

January 21, 2014



Mr. Jodie Sackett  
County of Los Angeles  
Department of Regional Planning  
320 West Temple Street, Room 1382  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Castaic Lake Water Agency's Comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP)  
of an Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Los Valles Project

Dear Mr. Sackett:

The Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) submits the following comments in order to provide guidance to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning consistent with the intent of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regarding NOP responses (CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b)). Though CLWA will not be a responsible agency as defined in CEQA, CLWA is an interested agency. Therefore, we have included a discussion of potentially significant environmental issues for water utilities that should be addressed in the DEIR.

### Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts

The evaluation of the proposed project and any alternatives in the EIR should address the following potential impacts to Water Service Utilities:

1. The project is proposing 497 single-family detached residential units, community recreation center, a 19-acre community park, seven private recreational lots and supporting infrastructure. If the project represents a ten percent or greater increase in the average total demand of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36, then the preparation of a water supply assessment (WSA) is required in accordance with the State Water Code (Section 10912 (b)).
2. The project includes an optional well and the impacts from the operation of such a well on local water supplies needs to be addressed in the WSA and both the hydrology and water utilities section of the DEIR.
3. The project may have a significant water demand and have a potential significant impact to water utilities as noted in the NOP. The 2010 Urban Water Management Plan should be used as the latest and most accurate information to provide the background discussion on available water supply and forecasted demand. The document can be found on the CLWA website at <http://clwa.org/publications/2010-urban-water-management-plan>.

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4. The 2010 Urban Water Management Plan documents a strategy for compliance with SBX7-7 which requires that the Santa Clarita Valley achieve a twenty percent per capita reduction in potable water demand by the year 2020. The strategy includes reliance on all new development in the Santa Clarita Valley using water conservation technology and meeting new code requirements and the efficient use of irrigation in any outdoor landscaped areas. CLWA staff can be consulted for the latest developments in water use efficiency.
  
5. In order to construct water supply infrastructure for the project and other projects in the area, the project will be subject to CLWA Facility Capacity Fees for which payment is required prior to the issuance of building permits.

CLWA appreciates having the opportunity to respond to the NOP and looks forward to reviewing the Draft EIR. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Jeff Ford, Principal Water Resources Planner, at (661) 513-1281.

Sincerely,



Dan Masnada  
General Manager

cc: Adam Ariki, District Engineer, Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36

January 21st 2014

To: Ms Jodie Sackett

From: Michael J Gomes, resident/owner at 29723 Byron Place, Castaic CA 91384

Re: Los Valles housing development

Dear Ms Sackett,

I understand there is an environmental impact statement meeting on January 16th (this week). My wife and I will not be able to attend as we will be out of town on business, but I wanted to add my two cents.

While I was not a fan of the prior plan, at least the prior plan was to build less than 300 houses and build a golf course. With the golf course, this would have certainly attracted enough buyers to fill the development with new home buyers. Now that has changed with the plans now having nearly 500 new homes built there.

If you look on any major real estate website, the average days Castaic homes are on the market is very high, with some homes not selling for as long as a year or more. Very little of the 91384 inventory has been on the market for less than 30 days, with the Redfin average showing *208 days as average*. In other words, this area is not able to move the inventory it already has, let alone adding nearly 500 more to it.

We're already on the outskirts, those of us who live in the neighboring Hasley Hills HOA and Val Verde communities. There is very little business service for those of us there, and no gas station. In other words, the community existing already tends to travel to the more populated centers of the Santa Clarita Valley for things they need such as gas, schools, markets, jobs. This community is also filled with people who moved there *because* it is not "in the middle" of everything. Not because we wanted to be surrounded by another development.

I am asking that the negative impacts be taken into account before a decision is made: to the environment, to the existing home owners, and to the already lackluster housing market in this area.

