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## NATIVE AMERICAN MONITORING GROUP



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**Re: Malibu Memorial Park Project**

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The purpose of this letter is to address concerns regarding the above-described project. As the Most Likely Descendent "MLD" for the project and someone who has been involved with the project since inception for excavation and development, I would like to specifically address particular findings with regard to this site location.

Thorough site surveys, record searchers and archaeological testing have resulted in the identification of two prehistoric sites in the project area. One of these, CA-LAN-1715, has been determined through subsurface testing to have been highly disturbed during previous plant nursery operations and no longer meets the significant criteria under CEQA.

The second site, CA-LAN-266 does retain integrity, including the presence of a hearth feature and several flaked stone and ground stone tools within a relatively shallow deposit (60cm). This site does meet the significance criteria as a historical resource under CEQA. This site will be capped by fill soils to limit any further subsurface impacts.

Most important however, is that numerous archaeological studies conducted at the project site over the past dozen or so years, including subsurface test excavations, have shown no indication that the two archaeological sites contain human remains. That said, there are known and recognized cemetery complexes, within a mile of the proposed project site related to much large settlements at CA-LAN-264 (Humaliwo) and CA-LAN-267 (Sweetwater Mesa).

During my time on site for cultural resource monitoring over the course of the last 15 years approximately, and most recently in February and March of 2016 with ESA's archaeological field crew, archaeological deposits were limited to manos, cores and several flakes (Monterey Chert, Franciscan Chert and Quartzite). The amount of debitage collected most recently was sufficient to demonstrate that the Malibu Ranch location was once used by the Chumash for tool-making activities.

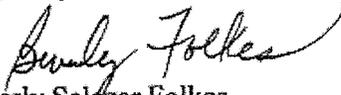
I feel confident that the City of Malibu has extensively reviewed and provided us with any and all information deemed to be sufficient and a solid approach to ensure no further disturbance. As the MLD of this site, I feel due diligence has been met by the developer and is in accordance with the current laws in place for said development within the proximity of a recorded archaeological site, and that no additional steps need to be taken. Hence, the project should be allowed to proceed without delay.

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Notwithstanding the aforesaid, if specific factual information regarding the presence of burials at CA-LAN-266 is obtained, I would be interested in immediately reviewing such documentation.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly,



Beverly Salazar Folkes  
Chumash Most Likely Descendent

cc: Bruce McBride