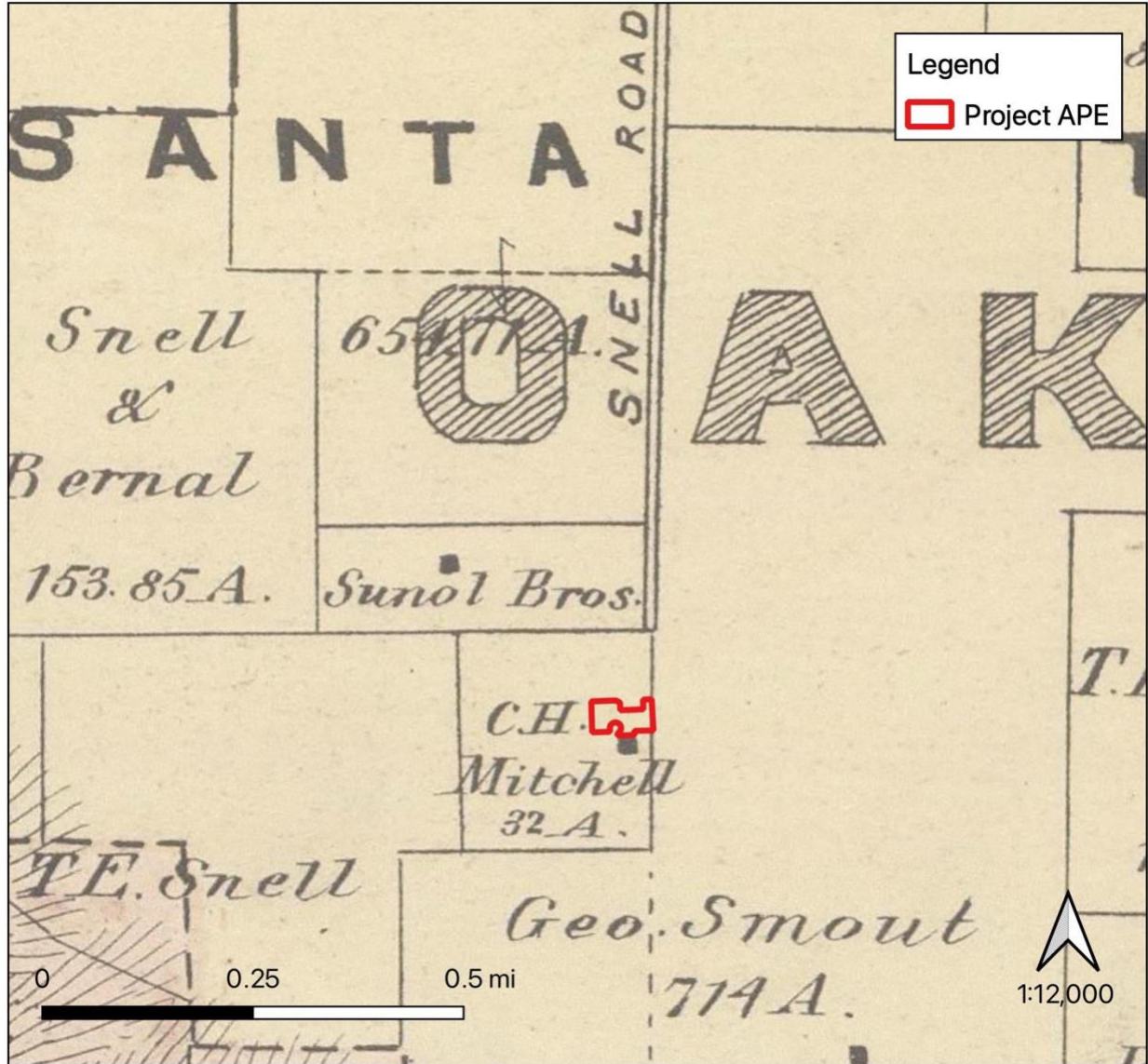


Figure 4: Project APE in 1876 (Thompson and West 1876)

Kocher never lived on the project area; she remained in San José until her death in 1944. It is likely that Mitchell's house was torn down at some point. In 1939 and 1965 aerial photos, the project area is entirely fields (Fairchild Aerial Surveys 1939; Cartwright Aerial Surveys 1965).

## PREVIOUS STUDIES AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

### RECORD SEARCH RESULTS

A record search for the project area and a ½ mile radius was completed at the Northwest Information Center in October, 2023 (NWIC File # 23-0421). No cultural resources were identified within the project area.

The whole project area, along with the parcel to the north, was previously surveyed by archaeologists in 1986 for a proposed development project. No cultural resources were identified (S-8253; Anastasio and Ogrey 1986). Seven previous studies examined areas within ½ mile of the project area, two of which identified Native American archaeological resources.

S#	Author	Title	Resources within ½ mile
S-004339	Edwards 1977	Archaeological Evaluation of the Tager Lands fronting on Colleen Drive between Shadelands Drive and Gunter Way	none
S-004800	Melander 1974, Roop 1975	An archaeological survey of a parcel at Galen Drive and Mindy Way in the City of San Jose	P-43-000207
S-006943	Cartier 1984	Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Snell Road Pipeline Alignment in the City of San Jose	P-43-000142
S-009239	Cartier 1987a	Cultural Resource Evaluation of a Parcel on Galen Drive (APN 689-61-02) in the City of San Jose	None
S-009360	Cartier 1987b	Testing Program for the South End of the Snell Pipeline Project and the End of the Santa Teresa Waste Treatment Plant Pipeline	None
S-019417	Cartier 1997	Cultural Resource Evaluation of a Parcel Located at 5828 Santa Teresa Boulevard in the City of San Jose	None
S-038014	Cohen 2011	Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit for T-Mobile West Corporation a Delaware Corporation Candidate SF44337-A (Santa Teresa Square), 6033 Snell Avenue, San Jose	None

In total, three cultural resources have been identified within the search radius, all of which are located at the base of the hills near Canoas Creek, south of the project area:

- P-43-000142 (CA-SCL-129) consisted of a layer of midden soil around 1 foot deep, about 0.3 miles south of the project area. The site was recorded in 1974, but has since been developed with single-family homes (Delgado 1974).
- P-43-000207 (CA-SCL-196) was recorded in 1974 as an artifact scatter including chert flakes and a hammerstone, about 0.5 miles southeast of the project area (Flynn and Roop 1974).
- P-43-001019 (CA-SCL-629), recorded in 1987, is an apparent Native American habitation site, with midden soils, and fire-affected soils and rock. Local informants reported that burials had previously been found at the site, which is located about 0.5 miles south of the project area (Carrico and Cartier 1987).

Please see Appendix 1 for complete record search results.

### NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) completed a search of its Sacred Lands File for the project area on October 23, 2023. The results were negative.

On October 24, 2023, A/HC sent letters to individuals and tribes on the NAHC's contact list for Santa Clara County, inviting them to consult on the project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Follow-up emails were sent on November 6, 2023 and follow-up calls and/or text messages were made on November 21, 2023.

Five of the eight tribes on the NAHC list were contacted during the consultation process. Responses were as follows:

- **Amah Mutsun Tribal Band:** Valentin Lopez, Chairperson, replied by email on November 8, stating that the Tribe had no comments because the project is outside of the Tribe's traditional territory.
- **Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista:** Irenne Zwierlein, Chairperson, was reached by phone on November 21, 2023. Ms. Zwierlein had no comments besides recommending that standard language regarding inadvertent discoveries apply to the project. She also stated that the Tribe was available to provide monitoring services if necessary.
- **Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan:** Ann Marie Sayers, Chairperson, did not respond to the consultation request sent by US Mail. A phone call to the phone number provided revealed that the phone number was no longer in service. Kanyon Sayers-Roods, MLD Contact, replied by email on 10/29. She suggested reaching out to Tamien Nation for comment on the project.
- **Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the SF Bay Area:** Monica Arellano, Vice Chairperson, did not respond to the consultation request sent by US Mail and the email was not delivered because the domain could not be found. She replied to a text message on November 21, saying that she would review the consultation letter. No further reply was received by November 27, 2023.
- **North Valley Yokuts Tribe:** Timothy Perez did not respond to consultation requests sent by US Mail or email. Katherine Perez, Chairperson, was reached by phone on November 21, 2023. She had no comment on the project, besides recommending that standard language regarding inadvertent discoveries apply to the project.
- **The Ohlone Indian Tribe:** Andrew Galvan and Vincent Medina did not reply to email or text messages about the project.
- **Tamien Nation:** Quirina Luna Geary, Chairperson, replied on October 24, 2023, requesting copies of the cultural resources documents for the project and requesting consultation with the Responsible Entity for the project. A copy of the draft report was transmitted to the Tribe, followed by a meeting between the Tribe and City staff. The meeting did not result in identification of any unrecorded tribal cultural resources or new mitigation measures for the project.
- **Wuksache Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band:** Kenneth Woodrow, Chairperson, did not respond to consultation requests sent by US Mail, email, or voicemail.

Please see Appendix 2 for correspondence with NAHC and Appendix 3 for correspondence with Native American tribes.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Alexi Atteberry surveyed the project APE on November 3, 2023. Mr. Atteberry holds a BA in archaeology and has nine years of experience in California. The property was surveyed in approximately 10-meter transects throughout the area of potential effect (APE). Because the property is split into an unpaved western part and a paved parking lot on the eastern part, soil exposures were conducted periodically in the western part using a hand trowel; while only one soil exposure was made in the eastern part.



Figure 5: overview of the property looking south (left); looking northwest (right)

Ground visibility was clear in the western part due to low-cut, dead seasonal grasses and wood chips being observed throughout, and a small area along the southern boundary in the eastern part used for trees and vegetation. Observed soils throughout the APE were a compact, gray to dark gray silty loam (Munsell 10YR 5/1 & 4/1 respectively) with approximately 20-30% angular rock inclusions at the surface.



Figure 6: soil exposures in the northwest corner (left) and southern boundary (right)

Modern refuse was observed throughout the entire APE with higher concentrations near the northern boundary likely associated with receptacles from the adjacent businesses. No Native American artifacts or historic-period artifacts over 50 years old were observed in the APE.

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY ASSESSMENT**

### **NATIVE AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY**

Native American archaeological sites are usually found in relatively flat, dry locations with easy access to a perennial source of fresh water (Meyer and Kaijankoski 2017). The project area is in southern San José at approximately 165 feet elevation. In the early historic era, the vicinity was wet meadow, with stands of willow in the flat areas and oak woodland on the surrounding hillsides (SFEI 2015). However, there are no major watercourses nearby: the nearest perennial creek is located about 1 mile (1.6 kilometers) south, on the other side of the Santa Teresa Hills.