Respectfully,



Michael J. Gomes,

no reply necessary but my contact info if needed: [mike@jandjroofing.com](mailto:mike@jandjroofing.com), 661 221 1516



# South Coast Air Quality Management District

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January 17, 2014

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## Notice of Preparation of a CEQA Document for the Los Valles Project

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The SCAQMD staff's comments are recommendations regarding the analysis of potential air quality impacts from the proposed project that should be included in the draft CEQA document. Please send the SCAQMD a copy of the Draft EIR upon its completion. Note that copies of the Draft EIR that are submitted to the State Clearinghouse are not forwarded to the SCAQMD. Please forward a copy of the Draft EIR directly to SCAQMD at the address in our letterhead. **In addition, please send with the draft EIR all appendices or technical documents related to the air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and electronic versions of all air quality modeling and health risk assessment files. These include original emission calculation spreadsheets and modeling files (not Adobe PDF files). Without all files and supporting air quality documentation, the SCAQMD will be unable to complete its review of the air quality analysis in a timely manner. Any delays in providing all supporting air quality documentation will require additional time for review beyond the end of the comment period.**

### Air Quality Analysis

The SCAQMD adopted its California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Air Quality Handbook in 1993 to assist other public agencies with the preparation of air quality analyses. The SCAQMD recommends that the Lead Agency use this Handbook as guidance when preparing its air quality analysis. Copies of the Handbook are available from the SCAQMD's Subscription Services Department by calling (909) 396-3720. More recent guidance developed since this Handbook was published is also available on SCAQMD's website here: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/hdbk.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/hdbk.html). SCAQMD staff also recommends that the lead agency use the CalEEMod land use emissions software. This software has recently been updated to incorporate up-to-date state and locally approved emission factors and methodologies for estimating pollutant emissions from typical land use development. CalEEMod is the only software model maintained by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) and replaces the now outdated URBEMIS. This model is available free of charge at: [www.caleemod.com](http://www.caleemod.com).

The Lead Agency should identify any potential adverse air quality impacts that could occur from all phases of the project and all air pollutant sources related to the project. Air quality impacts from both construction (including demolition, if any) and operations should be calculated. Construction-related air quality impacts typically include, but are not limited to, emissions from the use of heavy-duty equipment from grading, earth-loading/unloading, paving, architectural coatings, off-road mobile sources (e.g., heavy-duty construction equipment) and on-road mobile sources (e.g., construction worker vehicle trips, material transport trips). Operation-related air quality impacts may include, but are not limited to, emissions from stationary sources (e.g., boilers), area sources (e.g., solvents and coatings), and vehicular trips (e.g., on- and off-road tailpipe emissions and entrained dust). Air quality impacts from indirect sources, that is, sources that generate or attract vehicular trips should be included in the analysis.

The SCAQMD has also developed both regional and localized significance thresholds. The SCAQMD staff requests that the lead agency quantify criteria pollutant emissions and compare the results to the recommended regional significance thresholds found here: <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/signthres.pdf>. In addition to analyzing regional air quality impacts, the SCAQMD staff recommends calculating localized air quality impacts and comparing the results to localized significance thresholds (LSTs). LST's can be used in addition to the recommended regional

significance thresholds as a second indication of air quality impacts when preparing a CEQA document. Therefore, when preparing the air quality analysis for the proposed project, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a localized analysis by either using the LSTs developed by the SCAQMD or performing dispersion modeling as necessary. Guidance for performing a localized air quality analysis can be found at:

<http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/LST/LST.html>.

In the event that the proposed project generates or attracts vehicular trips, especially heavy-duty diesel-fueled vehicles, it is recommended that the lead agency perform a mobile source health risk assessment. Guidance for performing a mobile source health risk assessment ("*Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risk from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis*") can be found at:

[http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile\\_toxic/mobile\\_toxic.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mobile_toxic/mobile_toxic.html). An analysis of all toxic air contaminant impacts due to the use of equipment potentially generating such air pollutants should also be included.

In addition, guidance on siting incompatible land uses (such as placing homes near freeways) can be found in the California Air Resources Board's *Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Perspective*, which can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ch/handbook.pdf>. CARB's Land Use Handbook is a general reference guide for evaluating and reducing air pollution impacts associated with new projects that go through the land use decision-making process.

