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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT

RE: Archival Search Results for the property at 210 5th Street, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

Dear Ms. Bauer:

At your request, we completed a record search for the property at 210 5th Street, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. Research was completed at the Northwest Information Center of the California Historical Information System (NWIC) and encompassed lands within a quarter-mile of the study area. In addition, we reviewed documents and maps pertinent to this project that are on file at our offices. A review of design plans for the proposed AC Hotel in relation to the surrounding built environment was completed as a separate study (Beard 2016).

Archival research included an examination of historical maps to gain insight into the nature and extent of historical development in the general vicinity, and especially within the study area. Maps ranged from hand-drawn maps of the 1800s (e.g., GLO plats) to topographic maps issued by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) from the early to the middle 20th century.

### Environmental Setting

The study area is located in the City of Santa Rosa, on the Santa Rosa Plain. Geology within the study area is predominantly Holocene alluvial fan and fluvial terrace deposits (McLaughlin *et al.* 2008). This geologic formation dates from 11,700 years ago to the present. Soils within the study area are Yolo series soils (Miller 1972:Sheet 81). Yolo soils are generally well-drained and in a native state support the growth of annual and perennial grasses, forbs, small shrubs, wild berry vines, and scattered oak trees. The freshwater source nearest the study area is Santa Rosa Creek, approximately a quarter-mile to the south.

### Ethnographic Research

At the time of European settlement, the study area was within territory controlled by the Southern Pomo (Barrett 1908; McLendon and Oswalt 1978). The Southern Pomo were hunter-gatherers in a rich environment that allowed for dense populations. They settled in large, permanent villages about which were distributed seasonal camps and task-specific sites. Primary villages were inhabited throughout the year while other sites were visited seasonally to obtain particular resources. Sites were often established near fresh water sources and at ecotones where plant and animal life was diverse and abundant. The environmental settings enjoyed by the Southern Pomo provided abundant plant and animal resources for their use.

Ethnographers Samuel Barrett and Alfred Kroeber report villages in the vicinity of Santa Rosa (Barrett 1908:222; Kroeber 1925:233). None are within or near the study area.

#### Native American Contact

The State of California's Native American Heritage Commission, members of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, members of the Lytton Rancheria, and Suki Waters were contacted in writing. This contact represents notification regarding the project to provide an opportunity to comment and does not constitute consultation with tribes. No responses have been received as of the date of this report.

#### Historical Review

The study area lies within the bounds of the Rancho Cabeza de Santa Rosa, an 8,885-acre grant made to María Ignacia López de Carrillo, the mother-in-law of General Mariano Vallejo. Traveling from San Diego in 1837, she brought seven of her children to settle on the rancho and built the first European dwelling in the Santa Rosa area (Hoover *et al.* 1990:479-480). After Señora Carrillo's death in 1849, the rancho was divided among her children. The study area is within the portion confirmed to Julio Carrillo (GLO 1859). Almost immediately, Carrillo began dividing his property, donating a portion to establish the town of Santa Rosa in 1854. By 1867, he owned very little of his inherited land (Bowers 1867).

As originally platted, the town of Santa Rosa included the blocks between 1st and 5th streets and between present-day Morgan Street on the west and just beyond E Street to the east (Brewster 1854). Green's Addition was the first expansion of the town, moving the limits northward toward present-day Cherry Street. Outlying parcels varied in size, tending to increase in acreage as they got further from the town center. By the turn of the 20th century, most of the larger parcels surrounding the original town were subdivided and added to its limits.

A review of historical maps shows evidence of buildings and structures within the study area as early as 1885 (GLO 1859; Sanborn Map & Publishing Company 1885; USACE 1942; USGS 1896, 1916, 1927, 1944, 1954a, 1954b, 1968). A mix of residential and commercial buildings were located on this block during the late 19th and 20th centuries (Sanborn Map & Publishing Company 1885; Sanborn Map Company 1950). Various buildings and structures occupied the study area through late 2005, at which time aerial photos show that buildings within the study area were razed and the parcel asphalted for a parking lot (GoogleEarth 2005).

#### Archival Review

The study area has not been subjected to previous archaeological survey. Table 1 lists studies that have been conducted within a quarter-mile of the study area. At present, the NWIC base maps show no archaeological resources within or adjacent to the study area. The resources nearest the study area are built environment resources which are included in the Railroad Square National Register District. A separate study addresses project plans as they relate to the built environment (Beard 2016).

**Table 1.** Studies within a quarter-mile of the study area.

| Author | S#    | Year |
|--------|-------|------|
| Adams  | 767   | 1978 |
| Adams  | 13940 | 1978 |
| Beard  | 12374 | 1990 |
| Beard  | 24317 | 2000 |
| Beard  | 25626 | 2002 |

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| Beard                       | 27399 | 2002 |
| Beard                       | 33228 | 2006 |
| Beard                       | 34245 | 2007 |
| Beard                       | 37603 | 2010 |
| Beard and Loyd              | 18485 | 1996 |
| Clark and Hoods             | 31537 | 2003 |
| Clark and Hoods             | 31538 | 2003 |
| DelBondio and Origer        | 37608 | 2010 |
| Eastman and Stewart         | 31179 | 2002 |
| Fredrickson                 | 296   | 1976 |
| French                      | 11221 | 1989 |
| Garcia and Associates       | 31737 | 2004 |
| Hagensieker and Loyd        | 40905 | 2012 |
| Massey                      | 32059 | 2006 |
| Melander <i>et al.</i>      | 22    | 1973 |
| Newland                     | 22086 | 1999 |
| Origer                      | 13217 | 1990 |
| Origer                      | 13490 | 1992 |
| Origer                      | 47227 | 2014 |
| Painter                     | 34791 | 2007 |
| Praetzellis                 | 1423  | 1979 |
| Praetzellis                 | 7450  | 1985 |
| Praetzellis                 | 10357 | 1988 |
| Praetzellis                 | 13227 | 1991 |
| Praetzellis and Praetzellis | 1741  | 1979 |
| Praetzellis and Praetzellis | 10966 | 1989 |
| Praetzellis <i>et al.</i>   | 27555 | 2002 |
| Roop                        | 7926  | 1985 |
| Terhorst                    | 9579  | 1987 |
| Terhorst                    | 15697 | 1989 |
| Windmiller                  | 25224 | 2002 |

#### Cultural Resources Sensitivity

This record search included review and analysis of various environmental and cultural factors, including soil surveys, geological data, property history, and the locations of known archaeological sites. The study area is level, fairly close to water, and located on a Holocene-age geologic landform which coincides with human arrival and occupation of California. While environmental factors would suggest a high sensitivity for prehistoric archaeology, the study area has been developed and redeveloped extensively since the late 19th century; therefore we consider the possibility of finding intact prehistoric archaeological resources within the project area to be low. This property history also suggests a high potential to encounter historic-period features within the study area. Incorporating recent research on the analysis of an area's sensitivity for buried sites (King 2007), the probability of identifying a buried site is 3-5%.

Recommendations

At present, the ground surface within the study area is obscured by asphalt. We recommend that the study area be examined for archaeological resources once the asphalt is removed, and prior to any construction activities.

Please contact us if we can be of further assistance or if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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