Many sites – especially those over 5,000 years old – have been buried by alluvial soil during the rapid landscape changes that have affected the San Francisco Bay Area in the Holocene era (since 11,700 years ago; Byrd et al. 2017:4-1). Soils in the project area are alluvial fan deposits formed in the Holocene era, likely in the last 5,000 years (Witter et al. 2006). While Holocene alluvium is more likely to contain buried archaeological deposits, the project area's distance from water suggests that it has low sensitivity for buried Native American archaeological resources.

### **HISTORIC-PERIOD ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY**

Historic-period activities may also lead to the creation of archaeological features or deposits. These can include structural remains such as walls, foundations, cellars, or wells; or landscape features such as roads, levees, fence lines, ponds, dams, or embankments. Before the era of municipal waste pickup began in the 1920s, most families disposed of their unwanted and broken items on their properties, creating deposits of artifacts. These may be found as sheet scatters, or as hollow-filled features like privies or trash pits.

The potential to find historic-period archaeological deposits can be assessed by review of historic maps, photographs, aerial photographs, and other archival sources that discuss the history of a project area. Typically, deposits of historic-period artifacts are found in areas to the side and behind residences, while building locations may be the site of structural features.

Review of historic maps suggest that the project area was undeveloped agricultural land in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Charles H. Mitchell's home was located south of the project area from circa 1870 to the early 1900s, but there is no indication the APE was developed during this period. After the removal of Mitchell's house, aerial photographs show that the project APE continued to be used for farming until the development of subdivisions in the vicinity in the late 1960s (Fairchild Aerial Surveys 1939; USGS 1953). Construction of the subdivision to the south and the mall buildings to the north took place between 1965 and 1980 (Cartwright Aerial Surveys 1965; 1981). The eastern part of the APE was paved during this period.

Given that the project area remained undeveloped with any structure until the late 1960s, it has low sensitivity for historic-period archaeological deposits.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

A record search, archaeological survey, and geoarchaeological sensitivity assessment did not identify cultural resources, and suggest that the project APE has low sensitivity for both prehistoric and historic-era archaeological resources. Therefore, a finding of **No Historic Properties Affected** (36 CFR §800.4[d]) appears appropriate for this undertaking.

Although archaeological sensitivity is low, it is possible that previously unknown archaeological materials may be discovered during construction. If buried cultural materials are encountered during construction, work should stop in that area until an archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.

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*The legal authority to restrict cultural resource information can be found in California Government Code sections 6254.10 and 6254(r); California Code of Regulations Section 15120(d); and Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.*

## APPENDIX 1: NWIC RECORD SEARCH

CALIFORNIA  
HISTORICAL  
RESOURCES  
INFORMATION  
SYSTEM



ALAMEDA  
COLUSA  
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10/20/2023

NWIC File No.: 23-0421

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Re: 23-46 Santa Teresa Snell Ave Affordable Housing

The Northwest Information Center received your record search request for the project area referenced above, located on the Santa Teresa Hills USGS 7.5' quad(s). The following reflects the results of the records search for the project area and a ½ mi. radius:

Resources within project area:	None listed
Resources within ½ mi. radius:	P-43-000142, P-43-000207, P-43-001019
Reports within project area:	S-8253
Reports within ½ mi. radius:	S-4339, 4800, 6843, 9239, 9360, 19417, 38014

- Resource Database Printout (list):**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Resource Database Printout (details):**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Resource Digital Database Records:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Report Database Printout (list):**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Report Database Printout (details):**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Report Digital Database Records:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Resource Record Copies:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Report Copies:**                    [within]                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- OHP Built Environment Resources Directory:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- CA Inventory of Historic Resources (1976):**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed
- Historical Maps:**                     enclosed    not requested    nothing listed

**Local Inventories:**

enclosed  not requested  nothing listed

**Caltrans Bridge Survey:**

enclosed  not requested  nothing listed

**Ethnographic Information:**

enclosed  not requested  nothing listed

**Historical Literature:**

enclosed  not requested  nothing listed

**Shipwreck Inventory:**

enclosed  not requested  nothing listed

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 (CHRIS).

Sincerely,

*Annette Neal*

Researcher



# Resource Detail: P-43-000142

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## Identifying information

Primary No.: P-43-000142

Trinomial: CA-SCL-000129

Name: WVC-21

Other IDs:	Type	Name
	Resource Name	WVC-21

Cross-refs:

## Attributes

Resource type: Site

Age: Prehistoric

Information base: Survey

Attribute codes: AP15 (Habitation debris)

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

Accession no(s):

Facility:

## General notes

## Recording events

	Date	Recorder(s)	Affiliation	Notes
a	7/16/1974	J. Delgado	University of California	
b	6/29/1984	[none]	Basin Research Associates	

## Associated reports

Report No.	Year	Title	Affiliation
S-006943	1984	Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Snell Road Pipeline Alignment in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara	Archeological Resource Management
S-007483	1985	Revised Data Recovery Plan, Part I: Review of the Prehistory of the Santa Clara Valley Region as Part of the Guadalupe Transportation Corridor Compliance with 36 CFR Part 800	Basin Research Associates, Inc.

## Location information

County: Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address:

PLSS: T8S R1E Sec. MDBM

UTMs: Zone 10 603700mE 4121010mN NAD27

## Management status

### Database record metadata

Date	User	Action taken
Entered: 4/1/2005	icrds	
Last modified: 7/18/2017	surgeonj	
IC actions: Date	User	Action taken
4/1/2005	jay	Appended records from discontinued ICRDS.
Record status: Verified		

# Resource Detail: P-43-000207

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## Identifying information

Primary No.: P-43-000207

Trinomial: CA-SCL-000196

Name: STH 9

Other IDs:	Type	Name
	Resource Name	STH 9

Cross-refs:

## Attributes

Resource type: Site

Age: Prehistoric

Information base: Survey

Attribute codes: AP02 (Lithic scatter)

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

Accession no(s):

Facility:

## General notes

## Recording events

	Date	Recorder(s)	Affiliation	Notes
a	8/10/1974	Flynn; Roop	[none]	
b	6/29/1984	[none]	Basin Research	

## Associated reports

Report No.	Year	Title	Affiliation
S-004211		VOIDED: additional citation 'a' to S-4800	
S-004800	1974	An archaeological survey of a parcel at Galen Drive and Mindy Way in the City of San Jose, California (letter report)	Archaeological Resource Service
S-006943	1984	Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Snell Road Pipeline Alignment in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara	Archeological Resource Management
S-007483	1985	Revised Data Recovery Plan, Part I: Review of the Prehistory of the Santa Clara Valley Region as Part of the Guadalupe Transportation Corridor Compliance with 36 CFR Part 800	Basin Research Associates, Inc.
S-009441	1987	Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Alamosos-Coyote Canal Abandonment Project in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara	Archeological Resource Management

## Location information

County: Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address:

PLSS:

UTMs: Zone 10 604200mE 4120770mN NAD27

## Management status

### Database record metadata

Date	User	Action taken
Entered: 4/1/2005	icrds	
Last modified: 7/17/2017	rinerg	
IC actions: Date	User	Action taken
1/26/2015	mikulikc	updated database

## Resource Detail: P-43-000207

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4/1/2005  
*Record status:* Verified

jay

Appended records from discontinued ICRDS.

# Resource Detail: P-43-001019

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## Identifying information

Primary No.: P-43-001019  
Trinomial: CA-SCL-000629  
Name: Mindy Way Site  
Other IDs: Type Name  
Resource Name Mindy Way Site  
Cross-refs:

## Attributes

Resource type: Site  
Age: Prehistoric  
Information base: Survey  
Attribute codes: AP11 (Hearths/pits); AP15 (Habitation debris)  
Disclosure: Not for publication  
Collections: Unknown  
Accession no(s):  
Facility:

## General notes

## Recording events

Date	Recorder(s)	Affiliation	Notes
a 9/25/1987	Judy Carrico, Robert Cartier	Archaeological Resources Management	

## Associated reports

## Location information

County: Santa Clara  
USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills  
Address: Address City Assessor's parcel no. Zip code  
Snell Avenue San Jose  
PLSS:  
UTMs: Zone 10 603800mE 4120650mN NAD83

## Management status

## Database record metadata

Date	User	Action taken
Entered: 4/1/2005	icrds	
Last modified: 5/5/2015	grahams	
IC actions: Date	User	Action taken
2/13/1998	AOApp1	Primary number 43-001019 assigned.
4/1/2005	jay	Appended records from discontinued ICRDS.
2/13/1998	AOApp1	Primary Number Autofill

Record status: Verified

# Report Detail: S-008253

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-008253

Other IDs:

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Rebecca Loveland Anastasio and Patricia M. Ogrey

Year: 1986 (Aug)

Title: Cultural Resources Review of the Santa Teresa Office Building Project, APN 695-24-70, at Santa Teresa Boulevard and Snell Avenue, City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

Affiliation: Basin Research Associates, Inc.