### **Mitigation Measures**

In the event that the project generates significant adverse air quality impacts, CEQA requires that all feasible mitigation measures that go beyond what is required by law be utilized during project construction and operation to minimize or eliminate these impacts. Pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines §15126.4 (a)(1)(D), any impacts resulting from mitigation measures must also be discussed. Several resources are available to assist the Lead Agency with identifying possible mitigation measures for the project, including:

- Chapter 11 of the SCAQMD *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*
- SCAQMD's CEQA web pages at: [www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM\\_intro.html](http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/handbook/mitigation/MM_intro.html)
- CAPCOA's *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures* available here: <http://www.capcoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/CAPCOA-Quantification-Report-9-14-Final.pdf>.
- SCAQMD's Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust, and the Implementation Handbook for controlling construction-related emissions
- Other measures to reduce air quality impacts from land use projects can be found in the SCAQMD's Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. This document can be found at the following internet address: <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/aqguide/aqguide.html>.

### **Data Sources**

SCAQMD rules and relevant air quality reports and data are available by calling the SCAQMD's Public Information Center at (909) 396-2039. Much of the information available through the Public Information Center is also available via the SCAQMD's webpage (<http://www.aqmd.gov>).

The SCAQMD staff is available to work with the Lead Agency to ensure that project emissions are accurately evaluated and mitigated where feasible. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at [imacmillan@aqmd.gov](mailto:imacmillan@aqmd.gov) or call me at (909) 396-3244.

Sincerely,



Ian MacMillan

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January 16, 2014

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IGR/CEQA No. 131254AL-NOP  
Los Valles Project  
Vic. LA-05, PM R56.602, LA-126, PM R4.885  
SCH # 2013121056

Dear Mr. Sackett:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The proposed project is a single-family residential development of 497 dwelling units on lot size ranging from approximately 7,000 to 12,000 square feet, together with community amenities for residents and the public including a community recreation center controlled by a homeowner's association, an approximately 19 acre community park, seven private recreational lots, and approximately 5 miles of pedestrian trails and accompanying infrastructure and public and private roadways.

In Caltrans' Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies, December 2002, "The level of service (LOS) for operating State highway facilities is based upon measures of effectiveness (MOEs). Caltrans endeavors to maintain a target LOS at the transition between LOS 'C' and LOS 'D' on State highway facilities. If an existing State highway facility is operating at less than the appropriate target LOS, the existing MOE should be maintained." The surrounding freeways 5 and 126 may be operating at LOS E or F during the peak hours. When additional traffic trips are assigned to those freeways, existing LOS should be maintained.

To assist in evaluating the impacts of this project on State transportation facilities, a traffic study should be prepared prior to preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Please refer the project's traffic consultant to Caltrans' traffic study guide Website:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/igr\\_ceqa\\_files/tisguide.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ocp/igr_ceqa_files/tisguide.pdf)

Listed below are some elements of what is generally expected in the traffic study:

1. Presentations of assumptions and methods used to develop trip generation, trip distribution, choice of travel mode, and assignments of trips to SR-126 and I-05, and all on/off ramps including Northbound (NB) I-05 off-ramps at Lake Hughes Road (Exit 176B), Parker Rd./Ridge Rte Rd. (Exit 176A), Southbound (SB) I-05 on-ramp at Parker Rd., NB/SB I-05 on/off ramps (Exit 173) at the Hasley Canyon Rd./Old Road including the two roundabouts,

I-05 and SR-126 Interchange, and intersection at Commerce Center Dr. and SR-126. Caltrans has concerns about queuing of vehicles using off-ramps that will back into the mainline through lanes. It is recommended that the City determine whether project-related plus cumulative traffic is expected to cause long queues on the on and off-ramps. We would like the lead agency to disclose the direct/and cumulative traffic impact for the off-ramps by preparing a queuing analysis using 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. To assist you, we would like to meet with the traffic consultant to identify exact study locations on the State facilities before preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and/or traffic study.

