
CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

PRIMARY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES GOAL

Preserve the cultural and historical resources of the Skyline-Paradise Hills community.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

There are eight documented archaeological sites in the community planning area. The most important sites (where artifacts such as blades, flakes, cobble tools, core tools and scraper planes have been found) provide evidence of the tool-making procedure and the methods of processing animal and plant materials used by an unidentified Indian culture group.

Three of these archaeological sites have been disturbed by either residential development or off-road activity.

There are three documented paleontological sites in the community. All of the specimens from these sites lived during the Pliocene Era, which began ten million years ago and ended one million years ago. These sites have yielded many specimens, including mollusks, sharks, manta rays, dolphins, baleen whales, a sea lion and many types of birds and bony fish. All three sites have been disturbed by residential development.

Within the planning area there are outcrops of the San Diego Formation. This formation has yielded fossil invertebrates and has a high potential for further marine vertebrate finds.

OBJECTIVES

1. Protect the resource value of archaeological artifacts and paleontological resources within the community.
2. Preserve buildings of architectural and historical interest in the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Developments that might impact archaeological or paleontological sites should be identified during the permit process. These impacts should be mitigated through the environmental review process.
2. Structures within the community that are considered historic should be reviewed for inclusion as a City landmark designation. These properties should take advantage of available benefits such as property tax or investment tax credits.