

INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Site Name/Facility: Chollas Creek Channel, Map No. 91 in PEIR

Date: June 16, 2010

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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:

Map No. 91 is a large concrete-lined channel running between I-15 and residential development. There is exposed soil along the sides of the channel. Grasses and small trees along the side of the channel reduced surface visibility during the survey. The channel itself is covered with graffiti. 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. The concrete-lined channel was not walked, but the areas immediately adjacent to the channel were 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.

Five archaeological sites have been recorded within ½ mile of the project area, four of them apparently associated with the prehistoric and ethnohistoric village of Las Chollas (or Las Choyas), which is mapped a short distance southwest of the project area. One of the sites is a historic trash deposit that postdates the 1940s. The southern portion of Map No. 91 is within the mapped boundaries of site CA-SDI-17,203. A 2006 site record update for this site noted, “While W-193 has often been associated with ethnographic village of Las Chollas, significant midden deposits continue to the east on the margin and uplands around Chollas Creek. These deposits are in an urban environment but appear to retain partial integrity.”

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, but visibility was limited by grass and small trees. The channel itself is concrete-lined, so no archaeological resources would be located within the channel (unless they are beneath the concrete). However, there is a potential for archaeological deposits on the terraces above the creek channel. These areas may be subject to impacts from the maintenance program. The channel is within the mapped boundaries of CA-SDI-17,203, although no evidence of the site was observed within the project area.

Is there a moderate or high potential for archaeological resources to occur in or adjacent to the impact area: Yes X 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 channel is in proximity to the ethnohistoric village of Las Chollas, and is mapped within an archaeological site associated with this village.

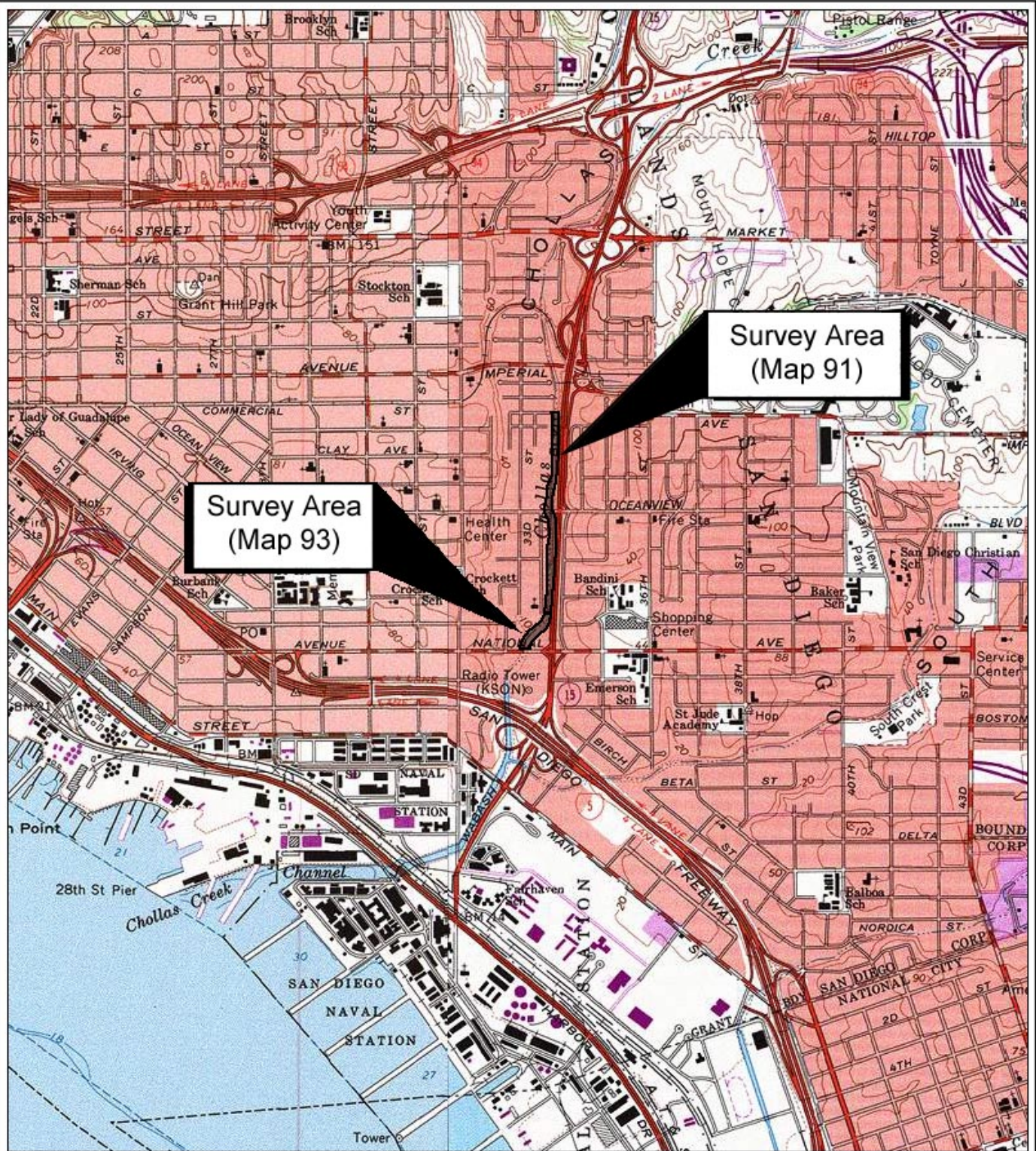


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Regional location in San Diego County

Figure 1



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Project location on USGS 7.5' National City

Figure 2



Field Map (Map 91)

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Project Plans

Figure 3