2. Consistency of project travel modeling with other regional and local modeling forecasts and with travel data. The Caltrans may use indices to verify the results and any differences or inconsistencies must be thoroughly explained.
3. Analysis of ADT, AM and PM peak-hour volumes for both the existing and future conditions in the affected area. Utilization of transit lines and vehicles, and of all facilities, should be realistically estimated. Future conditions should include build-out of all projects and any plan-horizon years. (see next item)
4. Inclusion of all appropriate traffic volumes. Analysis should include existing traffic, traffic generated by the project, cumulative traffic generated from all specific approved developments in the area, and traffic growth other than from the project and developments.
5. Discussion of mitigation measures appropriate to alleviate anticipated traffic impacts. These mitigation discussions should include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - Description of Transportation Infrastructure Improvements
  - Financial Costs, Funding Sources and Financing
  - Sequence and Scheduling Considerations
  - Implementation Responsibilities, Controls, and Monitoring

Any mitigation involving transit or Transportation Demand Management (TDM) should be justified and the results conservatively estimated. Improvements involving dedication of land or physical construction may be favorably considered.

6. Caltrans may accept fair share contributions toward pre-established or future improvements on the State Highway System. Please use the following ratio when estimating project equitable share responsibility: additional traffic volume due to project implementation is divided by the total increase in the traffic volume (see Appendix "B" of the Guide).

Please note that for purposes of determining project share of costs, the number of trips from the project on each traveling segment or element is estimated in the context of forecasted traffic volumes, which include build-out of all approved and not yet approved projects and other sources of growth. Analytical methods such as select-zone travel forecast modeling might be used.

Please be reminded that as the responsible agency under CEQA, the Caltrans has authority to determine the required freeway analysis for this project and is responsible for obtaining measures that will off-set project vehicle trip generation that worsens State Highway

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facilities. CEQA allows the Caltrans to develop criteria for evaluating impacts on the facilities that it manages. In addition, the County CMP standards states that the Caltrans should be consulted for the analysis of State facilities. State Routes mentioned in item #1 should be analyzed, preferably using methods suggested in the Caltrans's Traffic Impact Study Guide. To help determine the appropriate scope, we suggest that a select zone model run may be performed. We welcome the opportunity to provide consultation regarding the Caltrans's preferred scope and methods of analysis.

We look forward to reviewing the traffic study and expect to receive a copy from the State Clearinghouse when the DEIR is completed. Should you wish to expedite the review process or receive early feedback from the Caltrans please feel free to send a copy of the DEIR directly to our office.

As discussed in your telephone conversation on January 16, 2014 with Alan Lin, Project Coordinator, we would like to extend an invitation to meet with the County and the traffic consultant early in the process to discuss potential traffic impacts to the State facilities and possible mitigation measures prior to the preparation of the EIR.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 131254AL.

Sincerely,



DIANNA WATSON  
IGR/CEQA Branch Chief

cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning



*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*

**Public Input Form - Los Valles Development  
Scoping Meeting - January 16, 2014**

**Project No. 98-034 / Case No(s). ENV 201300138, Revised TR52584, VAR201300003, CUP201300081,  
OAK201300023**

**Proposed Project:**

The proposed project consists of development of 497 dwelling units with lot sizes ranging from 7,000 to 12,000 square feet along with a community recreation center, 19-acre community park, 7 private recreational lots, and approximately 5 miles of pedestrian trails. Approximately 232 acres of the 430.4 acre site will be devoted to recreation and open space. A previous project on the site was approved in 2002 (Vesting Tentative Map 52584), leading to substantial grading of the site (in excess of 12 million cubic yards) and infrastructure, including installation of utility lines and roadways, pads for 209 single family homes and golf course fairways, and a 750,000 gallon water tank.

