

Tuolumne Band of Me–Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

In 1938, human remains representing a minimum of three individuals were removed from an unknown site near Lancaster, Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County, CA, by the Sheriff's Office in Newhall, CA. The Sheriff's Office turned the human remains over to the Coroner's Office. The human remains were donated to the museum by Frank A. Nance, of the Coroner's Office in Los Angeles, CA. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

Based on archeological analysis, the individuals have been identified as Native American, but the age is unknown. Consultation with a representative of the Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California, confirmed that the provenience of the human remains is consistent with that of other discoveries of indigenous remains in the area. Geographical and historical evidence indicates that the sites are located within the traditional territory of the Southern Valley Yokuts and the Serrano people. Descendants of the Southern Valley Yokuts and the Serrano people are members of the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation, California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation of California; and Tuolumne Band of Me–Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

Officials of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of three individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation, California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation of California; and Tuolumne Band of Me–Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the human remains should contact Duane H. King, Ph.D.,

Executive Director, or LaLena Lewark, Senior NAGPRA Coordinator, Southwest Museum of the American Indian, 234 Museum Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065, (323) 221–2164, extension 241, before October 22, 2007.

Repatriation of the human remains to the Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center, is responsible for notifying the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation, California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation of California; and Tuolumne Band of Me–Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California that this notice has been published.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Inventory Completion: Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center, Los Angeles, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains in the control of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center, Los Angeles, CA. The human remains were removed from Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, CA.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American human remains. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center professional staff in

consultation with representatives of Jackson Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California (also known as the Tachi Yokut Tribe); Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me–Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California. The Buena Vista Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California (formerly the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California); Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; and Susanville Indian Rancheria, California were contacted, but did not choose to participate in the consultations.

In 1933, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from an undetermined site in Stockton, San Joaquin Valley, San Joaquin County, CA. The museum has no additional information regarding the removal and museum's acquisition of the human remains. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1939, human remains representing a minimum of one individual were removed from an undetermined site twenty feet from the water's edge—most likely the San Pablo Bay—in Richmond, Contra Costa County, CA, by Mr. J.E. Peterson. The human remains were donated by Mr. J.E. Peterson to the Southwest Museum on April 23, 1939. No known individual was identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

The geographic locations described above lie within Yokut or Miwok territories. Archeologists believe that the Penutian-speaking Yokut and Miwok descend from the Windmill people who occupied the Central Valley of California nearly 4,000 years ago. The history of California rancherias in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada foothill regions of California shows that these Windmill descendants ultimately dispersed to the federally recognized Yokut and Miwok rancherias. The tribes that have a shared group identity with the Yokut and Miwok are Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Buena Vista Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me–Wuk Indians of California; Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Greenville

Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Susanville Indian Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

Officials of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (9–10), the human remains described above represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains and the Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Susanville Indian Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California.

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The Southwest Museum of the American Indian, Autry National Center is responsible for notifying the Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; California Valley Miwok Tribe, California; Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Ione Band of Miwok Indians of California; Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California; Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California; Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria, California; Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California; Susanville Indian Rancheria, California; Table Mountain Rancheria of California; Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation, California; and Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria of California that this notice has been published.

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## **INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION**

### **United States and Mexico; United States Section; Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Improvements to the Main and North Floodways Levee System in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties, TX**

**AGENCY:** United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), and the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission's (USIBWC) Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981, (46 FR 44083); the USIBWC hereby gives notice of availability of the Draft

Environmental Assessment and FONSI for Improvements to the Main and North Floodways Levee System, in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project, located in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy Counties, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel Borunda, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission; 4171 N. Mesa, C–100; El Paso, Texas 79902. Telephone: (915) 832–4767; e-mail: [danielborunda@ibwc.state.gov](mailto:danielborunda@ibwc.state.gov).

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft EA and Draft FONSI will be accepted through October 22, 2007.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

The USIBWC is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain any project or works projected by the United States of America on the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project (LRGFCP), as authorized by the Act of the 74th Congress, Sess. I Ch. 561 (H.R. 6453), approved August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 660), and codified at 22 U.S.C. 277, 277a, 277b, 277c, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. The LRGFCP was constructed to protect urban, suburban, and highly developed irrigated farmland along the Rio Grande delta in the United States and Mexico.

The USIBWC, in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, prepared this EA for the proposed action to improve flood control along sections of the Main and North Floodways Levee System located in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas. This levee system is part of the LRGFCP that extends approximately 180 miles from the Town of Peñitas in south Texas to the Gulf of Mexico. The Main and North Floodways Levee System, extends approximately 75 levee miles along the Rio Grande, downstream from Anzalduas Dam, extending near the town of Mercedes to the Laguna Madre northwest of Arroyo City, Texas.

##### **Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action would increase the flood containment capacity of the Main and North Floodways Levee System by raising elevation of a number of levee segments for improved flood protection. Fill material would be added to the existing levee to bring height to its original design specifications, or to meet a 2 foot freeboard design criterion. Typical height increases in improvement areas would be from less than 1 foot up to 2 feet, extending levee