

APPENDIX C
CULTURAL RECORDS SEARCH



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Alpine, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties

Date: August 8, 2019

CCaIC Records Search File #: 11161 I
Re: Project: Proposed development of parcel
 APN 047-090-004, NW corner Bird St.,
 Livingston, CA

Amber Williams, Assistant Planner
 QK, Inc.
 2816 Park Avenue
 Merced, CA 95348

Email: amber.williams@qkinc.com

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 QK, INC.

Dear Ms. Williams,

We have conducted a records search as per your request for the above-referenced project area located on the Cressey USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map in Merced County.

Search of our files includes review of our maps for the specific project area and the immediate vicinity of the project area, and review of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR), the *California Inventory of Historic Resources* (1976), the *California Historical Landmarks* (1990), and the California Points of Historical Interest listing (May 1992 and updates), the Directory of Properties in the Historic Property Data File (HPDF) and the Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility (ADOE) (Office of Historic Preservation current electronic files dated 03-20-2014 and 04-05-2012, respectively), the *Survey of Surveys* (1989), the Caltrans State and Local Bridges Inventory, GLO Plats, and other pertinent historic data available at the CCaIC for each specific county.

The following details the results of the records search:

Prehistoric or historic resources within the project area:

No prehistoric or historic-era archaeological resources have been reported to the CCaIC.

Historic properties, buildings, or structures:

- A portion of the Hammatt Lateral Canal has been formally recorded and evaluated where it intersects Bird Street; Primary file #P-24-001637; page 5 of the HPDF printout indicates status code 6Y (ineligible for the NRHP; not evaluated for CRHR or local listing). Historic USGS maps indicate that, over the years, the alignment of the lateral canal may have been altered to a small extent where it is within the property.

- We have had several records submitted for a proposed historic district, the MID, Primary file #P-24-001909; the boundaries subsume this area, and the proposed district potentially includes the Hammatt Lateral (and hundreds of other features), but the lateral does not appear to have been recorded or evaluated in relation to this district yet. The proposed district does not have an entry on the HPDF printout (so no formal determination of eligibility—or otherwise—from SHPO is on file), and several consultants have given varying statements regarding the district's perceived NRHP eligibility.
- The HPDF printout page 5 also has an entry for Bridge 39C-0149 (blt. 1930, wooden bridge on Bird Street over Hammatt Lateral), status code 6Y; however, this bridge appears to have been bypassed and removed.

Prehistoric or historic resources within the immediate vicinity of the project area:

No prehistoric or historic-era archaeological resources have been reported to the CCaIC.

Historic properties, buildings, or structures:

- The Livingston Canal has been formally recorded, file #P-24-000552. The HPDF printout page 34 indicates status code 6y where it was evaluated where it intersects Almond Road in Winton. Other statements by evaluating consultants appear to agree with this determination for the canal as a whole. Regarding the MID proposed district, at least one consultant has inventoried this canal as a contributing element.

Resources that are known to have value to local cultural groups:

None have been formally reported to the Information Center.

Previous investigations within the project area: 3 have been reported for this area:

Possible narrow survey corridor through the property? Difficult to tell from report:

CCaIC Report ME-02972

Napton, L. K. (1997)

Cultural Resource Investigations of the Proposed Merced Irrigation District, Atwater-Merced 115-kV Loop, Merced County, California.

Contains cultural resources overview for wide area; no field survey:

CCaIC Report ME-03631

Quad Knopf (1999)

1999 General Plan, Livingston, California.

Evaluation of Hammatt Lateral and Bird Street Bridge at that location:

CCaIC Report ME-07535

LSA Associates, Inc. (2004)

Positive Historic Property Survey Report, Hammatt Lateral/Bird Road Bridge Replacement Project, 10-MER-Bird Road-39C0149, Livingston, California.

Previous investigations immediately adjacent: 1 has been reported:

Survey of wastewater treatment plant project area:

CCaIC Report ME-00634

Napton, L. K. (1982)

Cultural Resource Reconnaissance of the Livingston Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facilities in Merced County, California.

Recommendations/Comments: Based on existing data in our files the project area has a moderate sensitivity for the possible discovery of prehistoric archaeological resources, due to the proximity of the Merced River and its southern terraces. Site constituents may be fragmentary on the surface, but more intact *under the surface*—prehistoric Native American sites/features *have* been encountered under the plow zone in many areas in California. We recommend survey by a qualified professional archaeologist, prior to any project-related activities. We also recommend caution and vigilance during any excavation or trenching, should the proposed project proceed. As to the Hammatt Lateral, we offer no recommendations for further study at this time, unless the canal will be altered or removed. The Statewide Referral List for Historical Resources Consultants is posted for your use on the internet at <http://chrisinfo.org>

Please be advised that a historical resource is defined as a building, structure, object, prehistoric or historic archaeological site, or district possessing physical evidence of human activities over 45 years old. Since the project area has not been subject to previous investigations, there may be unidentified features involved in your project that are 45 years or older and considered as historical resources requiring further study and evaluation by a qualified professional of the appropriate discipline.

If archaeological resources are encountered, work should be temporarily halted in the vicinity of the discovered materials and workers should avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project personnel should not collect cultural resources.

If human remains are discovered, California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 requires you to protect the discovery and notify the county coroner, who will determine if the find is Native American. If the remains are recognized as Native American, the coroner shall then notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 authorizes the NAHC to appoint a Most Likely Descendant (MLD) who will make recommendations for the treatment of the discovery.

We further advise you that if you retain the services of a historical resources consultant, the firm or individual you retain is responsible for submitting any report of findings prepared for you to the Central California Information Center, including one copy of the narrative report and copies of any records that document historical resources found as a result of field work, preferably in PDF format. If the consultant wishes to obtain copies of materials not included with this records search reply, additional copy or records search fees may apply.

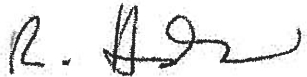
Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the State Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies 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.

The California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) contracts with the California Historical Resources Information System's (CHRIS) regional Information Centers (ICs) to maintain information in the CHRIS inventory and make it available to local, state, and federal agencies, cultural resource professionals, Native American tribes, researchers, and the public. Recommendations made by IC coordinators or their staff regarding the interpretation and application of this information are advisory only. Such recommendations do not necessarily represent the evaluation or opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer in carrying out the OHP's regulatory authority under federal and state law.

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Note: Billing will be transmitted separately via email from the Financial Services office (\$150.00), payable within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

Sincerely,



Robin Hards, Assistant Research Technician
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California Historical Resources Information System

Copy of invoice to Laurie Marroquin, Financial Services (lamarroquin@csustan.edu)



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Purpose of Access: records search

Reference (project name or number, title of study, and street address if applicable):
Proposed development of APN 047-090-004, Livingston, CA

County: Township/Range/Section or UTM: Merced Co., T6S/R11E por. Sec. 23

USGS 7.5' Quad: Cressey