This form allows you to make comments on what you believe should be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report. You may submit your comments at this scoping meeting or mail to the Department of Regional Planning. Written comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report will be accepted until **January 31, 2014 at 5:00 PM.**

**Comments:**

*I am concerned with the east facing hill that is above a storm drain. It was graded and V ditches were added by the previous project approved in 2002. This hill was supposed to be landscaped, it is now just weeds. We were told by the County that this hill would be sprinkled and landscaped using bond money given by the 2002 developer. The new developer needs to carry this out. The County needs to make sure that all proposed plans be completed including parks and accessible to the public. (over)*

You may also indicate if you would like to receive notices for hearings on the project. If you wish to receive a notice, please include your name and full address. The EIR will be available at local libraries and the County Regional Planning office in Downtown Los Angeles. The document, when made public, will also be accessible on the internet for review at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/silverado/>. Individual copies may be obtained through a bonded printer.

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**City/State/ZIP:**

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Comments:

*THE EIR SHOULD ADDRESS 1) ITEM IN ON PAGE 30 TALKS ABOUT NO STRUCTURES IN THE HASLEY CREEK FLOODWAY BUT IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO ADJUST THE FLOODPLAIN SO THAT THEY CAN PLACE A WATER TANK OUTSIDE THUES LIMITS. WHILE THE SCOPING REPORT SUGGESTS THAT NO ADDITIONAL REVIEW IS NEEDED, I FEEL IT SHOULD BE REVIEWED. 2) THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON HOW THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT ODDV (H 2 IN ONE VALLEY ONE VISION) ON PAGE 32 SECTION B, BUT IS ZONED A-2-2 IN SECTION C AND ON THE MAP. THIS NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED.*

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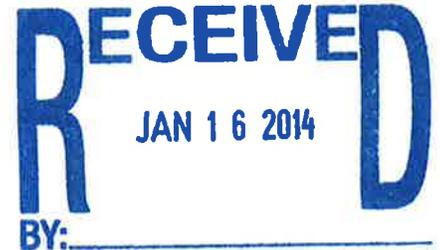
# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 14, 2014



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Dear Mr. Sackett:

**PREPARATION, PROJECT NO. 98-034, "LOS VALLES PROJECT," IS PROPOSING CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 497 DWELLING UNITS, 28801 HASLEY CANYON ROAD, CASTAIC (FFER #201300221)**

The Preparation has been reviewed by the Planning Division, Land Development Unit, Forestry Division, and Health Hazardous Materials Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. The following are their comments:

### PLANNING DIVISION:

1. We will reserve our comments for the draft EIR analysis.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT UNIT:

1. The proposed development will necessitate multiple ingress/egress access roads for the circulation of traffic and emergency response.
2. The development of this project must comply with all applicable fire code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire flows and fire hydrants.
3. This property is located within the area designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ). All applicable fire code and ordinance requirements for brush clearance and fuel modification plans must be met.

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4. The Fire Prevention Division, Land Development Unit, will address more specific requirements when the draft EIR is circulated for review and comments.
5. Should any questions arise, please contact the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Land Development Unit Inspector, Juan Padilla, at (323) 890-4243 or at [Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov](mailto:Juan.Padilla@fire.lacounty.gov).

**FORESTRY DIVISION – OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:**

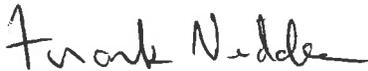
1. The statutory responsibilities of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division include erosion control, watershed management, rare and endangered species, vegetation, fuel modification for Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or Fire Zone 4, archeological and cultural resources, and the County Oak Tree Ordinance. Potential impacts in these areas should be addressed.

**HEALTH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION:**

1. The review indicates active oil drilling adjacent to the property, Therefore, it is prudent to clarify if prior use of this property involved oil field activities or not. If past site use included oil field activities, required corrective measures should be taken prior to development of the property.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (323) 890-4330.

Very truly yours,



FRANK VIDALES, CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION  
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**From:** Bellini, Sherry A SPL [Sherry.A.Bellini@usace.army.mil]  
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**Subject:** "Los Valles", Project 98-034 (SPL-2013-0085) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED  
Caveats: NONE

Hello Ms. Sackett,

It has come to our attention that you are evaluating a project "Los Valles" (Project No: 98-034, Case No(s): ENV 201300138, Revised TR52584, VAR201300003, CUP201300081, OAK201300023, APN(s): 2866-062-032, 2866-062-033, 3247-032-052). Located in the Castaic community of unincorporated Los Angeles, north of Haslet Canyon Rd. near its intersection with Del Valle Rd. This activity may require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit.

