

Old Town Community Plan Update: Prehistoric and Native American Cultural Resources

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Project Approach

- ▶ Brief Archaeological Study - Inventory and Context for Historic Preservation Element
 - ▶ SCIC and Museum of Man records searches
 - ▶ Background research and literature review
 - ▶ NAHC Sacred Lands file search
 - ▶ Native American contact program
 - ▶ Tabulate and discuss records search results
 - ▶ Historic Resource Sensitivity maps



Study Aim

- ▶ Integrate site data, archival research and Native American contributions to discuss prehistoric and ethnohistoric use of community plan area, identify areas of resource potential, and discuss constraints and opportunities
- ▶ Make recommendations to provide the city with a picture of the community's cultural landscape that will be useful in guiding local planning decisions both within that community and for the broader city of villages



Resources

- ▶ Archaeological Resources
 - ▶ Prehistoric and historic locations or sites where human actions have resulted in detectable changes to the area. This can include changes in the soil, as well as the presence of physical cultural remains. Archaeological resources can have a surface component, or a subsurface component, or both.

- ▶ Traditional Cultural Resources
 - ▶ Resources associated with beliefs and cultural practices of a living people, rooted in the group's history and important in maintaining the cultural identity of the group. Archaeological sites, locations of events, sacred places, and resource areas, including hunting or gathering areas, may be traditional cultural resources.



Results

- ▶ Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) response received August 11, 2011
 - ▶ Numerous Native American cultural resources have been identified within the vicinity of the community of Old Town
- ▶ Draft report will be sent to all identified representatives for comment and ongoing discussion, resource identification, input into planning process



