

**3.9-1 PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES  
ASSESSMENT (EXCERPT SUMMARY ONLY)**



A PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

OF

TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 36388

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±150.38 ACRES OF LAND IN THE CITY OF WILDOMAR  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SECTION 19, SBM  
USGS ROMOLAND, CALIFORNIA QUADRANGLE, 7.5' SERIES

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## MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

A Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment of Tentative Tract Map 36388 (hereafter, TTM 36388) was requested by the project sponsor, Sunbelt Communities. The subject property, which is part of The Farm (Specific Plan 116), is located south, east and west of Bundy Canyon Road, and north of Cornstalk Road in the City of Wildomar, southwestern Riverside County. Existing land use is vacant. The proposed project is the subdivision of the subject property into 315 single family residential lots and 17 open space lots.

The purpose of the cultural resources assessment was two-fold: 1) information was to be obtained pertaining to previous land uses of the subject property through research and a comprehensive field survey, and 2) a determination was to be made if, and to what extent, existing cultural resources would be adversely impacted by the proposed project.

Two previously recorded archaeological sites were relocated during the field survey of TTM 36388. The first of these sites, CA-RIV-1256, was originally recorded as one highly eroded slick on an exfoliating granitic boulder located at the foot of a hill near a cultivated field. No associated surficial resources or evidence of a subsurface cultural deposit were observed. The second site, CA-RIV-8282 (33-15958), was originally recorded as a sparse lithic scatter comprised of 26 pieces of debitage within an area measuring 33 x 33 meters (m) in a disked field near a blue line stream. No ground stone or midden-altered sediments were observed. This site was relocated during the current survey, although only five lithic waste flakes were observed within the general site area. Since the subject property had been disked recently, it is probable that the remaining flakes, and possibly other cultural resources, were simply turned over and buried during the disking. Each site was photographed and evaluated, and then updated site records were prepared for submittal to the Eastern Information Center.

Both recorded archaeological sites will be adversely impacted by the proposed project development and although preservation through avoidance is always the preferred option, it does not appear to be feasible in this case. No surficial cultural resources or evidence of a subsurface deposit were observed in association CA-RIV-1256, and as a single eroding bedrock milling feature, the site would not be considered significant according to CEQA criteria. Considering the fact that CA-RIV-8282 was originally recorded as being comprised of 26 lithic waste flakes and only five are currently visible, there is a very high probability of additional near surficial subsurface cultural deposits existing and a slightly less probability for deeper cultural deposits. It is recommended that limited testing be conducted to determine the presence/absence of subsurface cultural deposits. The results of this testing will determine whether site CA-RIV-8282 is a significant archaeological resource. Finally, despite the fact that

only two small archaeological sites were observed within TTM 36388, the property is situated in an area considered to be a highly sensitive cultural landscape with a possibility of significant subsurface cultural elements. Therefore, it is recommended that all ground disturbing activities associated with project development be actively monitored by a qualified archaeologist and tribal representative. Both the Cahuilla Band of Indians and Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians have stated an interest in providing such monitoring.

