



CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY AND TECHNICAL REPORT

SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

Project areas identified as moderate to high sensitivity for indigenous resources on the Yuba County Prehistoric Resource Sensitivity Map (General Plan Exhibit NR-6), require a cultural resources technical study as applicable per Chapter 11.44.080(B)7 of the Yuba County Development Code.

Cultural resources technical studies should include information and descriptions that are appropriate for the state level of environmental documentation. All inventory and evaluations of potential historical resources must follow the Secretary of the Interior Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Cultural Resources technical studies must contain all the required elements listed below. A narration of what is expected in each section is provided after the outline.

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Narrative for Submittal Requirements for Cultural Resources Technical Studies

Title Page

The title page contains the following information:

Brief descriptive title with type of study and general location of project (Yuba County).

County Control Number

Prepared for

Prepared by (report author)

Date and month study was prepared

Summary

A brief description of the need for the study, project name and location, and results of the study and recommendations. Include any constraints to the survey effort and the number and types of identified archaeological resources (historic or indigenous) and their relation to the proposed project's limits.

Bottom of page include the USGS topographic map, Township, Range and Section that the project is located and a confidentiality statement.

Project Description

Provide a brief description of the nature and scope of the project, location, and other pertinent information. Describe the horizontal and vertical extent of the project area. Note: Vertical extent is typically used for archaeological resources and not necessarily for tribal cultural resources. Reference the project vicinity and location maps. These maps can be appended or included in this section.

Regulatory Context

Include the applicable state laws. Include that AB52 tribal consultation for the identification, evaluation, and treatment of tribal cultural resources will be conducted by the County. AB 52 Consultation is government to government and consultants may assist but not lead this effort.

Methodology

Sources Consulted

Summarize the methods and results of the records search at the appropriate California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) Information Center.

The summary includes:

- Materials consulted during the records search (National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, California Inventory of Historic Resources, California Historical Landmarks)
- The date records search was completed and area (e.g. 1/4 mile radius) of the records search. Reference the records search results Appendix.
- Discuss the results, limitations, and percentage of coverage of the previous surveys IN the project area.
- Discuss the surveys of the surrounding area of the record search radius, how much/percentage was surveyed, and provide the results and the year study was conducted. A list of all previous cultural studies in the search radius is not needed but reference the list that is included in the records search results appendix.
- Describe previously recorded cultural resources IN the project area.
 - Type, location, and condition of sites and if they have been evaluated through subsurface testing. Describe site constituents.
- List/Table previously recorded cultural resources within the records search radius, outside of the project area. Include P number, trinomial, type of site (indigenous or historic), site description, and if it has been evaluated.
- List historic maps consulted and provide information on any pertinent features, or lack thereof. Images of historic maps of the project area may also be included.
- List geologic maps consulted.

- Native American Heritage Commission Sacred Lands File search results.
- Results of AB52 Consultation with tribes that are geographically and culturally affiliated with the project area.

Background

The background section is intended to provide appropriate information to demonstrate the author's knowledge with the region and specific area to provide context for the cultural resources identified. Context for the background section should be commensurate with the scale and scope of the project, keeping in mind the type and quantity of identified archaeological sites.

Environmental setting

Briefly describe the current landscape and notable species. Note any areas that contain densities of native plants (ex. an undisturbed field of broedia plants) or heritage trees. Discuss environmental factors that may have impacted existing cultural resources such as erosion or modern disturbances. Include a discussion of the past environment if it is pertinent to the resources in the project area.

Geological setting

Narrate the results of the geologic map review. Include the underlying landform type and age. Discuss the potential for buried archaeological sites within this context.

Archaeological setting

Provide the archaeological chronology for the region and a brief history of any major archaeological investigations in the region or close to the project area that contributed to the chronology. Summarize the archaeological setting in periods of generalized temporal and cultural intervals.

Ethnographic setting

Briefly describe the indigenous occupants of the region. The discussion should include the ethnographic summary of the inhabitants, such as subsistence, settlements, social organization, and material culture, that are tied to the landscape and the archaeological sites of the region. Cite the key ethnographic references used for this discussion and any Native American informants interviewed for the ethnographic research.

Contemporary Tribal Setting

Briefly include context of the contemporary tribal communities that are culturally and geographically affiliated with the area. This context helps to provide an understanding for the AB 52 consultation efforts and tribal values for the identification, evaluation, and treatment of tribal cultural resources.

Historic setting

Narrate the results of the historic map review, provide the historic chronology, and discuss any roads, communities, industries, natural resources (ex. mining or lumber), or attributes that contribute to the understanding of historic archaeological resources in the area.

Field Methods

The description of the field methods should include the following information:

- Date and crew of the survey.
- Methodology of survey including transect types and spacing, survey coverage, and techniques used to ensure proper survey coverage (ex. maps, GPS, etc.).
- Discuss ground surface visibility and any factors that limited the survey coverage. Discuss if cutbanks or rodent holes were available to ascertain the presence of subsurface sites.
- Identify areas that were not accessible to survey.
- If new sites were identified, discuss methods used to record sites, define site limits and assess constituents.

Study Findings and Conclusions

Discuss the results of the field survey and include:

If no cultural resources identified as a result of the investigation. No further work required.

If any of the previously recorded resource were not able to be relocated during survey and provide a discussion on if the site may have been destroyed, misplotted, or other factors.

Newly Identified Cultural Resources

- Reference the new site record in the appendix and that the report and site record will be submitted to the appropriate information center after final approval.
- Discuss the type of site and estimated quantities of cultural materials and if identified artifacts can be dated (e.g., projectile points, beads, cans, bottles, nails).
- Discuss the potential for subsurface cultural deposits and the basis for that assumption.
- Chronological and functional interpretations of the site.
- Discuss potential project impacts to the site.
- Does the site meet any of the criteria for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources using archaeological values (tribal cultural resources criteria evaluation use tribal values).

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

- Reference the site record updates in the appendix and that the updated site records and report will be submitted to the appropriate information center after final approval.
- Discuss the current condition of the site and if any changes are apparent based on the existing site record.
- Discuss potential project impacts to the site.
- If the site was previously evaluated. Does the site the site meet any of the criteria for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources using archaeological values (tribal cultural resources criteria evaluation use tribal values).

Identify any non-archaeological resources (ex. heritage trees, native plants, etc.) that were encountered and note whether they may require evaluation.

References Cited

Cite all references included within the body of the report.

Bibliographic format should be in the style and format of American Antiquity.

Appendices

Survey Photographs

- Include a several overview photos of the survey locations and project area to get a sense of place and survey conditions.
- Photos should be labeled with the direction of the photo is facing and where in the project area that the photo was taken.
- If any sites are present, provide an overview photograph of the setting of each site.
- If any sites were not relocated, provide a photograph of the area the site was anticipated.

Other Maps or Figures

If the Project Vicinity and Location map are NOT within the body of the report, include them here.

Label all maps with the project name, location, map name, and north arrow.

Vicinity Map: Depict the location of the project area in relation to the State of California and within the County of Yuba.

Location Map: Depict the project boundaries on the appropriate USGS topographic map. Make sure to identify the topographic map by name, type (e.g., 7.5-minute), and date of latest revision.

Include a Map of identified cultural resources IN the project area.

Include a survey coverage map when the report is submitted to the appropriate CHRIS information center to ensure survey coverage can be added to the CHRIS database.

Results of Records Search

Include the results of the Information Center records search.

NAHC SLF Search Results

AB52 Consultation Records

Newly Recorded Site Records and/or Site Record Updates

Include newly recorded or updated site record DPR forms. Location Map must meet CHRIS Information Center guidelines.