

## INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

**Site Name/Facility:** Alvarado Channel, Map No. 59 in PEIR

**Date:** June 16, 2010

**Archaeologist Name:** Mary Robbins-Wade and John Meriwether, Affinis

**Native American Monitor Name:** Gabe Kitchen, Red Tail Monitoring and Research

• **Instructions:** This form must be completed for each target facility following the completion of the Individual Maintenance Plan (IMP) report form and prior to any work being conducted in the facility. Attach additional sheets if needed.

### **Site Conditions:**

This channel is lined with concrete for most of the area east of Mission Gorge Road, with commercial properties surrounding the concreted area. The eastern end is lined with concrete blocks and granitic rocks, but the channel itself runs through unlined soil. This area has brush and trees in and around the channel. The whole portion east of Mission Gorge Road has good visibility, but also has heavy disturbances of graffiti, dumping, and much modern trash. The area west of Mission Gorge Road is lined with rocks that gradually transition into earthen berms. This portion has limited visibility due to vegetation. The location of the channel is shown in Figures 1 and 2. Figure 3 is an aerial photograph of the channel showing the proposed extent of impacts.

### **Survey Methods:**

Affinis Archaeologist, John Meriwether, and Gabe Kitchen of Red Tail Monitoring and Research (Native American monitor) surveyed the project area on May 13, 2010. A portion of the channel just west of Mission Gorge Road could not be accessed, due to fencing. The remainder of the channel was surveyed.

### **Record Search Results:**

Affinis obtained a records search from the South Coastal Information Center (SCIC) at San Diego State University in September 2007, in conjunction with the cultural resources study for the PEIR. Affinis checked records at SCIC on May 12, 2010 to confirm that no additional resources had been recorded in the vicinity of the project area subsequent to the earlier records search. Affinis also contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for a search of their Sacred Lands Files. Tribes and individuals identified by the NAHC were contacted regarding the project.

Two archaeological sites have been recorded within ½ mile of the project area. Both sites were described as part of the ethnohistoric Kumeyaay village of Nipaguay, which is archaeologically and culturally significant.

The NAHC has no record of Native American cultural resources in their Sacred Lands File within ½ mile of the project. No responses were received from the Native American community regarding the project.

**Archaeological Survey Results:**

No archaeological resources were found during the current survey. Portions of the channel are narrow and steep and would not be expected to support archaeological resources. However, there are other some areas where sites may be present but could not be seen, due to limited visibility. Buried cultural resources could also be present in the alluvial soils in the channel. The terraces above the creek channel may support archaeological sites as well.

**Is there a moderate or high potential for archaeological resources to occur in or adjacent to the impact area:** Yes  No

**What, if any, PEIR mitigation measures are applicable?**

PEIR Mitigation Measure 4.4.1 (preparation of the IHA) and Mitigation Measure 4.4.3 (monitoring).

**What, if any, other measures are required?**

No additional mitigation measures are required.

**Additional Comments or Recommendations:**

The project is in proximity to the San Diego River and to sites associated with the Mission San Diego de Alcalá, as well as the ethnohistoric village of Nipaguay.