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size: c 4 ac

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

## General notes

### Associated resources

No. resources: 0

Has informals: No

### Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address: Address

City  
San Jose

Assessor's parcel no.  
695-24-70

Zip code

PLSS:

### Database record metadata

Date	User
Entered: 4/7/2005	nwic-main
Last modified: 8/12/2020	hagell

IC actions: Date	User	Action taken
4/7/2005	jay	Appended records from NWICmain bibliographic database.
8/12/2020	hagell	edited address

Record status: Verified

# Report Detail: S-004339

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-004339

Other IDs:	Type	Name
Voided		E-208 SCL

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Rob Edwards

Year: 1977 (Apr)

Title: Archaeological Evaluation of the Tager Lands fronting on Colleen Drive between Shadelands Drive and Gunter Way, San Jose, California

Affiliation:

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size:

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

## General notes

### Associated resources

No. resources: 0

Has informals: No

### Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address:

PLSS:

### Database record metadata

Date	User
Entered: 4/7/2005	nwic-main
Last modified: 7/13/2017	grahams

IC actions:	Date	User	Action taken
	4/7/2005	jay	Appended records from NWICmain bibliographic database.
	7/10/2017	bentonb	database incomplete: no affiliation provided

Record status: Verified

# Report Detail: S-004800

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-004800

Other IDs:	Type	Name
	Voided	E-689 SCL
	Voided	E-71 SCL; S-4211

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Ronald Melander

Year: 1974 (Dec)

Title: An archaeological survey of a parcel at Galen Drive and Mindy Way in the City of San Jose, California (letter report)

Affiliation: Archaeological Resource Service

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size: c 21.3 ac

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

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Sub-desig.: a

Author(s): William G. Roop

Year: 1975 (Feb)

Title: Addendum to Letter of December 17, 1974, Results of Sub-Surface Testing of 4-SCL-WVC, A Parcel located at Galen Drive and Mindy Way, San Jose, Santa Clara

Affiliation: Archaeological Resource Service

Report type(s): Archaeological, Excavation, Field study

Inventory size: 17 ac

No. pages:

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: Unknown

PDF Pages: 3-18

## General notes

### Associated resources

Primary No.	Trinomial	Name
P-43-000207	CA-SCL-000196	STH 9

No. resources: 1

Has informals: No

### Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address:

PLSS:

### Database record metadata

Date	User
Entered: 4/7/2005	nwic-main
Last modified: 7/17/2017	surgeonj

IC actions:	Date	User	Action taken
	4/7/2005	jay	Appended records from NWICmain bibliographic database.
	7/7/2017	bentonb	subsumes S-4211 as additional citation 'a'

Record status: Verified

# Report Detail: S-006943

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-006943

Other IDs: Type Name  
IC Record Search Nbr #6080-84-0427

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Robert Cartier

Year: 1984 (Oct)

Title: Cultural Resource Evaluation of the Snell Road Pipeline Alignment in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara

Affiliation: Archeological Resource Management

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size: c 8.5 li mi

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

## General notes

### Associated resources

Primary No.	Trinomial	Name
P-43-000142	CA-SCL-000129	WVC-21
P-43-000149	CA-SCL-000137	WVC-20
P-43-000200	CA-SCL-000189	SJE-2
P-43-000207	CA-SCL-000196	STH 9
P-43-000217	CA-SCL-000206	Tuers-Yerba Buena
P-43-000226	CA-SCL-000216	SJSU Site #SCL-3A
P-43-000449	CA-SCL-000448/H	Temporary No. 15-C
P-43-001014	CA-SCL-000552	JL#2

No. resources: 8

Has informals: No

### Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): San Jose East, Santa Teresa Hills

Address: Address	City	Assessor's parcel no.	Zip code
	San Jose		

PLSS:

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5/11/2017	hagell	edited other identifier

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-009239

Other IDs:

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Robert Cartier

Year: 1987 (Jun)

Title: Cultural Resource Evaluation of a Parcel on Galen Drive (APN 689-61-02) in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara

Affiliation: Archaeological Resource Management

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size: 4 ac

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

## General notes

### Associated resources

No. resources: 0

Has informals: No

### Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address: Address

City

Assessor's parcel no.

Zip code

689-61-02

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Author(s): Robert Cartier

Year: 1987 (Aug)

Title: Testing Program for the South End of the Snell Pipeline Project and the End of the Santa Teresa Waste Treatment Plant Pipeline

Affiliation: Archeological Resource Management

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size:

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

## General notes

## Associated resources

No. resources: 0

Has informals: No

## Location information

County(ies): Santa Clara

USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-019417

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Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): Robert Cartier

Year: 1997 (Jun)

Title: Cultural Resource Evaluation of a Parcel Located at 5828 Santa Teresa Boulevard in the City of San Jose, California

Affiliation: Archaeological Resource Management

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Field study

Inventory size: c 2.5 ac

Disclosure: Not for publication

Collections: No

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### Associated resources

No. resources: 0

Has informals: No

### Location information

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USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address:	Address	City	Assessor's parcel no.	Zip code
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4/20/2017	hagell	added other identifier, month, disclosure, collections, address

Record status: Verified

# Report Detail: S-038014

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## Identifiers

Report No.: S-038014

Other IDs:

Cross-refs:

## Citation information

Author(s): David R. Cohen

Year: 2011 (Mar)

Title: Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit for T-Mobile West Corporation a Delaware Corporation Candidate SF44337-A (Santa Teresa Square), 6033 Snell Avenue, San Jose, Santa Clara County, California

Affiliation: Michael Brandman Associates

No. pages:

No. maps:

Attributes: Archaeological, Architectural/historical, Field study

Inventory size:

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Collections: No

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### Location information

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USGS quad(s): Santa Teresa Hills

Address: Address

6033 Snell Avenue

City

San Jose

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Zip code

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### Database record metadata

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Last modified: 7/28/2017

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IC actions: Date

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## APPENDIX 2: SACRED LANDS FILE SEARCH RESULTS

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

October 23, 2023

Jennifer Ho  
Archaeological/Historical ConsultantsVia Email to: [jennifer.ho@ahc-heritage.com](mailto:jennifer.ho@ahc-heritage.com)**Re: 23-46 Santa Teresa Snell Ave Affordable Housing Project, Santa Clara County**

To Whom It May Concern:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were negative. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: [Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov](mailto:Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Cody Campagne  
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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NomlakiSECRETARY  
**Sara Dutschke**  
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## APPENDIX 3: NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION



October 24, 2023

Monica Arellano, Vice Chairwoman  
Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the SF Bay Area  
20885 Redwood Road, Ste 232  
Castro Valley, CA 94546

**RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

Dear Ms. Arellano:

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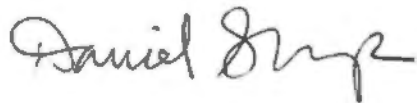
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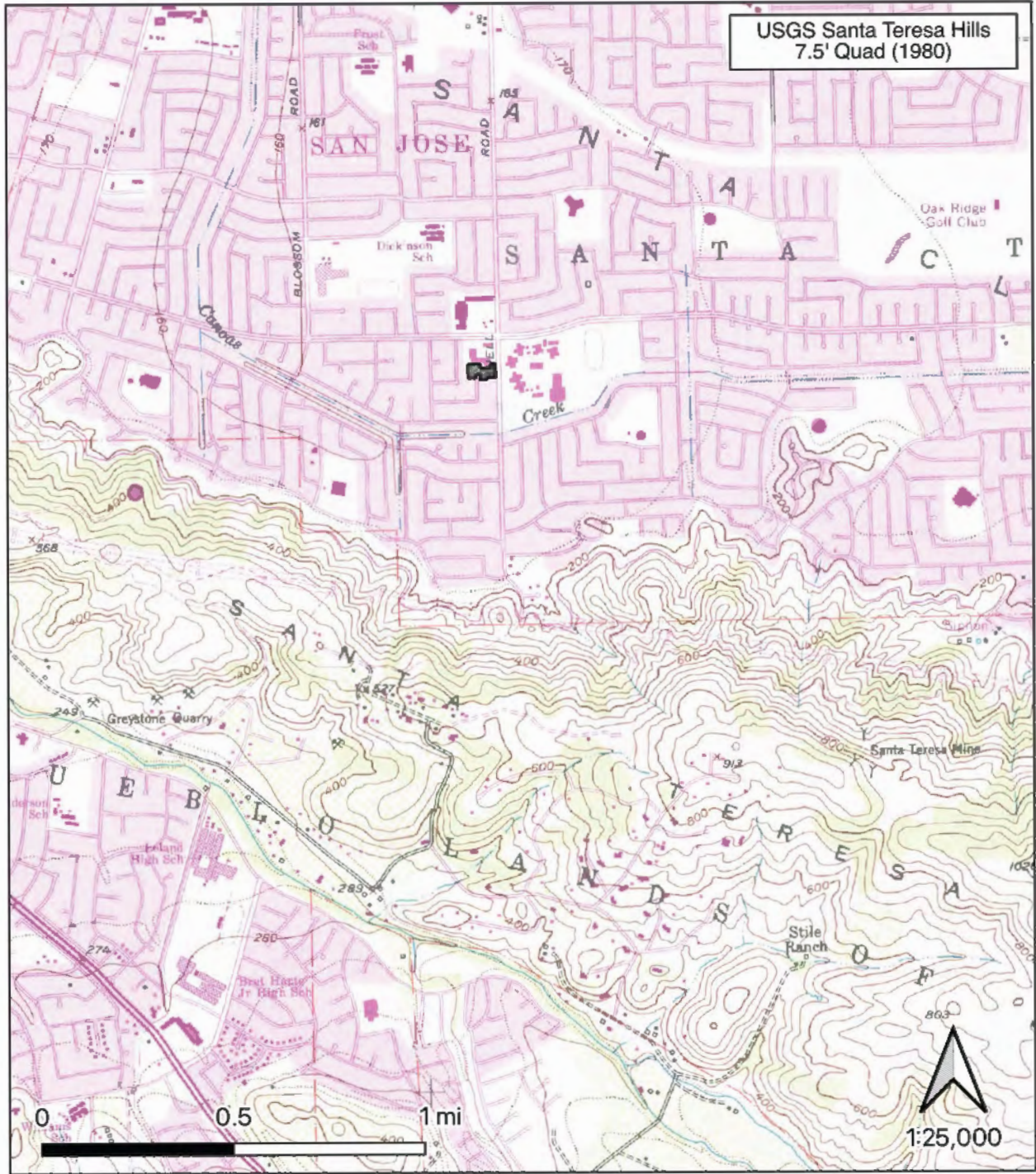
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October 24, 2023

Lillian Camarena, Secretary  
Tamien Nation  
336 Percy Street  
Madera, CA 93638