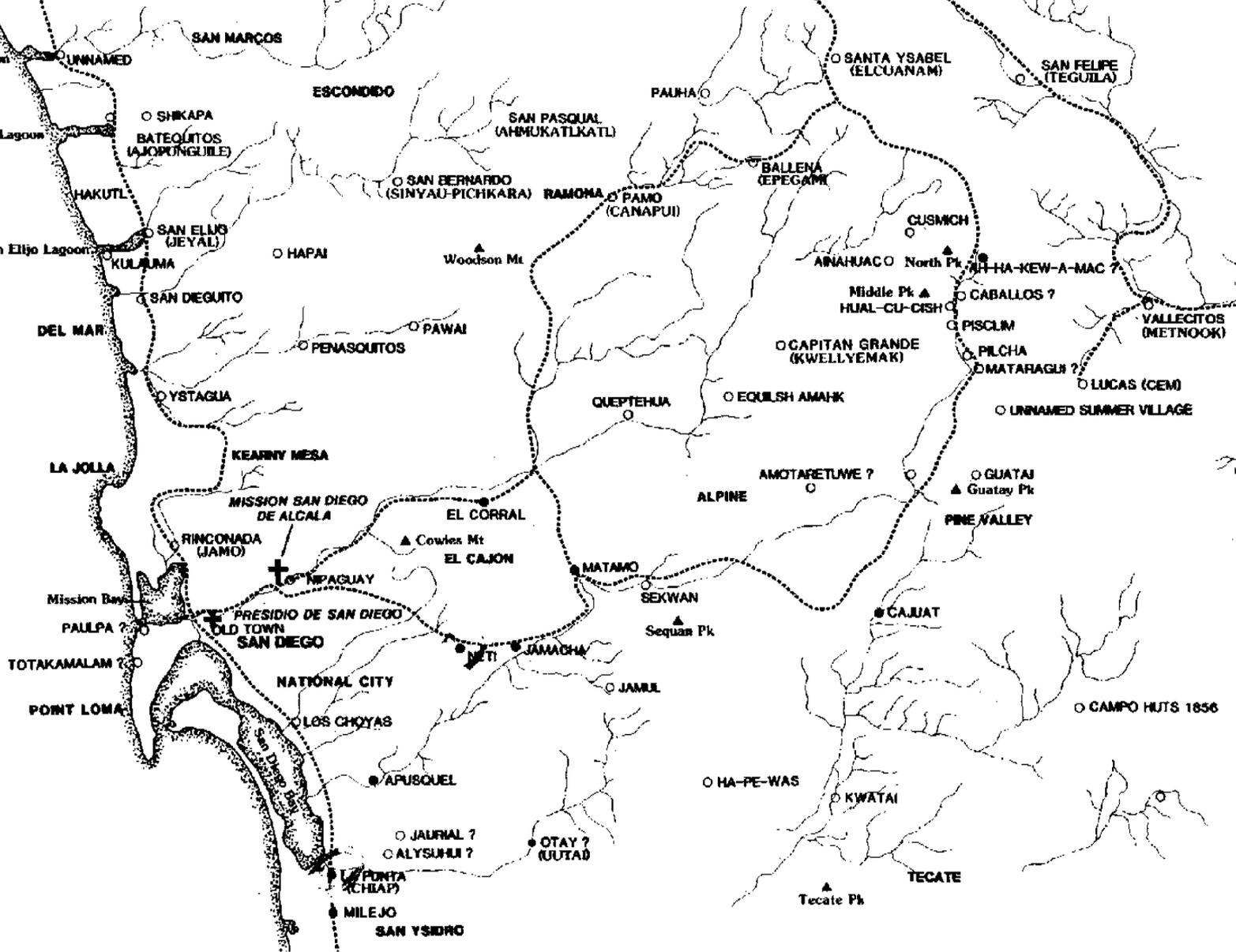
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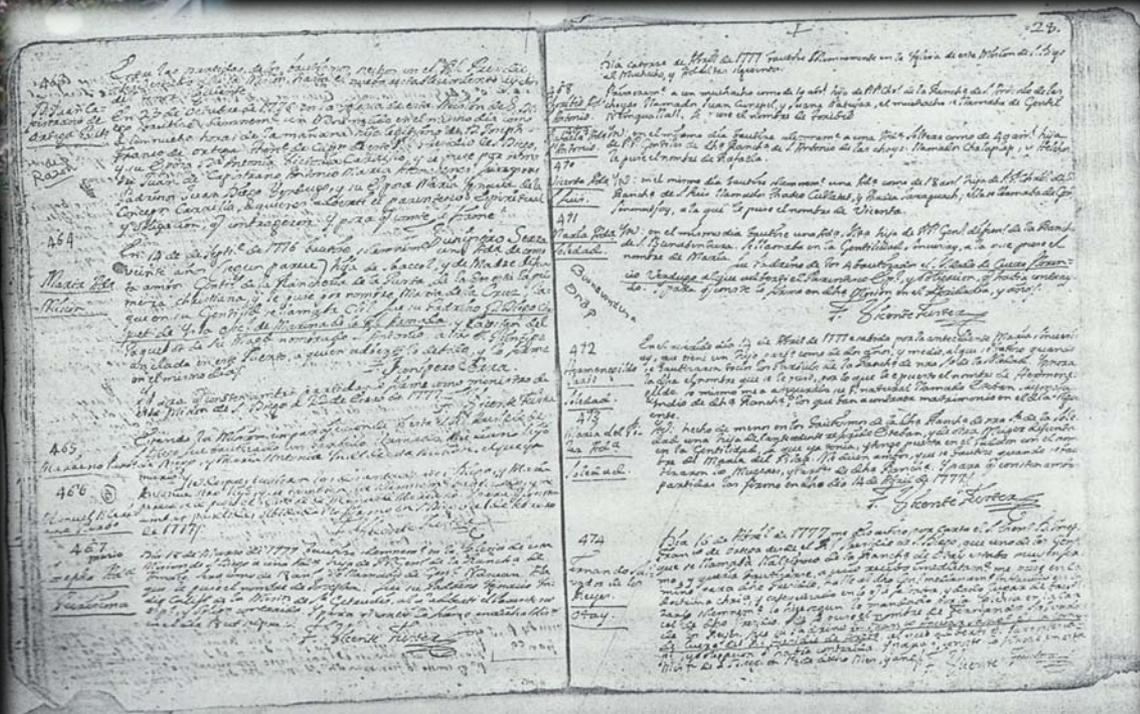
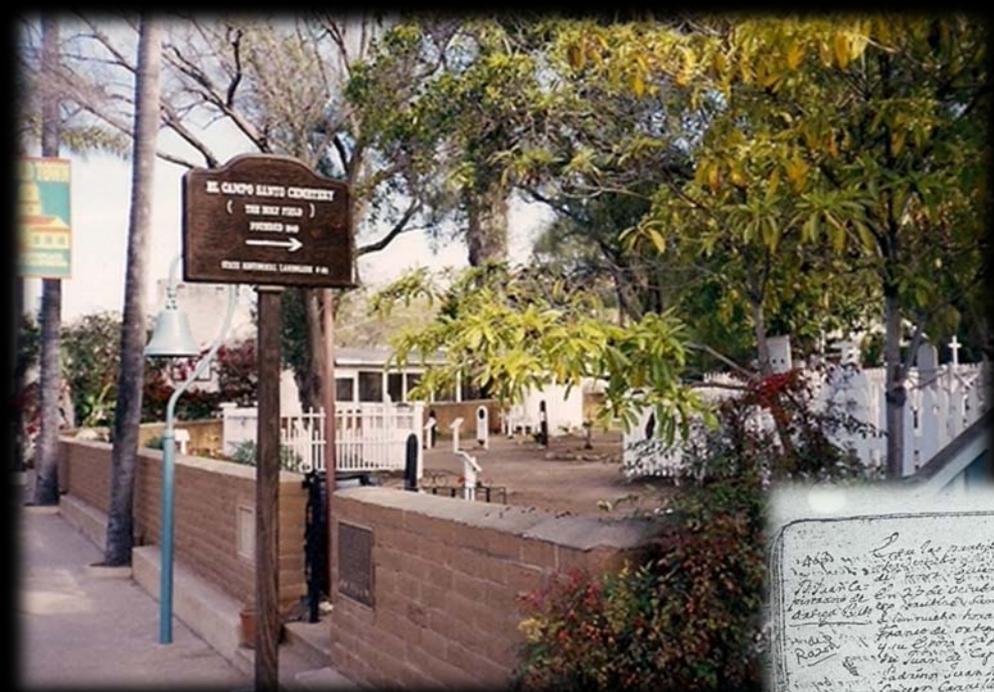
- ▶ SCIC and Museum of Man records searches
 - ▶ 56 previous investigations
 - ▶ 39 cultural resources
 - ▶ two prehistoric
 - ▶ one lithic and shell scatter
 - ▶ one prehistoric village site
 - ▶ two multi-component
 - ▶ 35 historic



PACIFIC OCEAN

LEGEND	
○	VILLAGE/RANCHERIA
●	REVOLTED IN 1775
LA PUNTA - EUROPEAN NAME	
(CHIAP) - ETHNOGRAPHIC NAME	
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Recommendations

- ▶ CEQA Planning Process
 - ▶ Resources identified during survey or monitoring
 - ▶ Avoid
 - ▶ Evaluate
 - ▶ Data Recovery
 - ▶ Monitoring

- ▶ All phases of future investigations, including survey, testing, and monitoring activities, would require the participation of local Native American tribes.

- ▶ Recognition, inclusion, education



Thank You

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