A Corps of Engineers permit is required for:

a) structures or work in or affecting "navigable waters of the United States" pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. Examples include, but are not limited to,

1. constructing a pier, revetment, bulkhead, jetty, aid to navigation, artificial reef or island, and any structures to be placed under or over a navigable water;

2. dredging, dredge disposal, filling and excavation;

b) the discharge of dredged or fill material into, including any redeposit of dredged material other than incidental fallback within, "waters of the United States" and adjacent wetlands pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972. Examples include, but are not limited to,

1. creating fills for residential or commercial development, placing bank protection, temporary or permanent stockpiling of excavated material, building road crossings, backfilling for utility line crossings and constructing outfall structures, dams, levees, groins, weirs, or other structures;

2. mechanized land clearing, grading which involves filling low areas or land leveling, ditching, channelizing and other excavation activities that would have the effect of destroying or degrading waters of the United States;

3. allowing runoff or overflow from a contained land or water disposal area to re-enter a water of the United States;

4. placing pilings when such placement has or would have the effect of a discharge of fill material;

c) the transportation of dredged or fill material by vessel or other vehicle for the purpose of dumping the material into ocean waters pursuant to Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972;

d) any combination of the above.

An application for a Department of the Army permit is available on our website:  
<http://www.usace.army.mil/Portals/2/docs/civilworks/permitapplication.pdf> .

If you have any questions, please contact me (contact information below).  
Please refer to this letter and SPL-2013-00855 in your reply.

sincerely,

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RE: SCH#2013121056; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP); draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the **“Los Valles / Project No. 98-34 / Case Nos. ENV201300138, Revised Tract 52584, VAR 20130003, CUP 201300081, OAK 2-1300023;”** located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District; Los Angeles County, California

Dear Ms. Sackett:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the above-referenced environmental document.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA guidelines 15064.5(b)). To adequately comply with this provision and mitigate project-related impacts on archaeological resources, the Commission recommends the following actions be required:

Contact the appropriate Information Center for a record search to determine if a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural places(s). The NAHC recommends that known traditional cultural resources recorded on or adjacent to the APE be listed in the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

If an additional archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey. We suggest that this be coordinated with the NAHC, if possible. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure pursuant to California Government Code Section 6254.10.

A list of appropriate Native American Contacts for consultation concerning the project site has been provided and is attached to this letter to determine if the proposed active might impinge on any cultural resources. Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.

California Government Code Section 65040.12(e) defines "environmental justice" to provide "fair treatment of People...with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies" and Executive Order B-10-11 requires consultation with Native American tribes their elected officials and other representatives of tribal governments to provide meaningful input into the development of legislation, regulations, rules, and policies on matters that may affect tribal communities.

Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities. Also, California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 require documentation and analysis of archaeological items that meet the standard in Section 15064.5 (a)(b)(f).

Lead agencies should consider first, avoidance for sacred and/or historical sites, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15370(a). Then if the project goes ahead then, lead agencies include in their mitigation and monitoring plan provisions for the analysis and disposition of recovered artifacts, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.2 in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.

Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,



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CC: State Clearinghouse

Attachment: Native American Contacts list

**Happy Holidays!**

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**This list is current only as of the date of this document.**

**Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of the statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.**

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH#2013121056; CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP); draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the CLos Valles / Project No. 98-34; located in the Castaic / Santa Clarita area; of Los Angeles County, California.

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My name is Dwight Hawkins & I live Hasley Hills. A number of residents do not want the additional influx of homes. L.A. County is asking for input to the Los Valles project. Will participants be allowed to use a sheet, similar to the one I have attached, to be used as a written response? Of course it will not be hand written. Am I allowed to put a number of people on a single sheet or do I have to have one person per sheet?  
Thank you, Dwight Hawkins

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