## **RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

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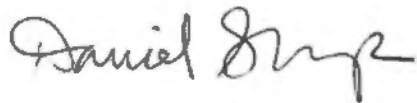
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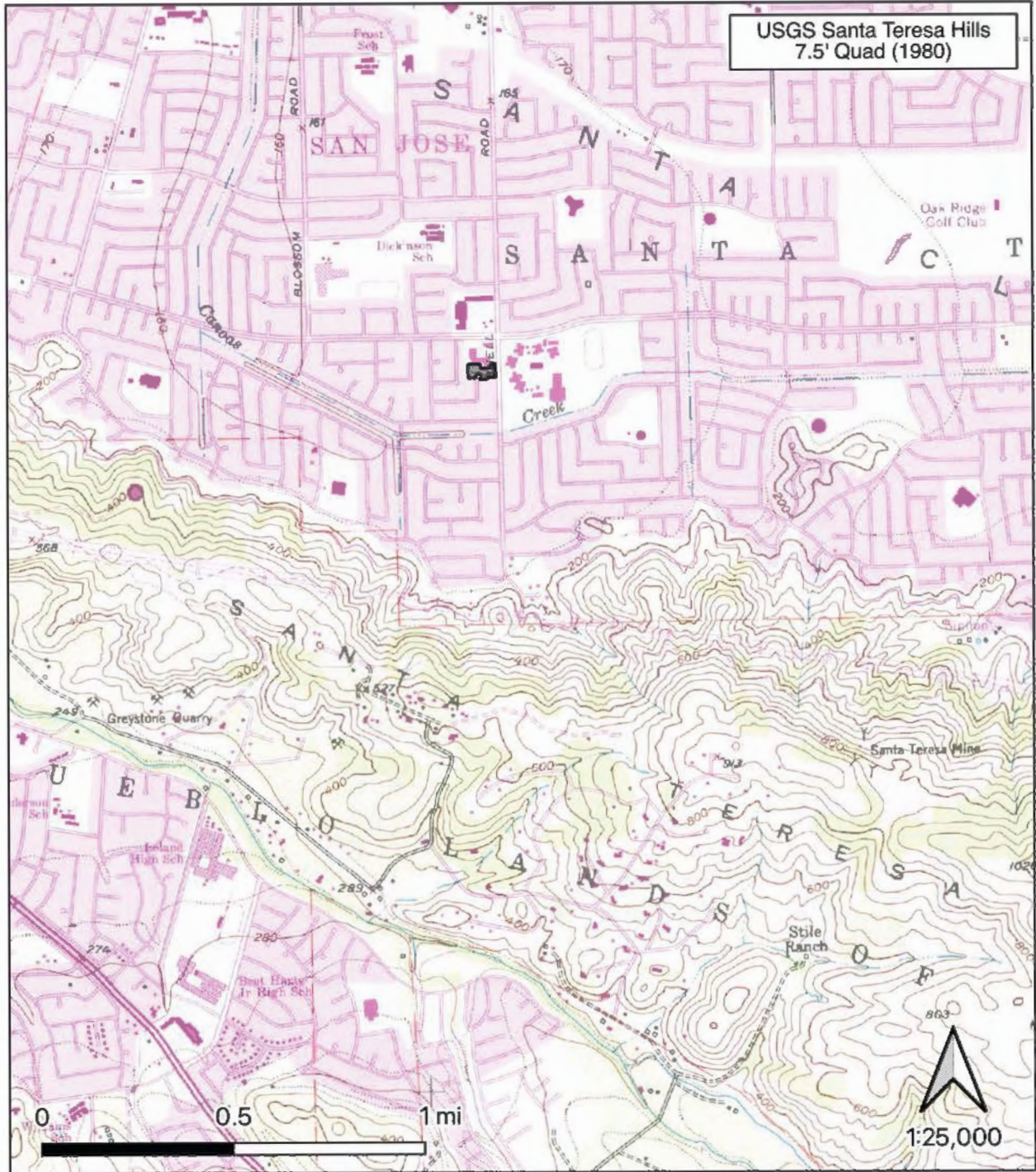
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October 24, 2023

Johnathan Wasaka Costillas, THPO

Tamien Nation

10721 Pingree Road

Clearlake Oaks, CA 94523

## **RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

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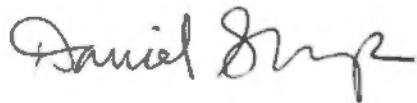
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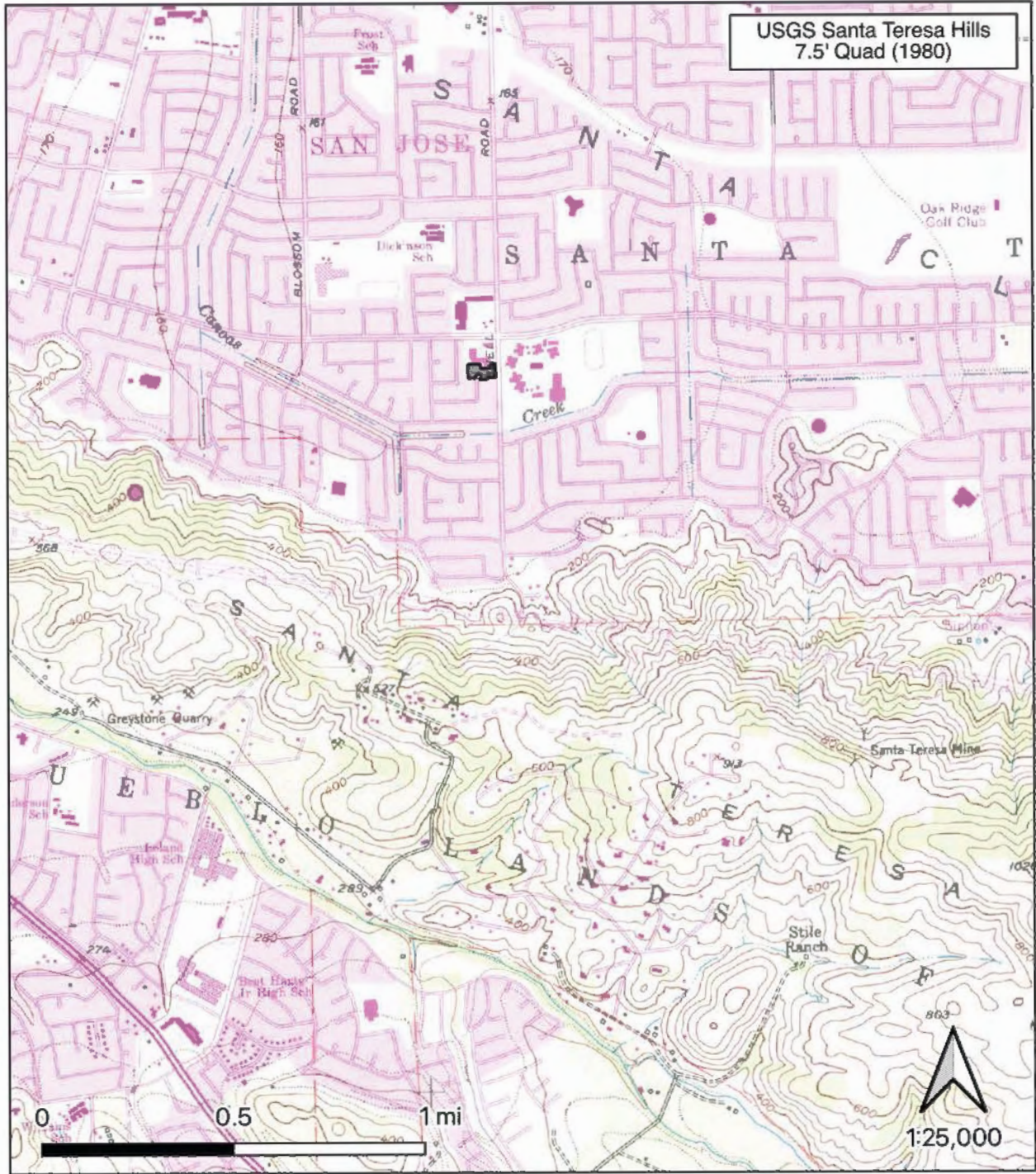
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October 24, 2023

Andrew Galvan, Chairperson  
The Ohlone Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 3388  
Fremont, CA 94539

### **RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

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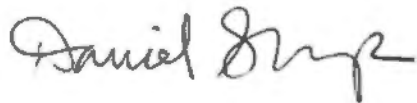
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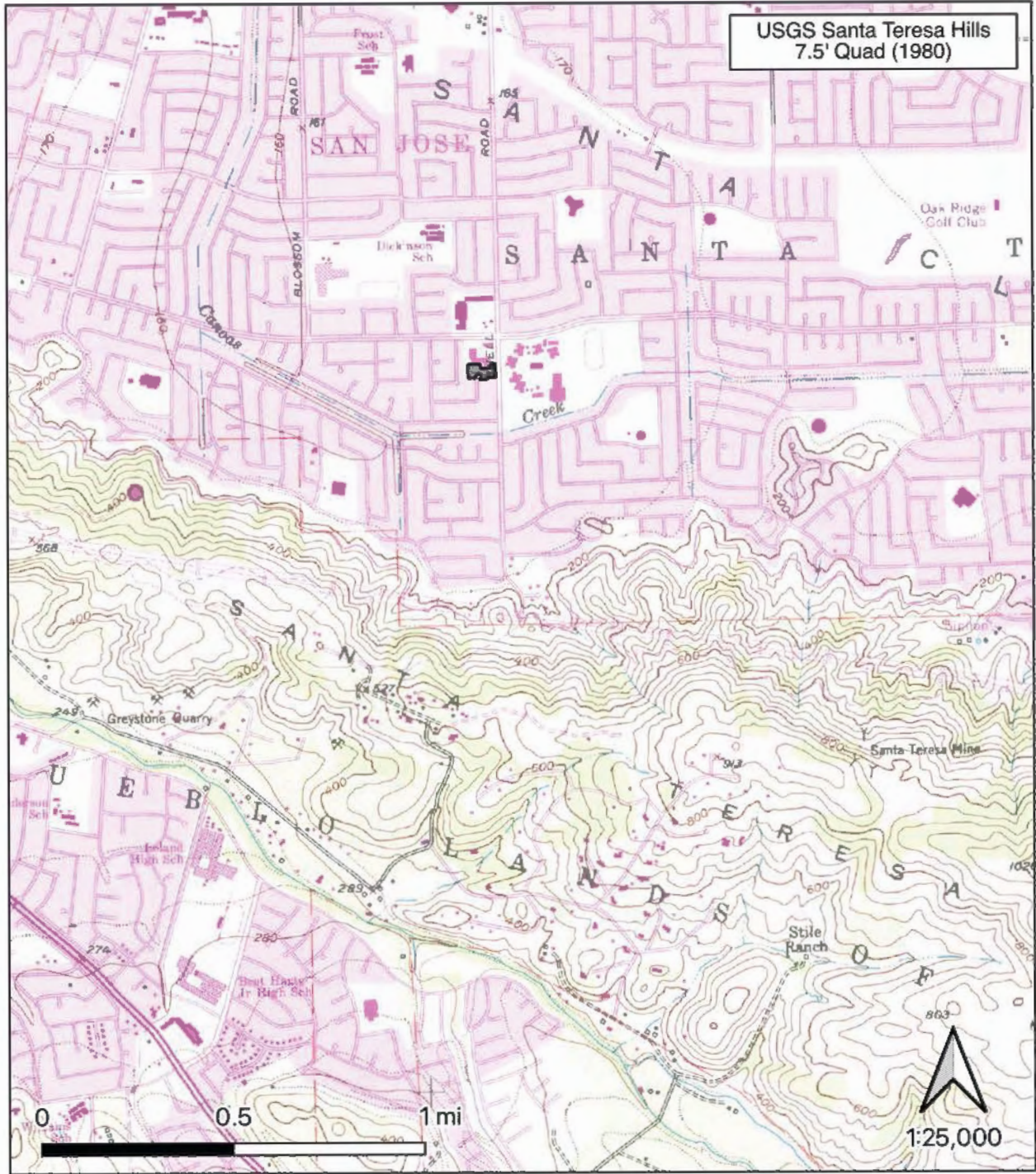
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Quirina Luna Geary, Chairperson

