

MURPHY'S BOWL
GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS CONSULTATION

When: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Main Takeaways

1. The tribe considers project area to have a highly sensitive meaning that there is a high probability of finding cultural resources and human remains related the trade routes and village activity
2. There is a high chance of finding resources and human resources related to village activity
3. Was a Phase I done for the site?
 - Tribe members emphasized that site surveys and the Sacred Land Files Database are not reliable resources and should only be used as a starting point.
 - Reasoning: Tribes generally do not provide the government with all the information as there is general distrust between the government and the people. It is important to remember that “just because nothing has been recorded does not mean that nothing is there”
4. Preliminary Requests (for more detailed description, see below in notes)
 - Need a trained professional (descendent of the tribe) on-site to monitor ground disturbance activity. Goal here is to identify whether there is a high potential for resources. To do this, they must be present at the site.
 - Tribe would like to review the language regarding their history and mitigation language that will be considered in the EIR process

Introductions

- Mindy gave a brief description of the project. Mentioned the following
 - 27 acres near the intersection of Prairie and Inglewood
 - Proposed projects involve the development of a Basketball and Entertainment Center
 - Associated parking, potential hotel and relocation of water well
 - Comment period is currently open

Comments on Project Location from Tribe Members

- Tribe presented a **map from 1938** created for LA County (see attached). Map illustrates trading routes and main villages. Agua de Centinela site is a prominent site within the vicinity of the project location.
 - Legend
 - Dark black bands = trade routes
 - Blue lines = water source
 - Red Tepees= indicate the village area that was prominent during this time (30's)
 - Please note that the Gabrieleno Tribe did not use tepees, however it is the symbol used by the government at that time to symbolize their villages.

- Tribe members also mentioned another historical landmark around Florence and Prairie. Landmark/plaque marks the spot where an old spring (Centinela Springs) served as the primary water source for tribes.
 - In that area, a village was located and there are trading routes extending from the area down south (to the project location). The map shows the trading routes.
 - The main message the maps convey is it shows where features are located or likely to be located, and features informs us where tribal resources are concentrated.
- The Role of Trade
 - Trade was the “fabric of life” for ancient society
 - Every family was incorporated into moving commodities in and out of the region
 - Fundamental Belief
 - The creator provided them with so many gifts that it was their job to share the gifts with surrounding nations
 - Received gifts from the ocean and land
 - Access to resources from the ocean (seashells, clams) traded these
 - Salt preservation qualities
 - Salt water material
 - Trade routes were used for thousands of years before written history
 - These lands were heavily utilized for trading
 - With all the activity, there is a high likelihood that there are cultural resources including human remains along these trade routes
- **Tribe Indicated a High Probability of finding cultural resources including human remains along trade routes**
 - Human relations (family members next to trade routes)
 - Since most folks were along these trade routes, if an accident lead to death, the tradition is to bury the person where they died.
 - Thought Process: the creator had a reason for removing you from the earth from that earth location. The location where somebody dies is important.
 - The highest amount of burials (unsegregated, isolated) are along the traditional trade routes
 - These trade routes, majority of their items and human remains are highly likely to be found next or on the trade routes
 - Recent Case where the project team did not implement proper mitigation programs
 - **Recently found 2 remains next to the trade routes (tribe members did not state exactly where)**
 - **Remains were destroyed because the project team did not consider oral information as proof of activity. Thus, the information was never considered when analyzing the impact of disturbance of soil levels around their ceremony areas.**
 - Tribe now calls on project teams to correctly protect their resources (state mandate)

- **Tribal Cultural Resources are separate from archaeological treatments**

Discussion on Prior Research for the Proposed Project Location

- One of the main questions the tribe had was whether any research had been done for the area?
 - **Pre-History** (Tribe provide several maps with descriptions detailing documented history of the area) – See Attached
 - Prominent locations that had settlements were
 - Guachanga (Play Vista area – main subcenter of the village site)
 - **Sunja (smaller villages off the main site, utilized for trade)**
 - Tribes traded with Catalina Island, Santa Barbara, same people utilizing the routes from inland to the marine area
 - The main resources were oil, hot springs, natural springs, and the minerals that came from the ground (salt)
 - **Village shown on the map. Offspring is away from the original villages.**
 - Mr. Avila: This was his ranch in his area
 - Mr. Avila resided near this location where they called it Los Cerritos
 - Main resource Ballona Creek channeled into that area (shown in the maps)
 - During the Spanish Times, there were whales that went up to that location
 - Ballona is Spanish word for Creek
 - Parcel of land in the Venice area was the land of the Marchado and Avila ranch.
 - APE (Area of Potential Effect): Area that has higher
 - Due to the magnitude of resources identified them previously
 - American Historic Preservation quantifies these areas
- Area location
 - Is considered highly sensitive because of the resources that they continue to find.
 - Venice Beach, Culver City (resources are found constantly in these areas)
- Single Oak Trees
 - Family owned oak trees
- Resources such as the Baldwin Hills, huge locations that didn't have sole use to it
 - Family relations used the area.
 - By seeing the symbol on the map. Recognize that the village extended beyond utilizing the land base
 - Habitats then, there were no jungles or areas that they
 - Sage, low growing scrub and riparian corridors but in general the majority of the habitat was easily walkable
 - Huge use areas that were shared among
 - Baldwin Hills was a huge use for many families
- Oil as an important resource
 - Used it to as a healing ointment, spa treatments, baked in it to produce therapeutic effect.
 - These goods were transferred from Oil to the Beach and surrounding areas
- They were a sea faring society

- They created boats that were waterproof because of the oil that was on their land
- They have the most earthquake faults
 - Opening in the grounds that allow for the fresh water, oil, and resources
 - Inglewood Fault that allowed for the resource rich land of the past that was heavily utilized

It was briefly mentioned that the City of Inglewood at this point in time does not know if previous studies have been conducted on the site. Research will be conducted by the Planning Department to identify previous studies.

In response to this, Tribe members mentioned the following:

- Main concern are projects that don't have information or any previous studies
- However, even if a study has been conducted, they are still finding remains in areas that have been previously impacted.
- Case Example
 - There was a project site that had studies dating back to 1997,2003 and yet in 2018 they found remains.
 - This leads to the question of whether other remains have been found in the past? And if so, what happened to these remains?
- Their goal now is to
 - Inform decision makers so that they can make an educated decision to protect that last remnants of their ancestors

Also wanted to state that this meeting is only an introductory. They also have books and oral history. In regard to the maps, they have provided it is to show the significance of the land surrounding the area.

Preliminary Requests

- Tribe would like to have a trained professional who is a descendent of the tribe to monitor ground disturbance activity. Goal here is to identify whether there is a high potential for resources. For this, they must be present at the site during ground disturbance.
 - Their experience of the last 5 years is that they are coming across a slew of resources. They cannot tell us exactly where the resources are. These features give an idea or a higher potential of identifying these resources. Higher potential areas.
 - Instead of doing avoidance, on-site monitoring. During the ground disturbance, a trained eye can identify the significance of resources found
 - Project in Culver City (off Washington) Example
 - While they were monitoring the project, it was determined early in the process that the project's activity was not going to impact resources. Watched the process and found fresh water mussel about 30 feet down. – didn't need to continue the monitoring process

- Emphasize that their goal was to check to see if there is potential for resources.
In order to make this determination, we need someone there to monitor.
- Tribe would like to review the language regarding their history and mitigation language that will be incorporated in the EIR before proceeding forward
 - They have provided examples of mitigation language
 - It is imperative that the project team works with them to protect their cultural resources