

**Public Correspondence from Graton Rancheria**

2. **The Yolanda Industrial Project** is required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration proposes the following Cultural Resources Mitigation Measures:

**CUL-1:** If cultural resources are discovered during the project construction (inadvertent discoveries), all construction activities within a 100-ft radius of the find shall cease, and a qualified archaeologist and representatives of the culturally affiliated tribe, if applicable, shall be retained by the project sponsor to investigate the find, and make recommendations as to treatment and mitigation of any impacts to those resources. Workers shall ~~avoid~~ avoid altering the materials until a qualified archaeologist who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for archaeology has evaluated the situation. The applicant shall include a standard inadvertent discovery clause in every construction contract to inform contractors of this requirement. Any previously undiscovered resources found during construction activities shall be recorded on appropriate Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms and evaluated for significance in terms of CEQA criteria by a qualified archaeologist.

If the resource is determined to be significant under CEQA, the qualified archaeologist shall prepare and implement a research design and archaeological data recovery plan that will capture those categories of data for which the site is significant in accordance with Section 15064.5 of the CEQA Guidelines, ~~in consultation with the culturally affiliated tribe(s).~~ The archaeologist shall also perform appropriate technical analyses, prepare a comprehensive report complete with methods, results, and recommendations, and provide for the permanent curation or repatriation of the recovered resources in cooperation with the designated Most Likely Descendant (MLD) as needed. The report shall be submitted to the City of Santa Rosa, the Northwest Information Center, and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), if required.

**CUL-2:** If human remains are encountered, all activity shall stop and the Sonoma County Coroner must be notified immediately. All activity must cease within 100 ft of the find until the County Coroner has determined the origin and disposition of said remains. The Coroner shall determine if the remains are prehistoric, shall notify the State Native American Heritage Commission if applicable, and shall determine if an investigation of the cause of death is required. If the coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the coroner shall contact the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) within 24 hours, and the NAHC shall identify the person or persons it believes to be the most likely MLD of the deceased Native American. The MLD may make recommendations to the landowner or the person responsible for the excavation work within 48 hours, for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods as provided in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5097.98.

**CUL-3:** The Public Improvement Plans and Building Plans shall contain the following note: "In the event that any remains of prehistoric or historic human activities are encountered during project-related activities, work in the immediate vicinity of the finds shall halt and the contractor shall immediately notify the project superintendent and the City of Santa Rosa liaison. Work shall not resume until a qualified archaeologist or historic archaeologist, as appropriate, approved by the City of Santa Rosa, has evaluated the situation and made recommendations for treatment of the resource, which recommendations are carried out. If human burials are encountered, the contractor must also contact the Sonoma County Coroner."