Tamien Nation

P.O. Box 8053

San José, CA 95155

**RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

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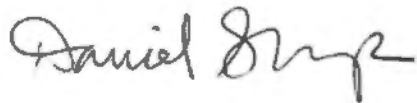
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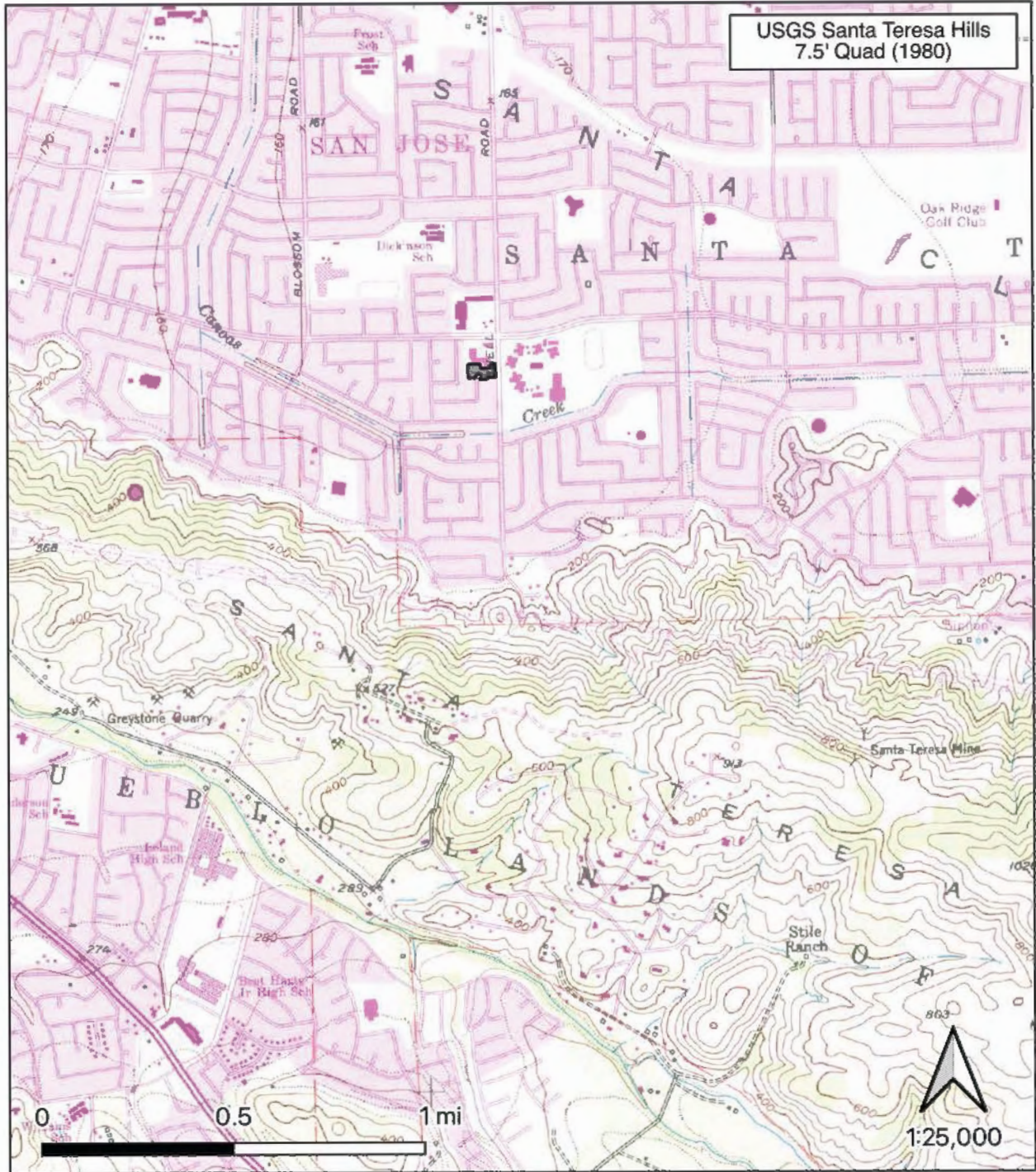
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October 24, 2023

Ed Ketchum, Vice-Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

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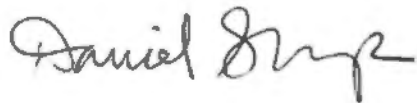
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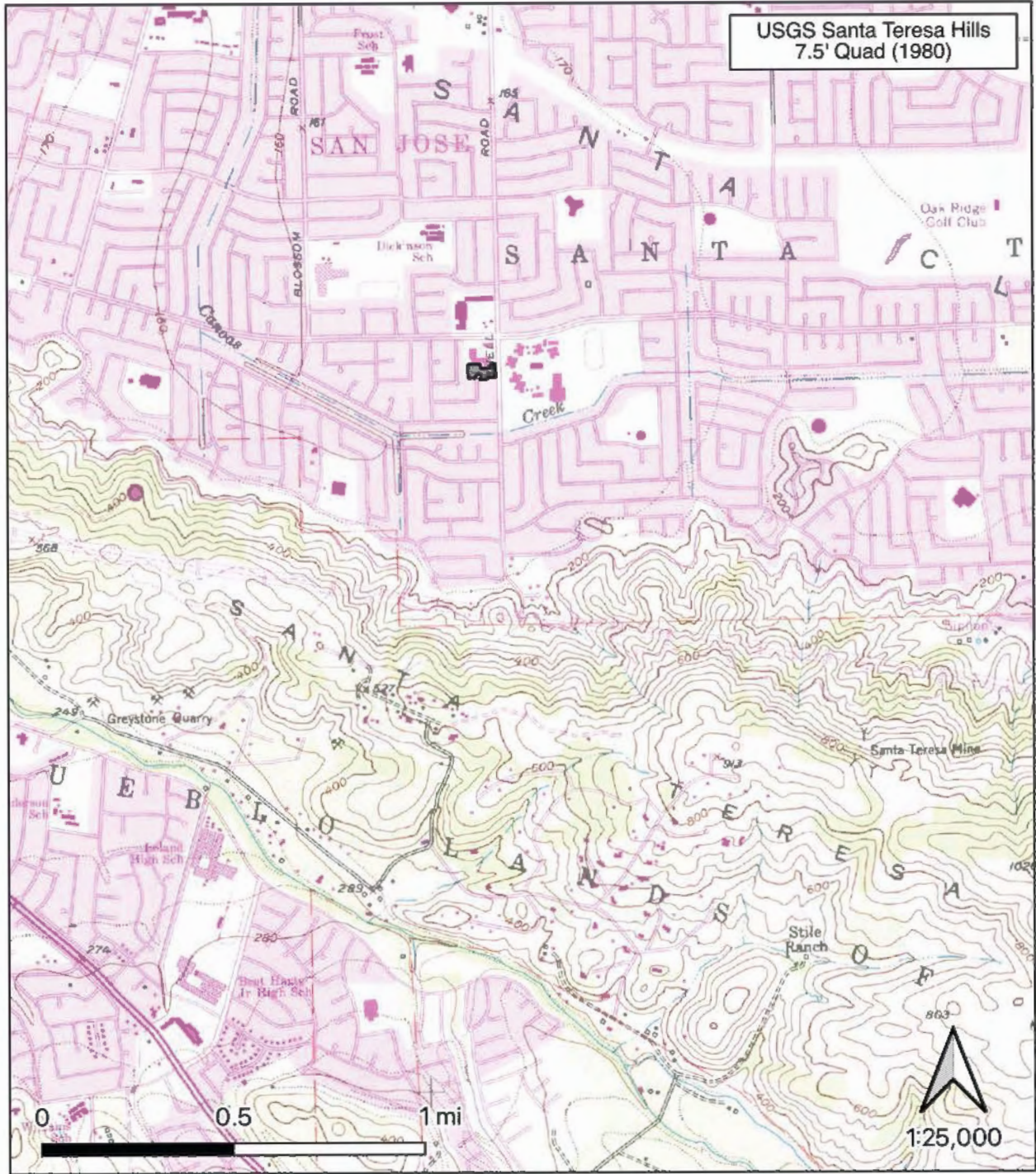
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Valentin Lopez, Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
P.O. Box 5272  
Galt, CA 95632

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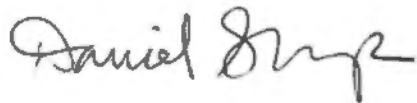
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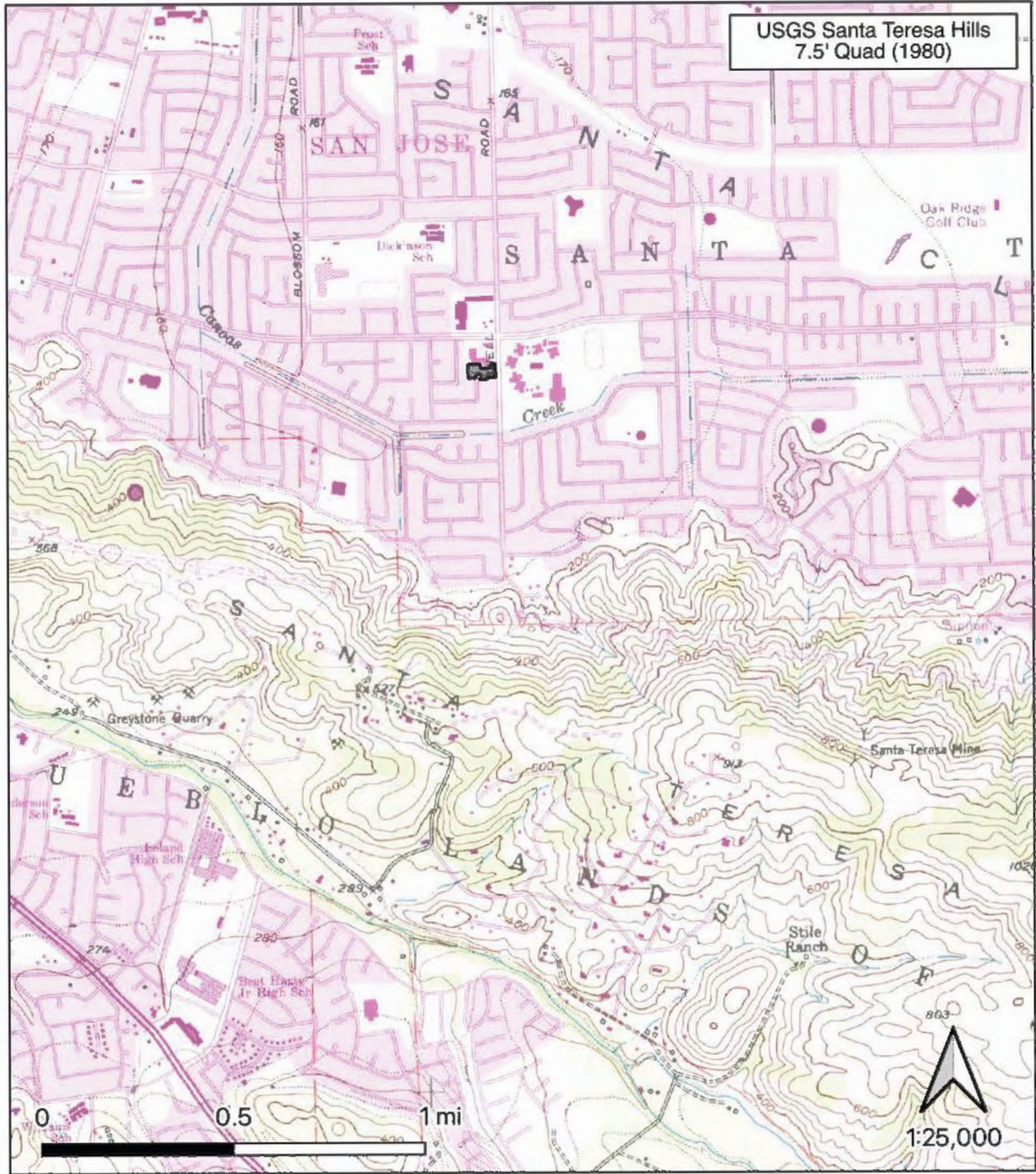
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October 24, 2023

Vincent Medina, Cultural Leader  
The Ohlone Indian Tribe  
17365 Via Del Rey  
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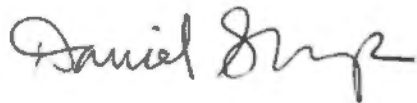
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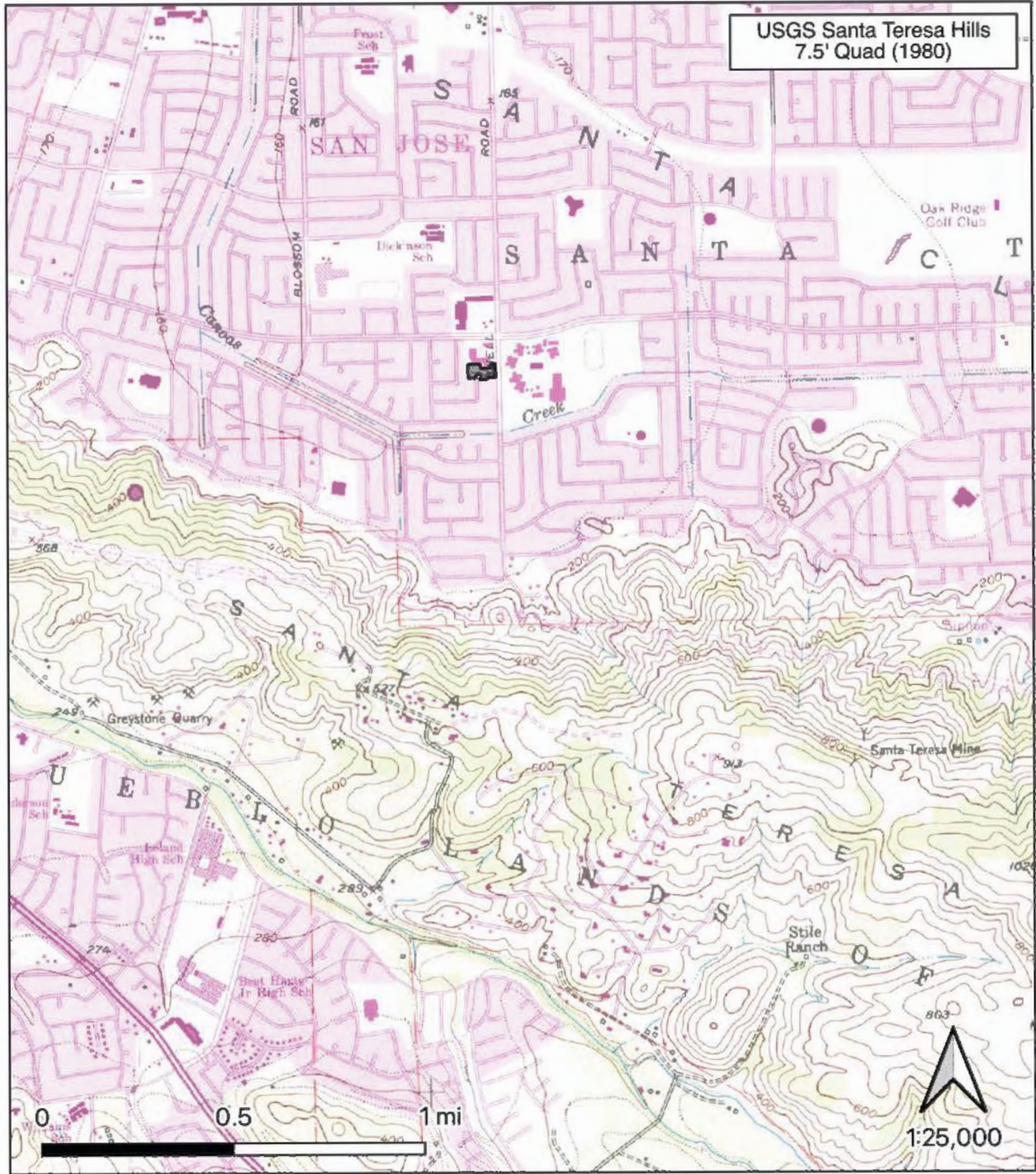
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Katherine Perez, Chairperson, and Timothy Perez  
North Valley Yokuts Tribe  
P.O. Box 717  
Linden, CA 95236

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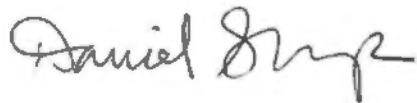
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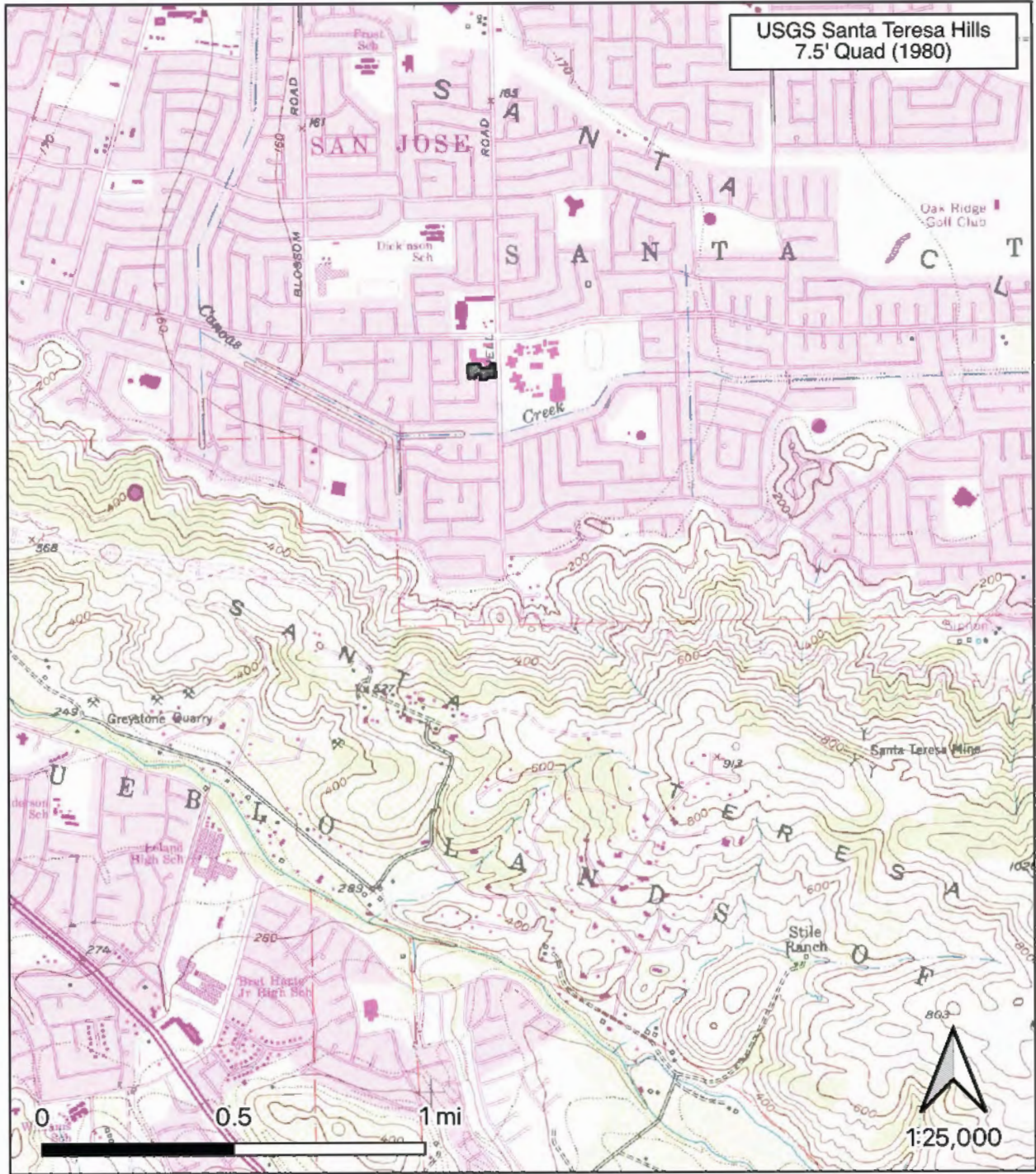
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Kanyon Sayers-Roods, MLD Contact  
Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan  
1615 Pearson Court  
San José, CA 95122

## **RE: Santa Teresa-Snell Avenue Affordable Housing Project**

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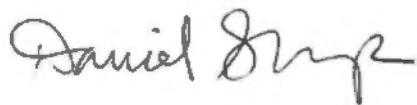
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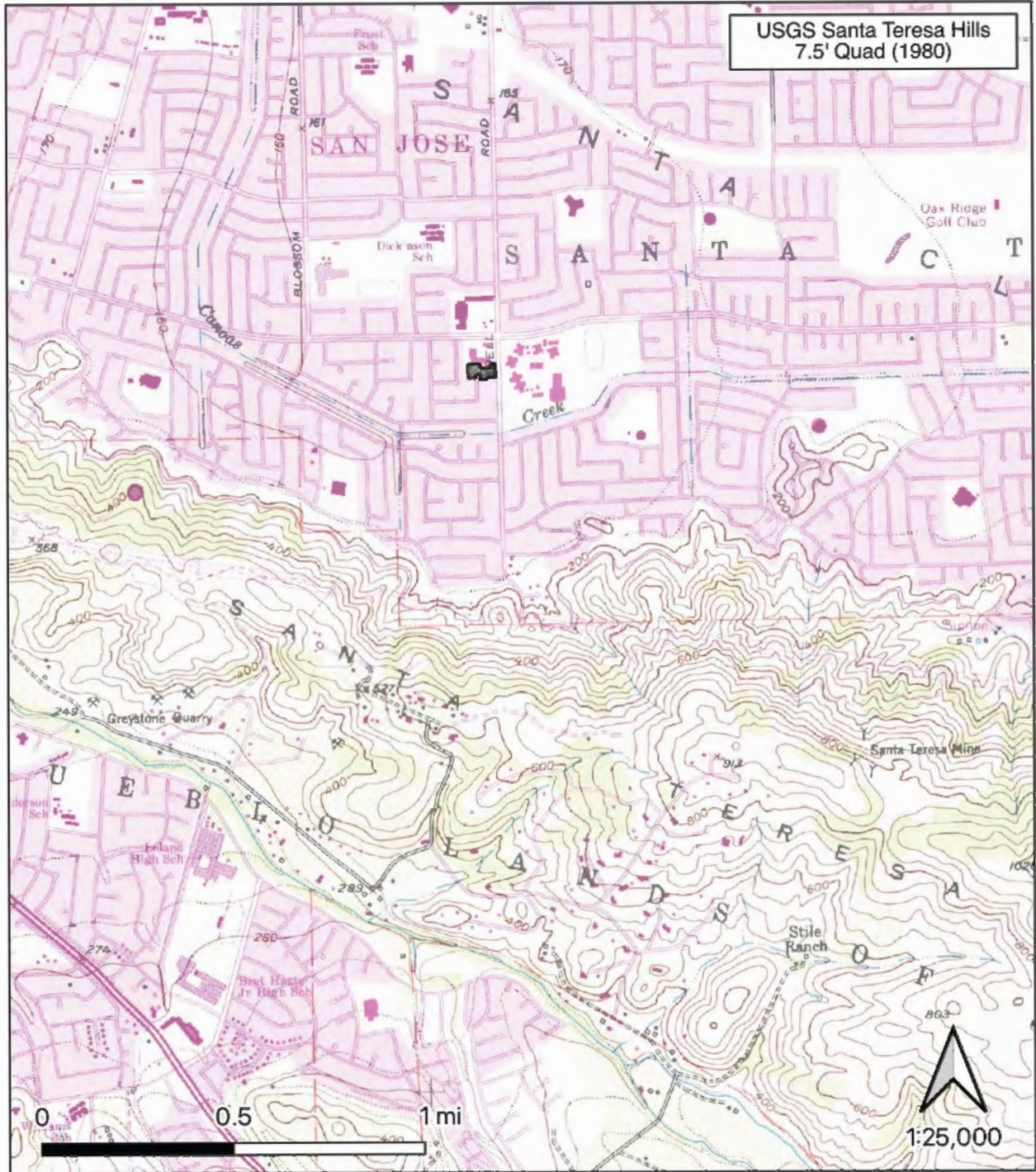
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Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan  
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Hollister, CA 95024

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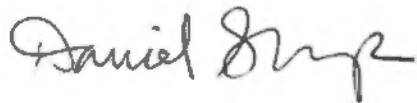
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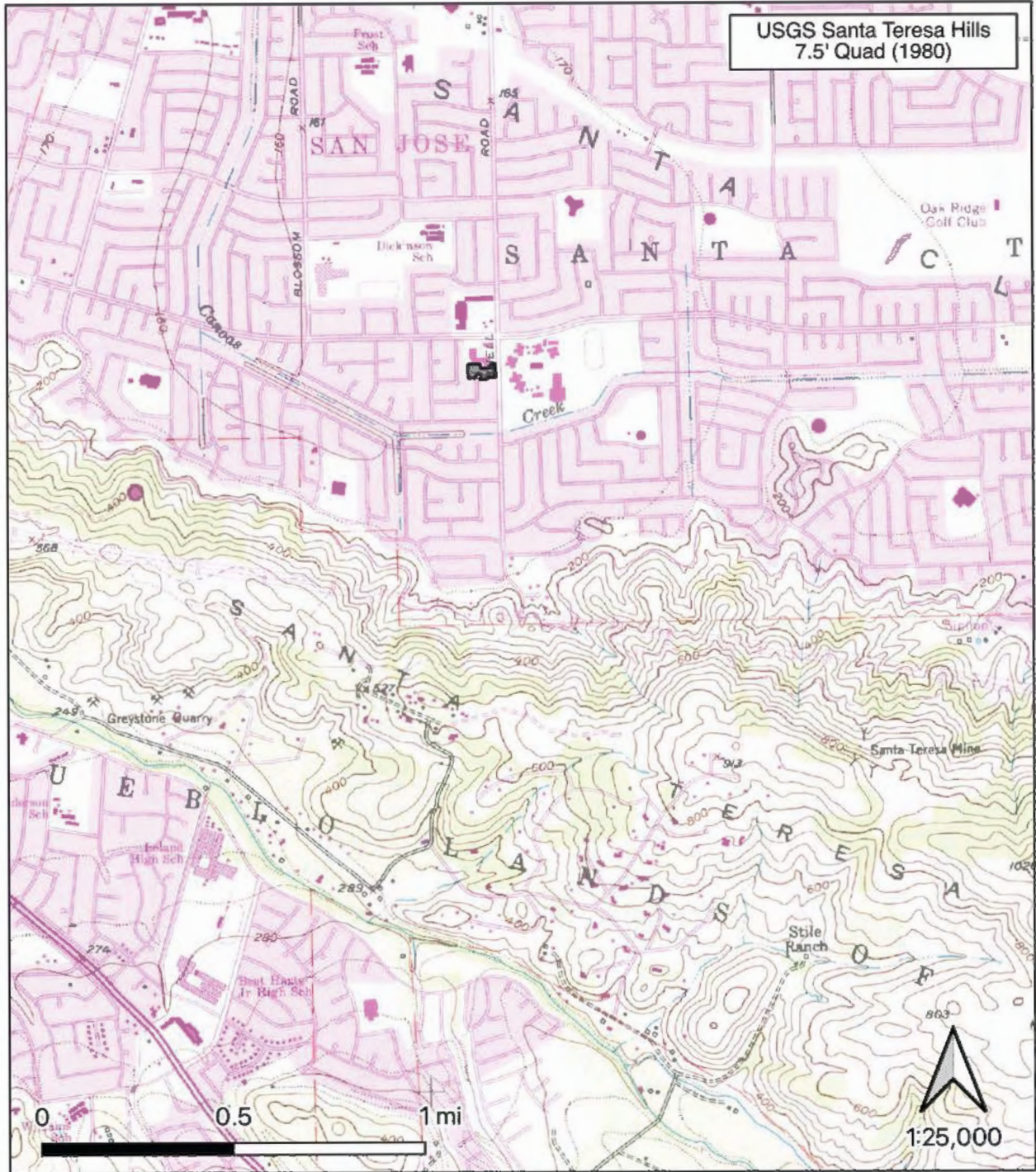
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1179 Rock Haven Ct.  
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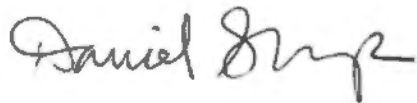
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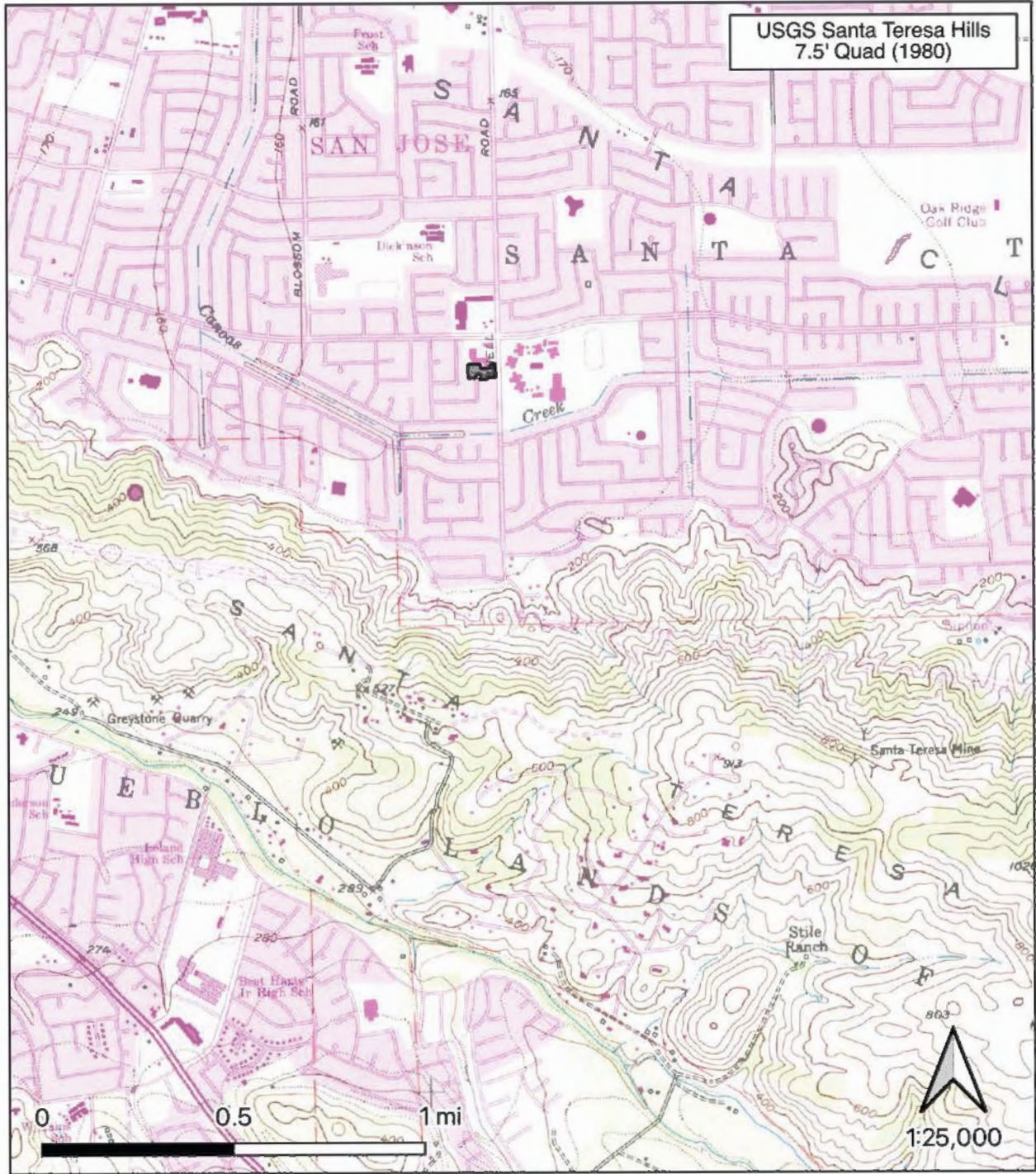
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Irene Zwierlein, Chairperson  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista  
3030 Soda Bay Road  
Lakeport, CA 95453

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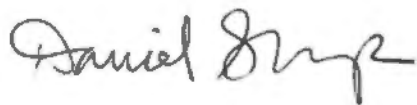
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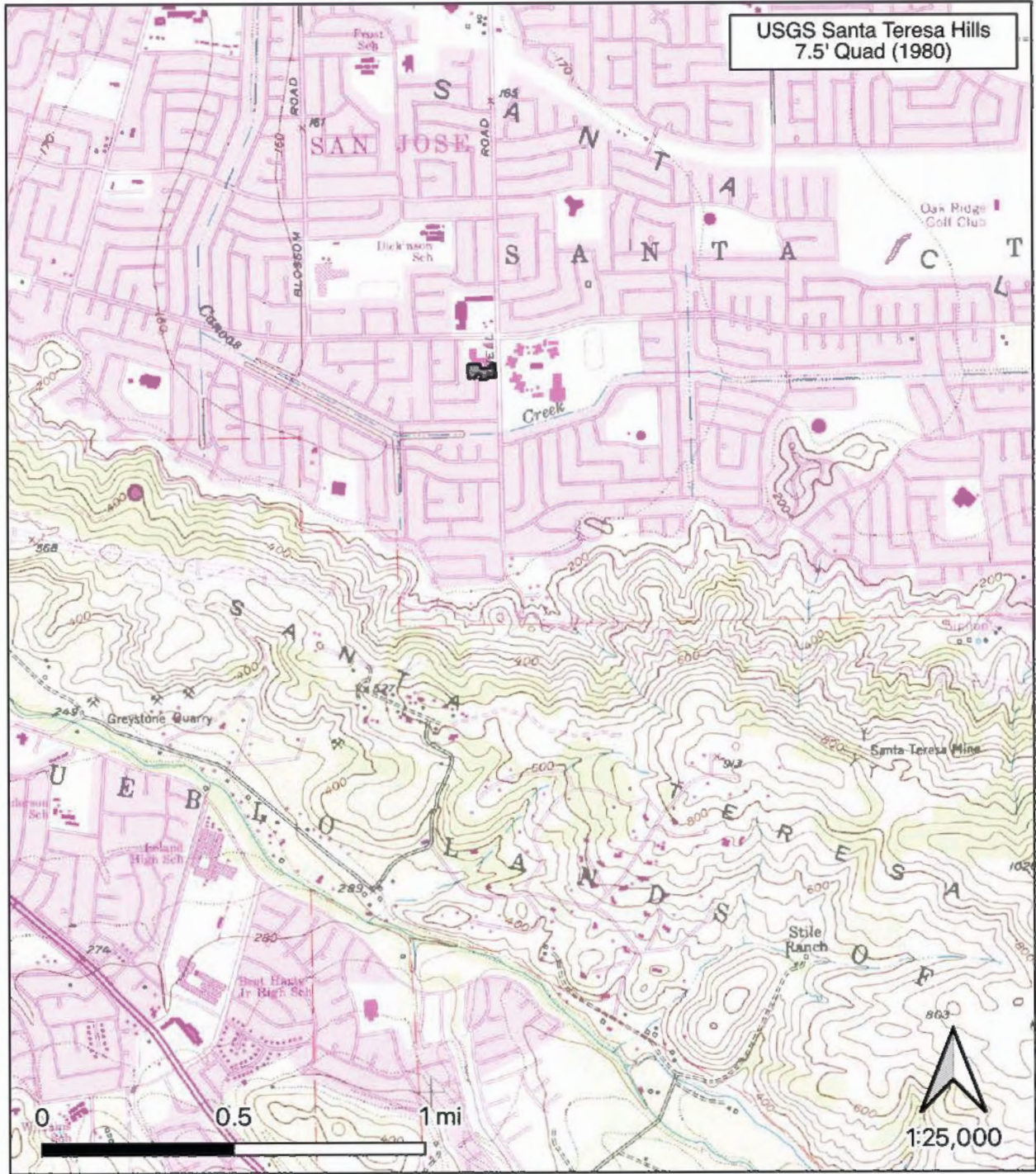
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**Consultation Letter for Santa Teresa-Snell Ave Project, San Jose**

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**Quirina Geary** <qgeary@tamien.org>

Tue, Oct 24, 2023 at 5:06 PM

To: Daniel Shoup &lt;daniel.shoup@ahc-heritage.com&gt;

Cc: Jennifer Ho &lt;jennifer.ho@ahc-heritage.com&gt;, Monica Griffin &lt;mgriffin@tamien.org&gt;, Lillian Camarena &lt;Lcamarena@tamien.org&gt;, Johnathan Costillas &lt;jcostillas@tamien.org&gt;

Hello Daniel,

Good afternoon. Thank you for your email and I hope you are doing well. Although we are grateful for this notification, Tamien Nation is a non-federal Tribe with limited resources to respond to CEQA and Sec 106 notifications. Due to these limitations, we often do not open non-agency emails. I opened this one by chance. Can you please forward our concerns to the appropriate person at the City of San Jose. Tamien Nation engages in government to government consultation and all notifications should come from the City's email domain on City letterhead and clearly marked in the subject line: "CEQA AB52/SB18/Sec106, etc..Notification".

Now, to the letter. Tamien Nation is requesting formal consultation on this project. Please send us the latest cultural resource study and site records for 1/4 mile radius and any other pertinent information on this project. The City can view my availability and schedule a meeting with us here: <https://calendly.com/tamien/ab-52sec106-consultation>. Please allow 10 business days for our review before scheduling a meeting with us. Please call me if you have any questions at 707-295-4011.

Thank you for your time, effort and understanding.

Sincerely,

**Quirina Luna Geary**

Chairwoman

Tamien Nation

[www.tamien.org](http://www.tamien.org)

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**Consultation Letter for Santa Teresa-Snell Ave Project, San Jose**

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KKLLC Admin &lt;admin@kanyonkonsulting.com&gt;

Sun, Oct 29, 2023 at 4:03 PM

To: daniel.shoup@ahc-heritage.com

Cc: Kanyon Sayers-Roods &lt;kanyon@kanyonkonsulting.com&gt;

Dear Daniel Shoup

Thank you for contacting us regarding the inquiry about sensitive cultural resources in the project area. Your proactive approach towards preserving and respecting cultural heritage within the region is highly appreciated.

Before and as we move forward with this project, we emphasize the significance of the Santa Clara County territory as the traditional lands of the Tamien Ohlone people. We are dedicated to conducting our operations with the utmost respect for their cultural heritage and ancestral connections to the land.

To ensure our ethical practices and responsibilities towards local communities are met, we want to ensure due diligence in contacting and listening to the Tamien Nation is taken before proceeding. If you have already reached out to them, we kindly request any relevant information or responses received during this process. Alternatively, if communication has not been established, we urge you to prioritize and facilitate this essential consultation.

Meaningful consultation with, and incorporating the perspectives and knowledge of, the Tamien Nation is crucial as it will not only enhance our understanding of the project area's cultural significance, it additionally contributes to responsible management and protection of any identified cultural resources.

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Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to working together to safeguard and honor the cultural heritage of the Tamien Ohlone Lands.

Sincerely

**Kanyon "*Coyote Woman*" Sayers-Roods**Co-Founder - CEO | [Kanyon Konsulting, LLC](#)Mobile (831) 207-9331 | [kanyon@kanyonkonsulting.com](mailto:kanyon@kanyonkonsulting.com)



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## Consultation Letter for Santa Teresa-Snell Ave Project, San Jose

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Valentin Lopez <vjltestingcenter@aol.com>  
To: Daniel Shoup <daniel.shoup@ahc-heritage.com>  
Cc: Alec Apodaca <ajapodaca@berkeley.edu>

Wed, Nov 8, 2023 at 7:43 AM

This project is outside our traditional tribal territory and therefore we have no comments.

Thank you,

Valentin Lopez, Chair  
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band

On Monday, November 6, 2023 at 11:03:48 AM PST, Daniel Shoup <daniel.shoup@ahc-heritage.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Lopez,

I just wanted to follow up on the letter below. Please let us know if the Tribe has any comments or would like to request consultation.

Yours truly,

Dan

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Yours truly,

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