

APPENDIX E-2
NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

PORTOLA VALLEY HOUSING AND SAFETY ELEMENTS INITIAL STUDY
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Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

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Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search

Project: Portola Valley Housing and Safety Elements Update Project

County: San Mateo

USGS Quadrangle Name: Woodside, Palo Alto, La Honda and Mindego Hill 7.5'

Township: 6S **Range:** 3W **Section(s):** 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 31, 32, 33

Township: 6S **Range:** 4W **Section(s):** 25, 36

Township: 7S **Range:** 3W **Section(s):** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Township: 7S **Range:** 4W **Section(s):** 1

Company/Firm/Agency: Cogstone Resource Management

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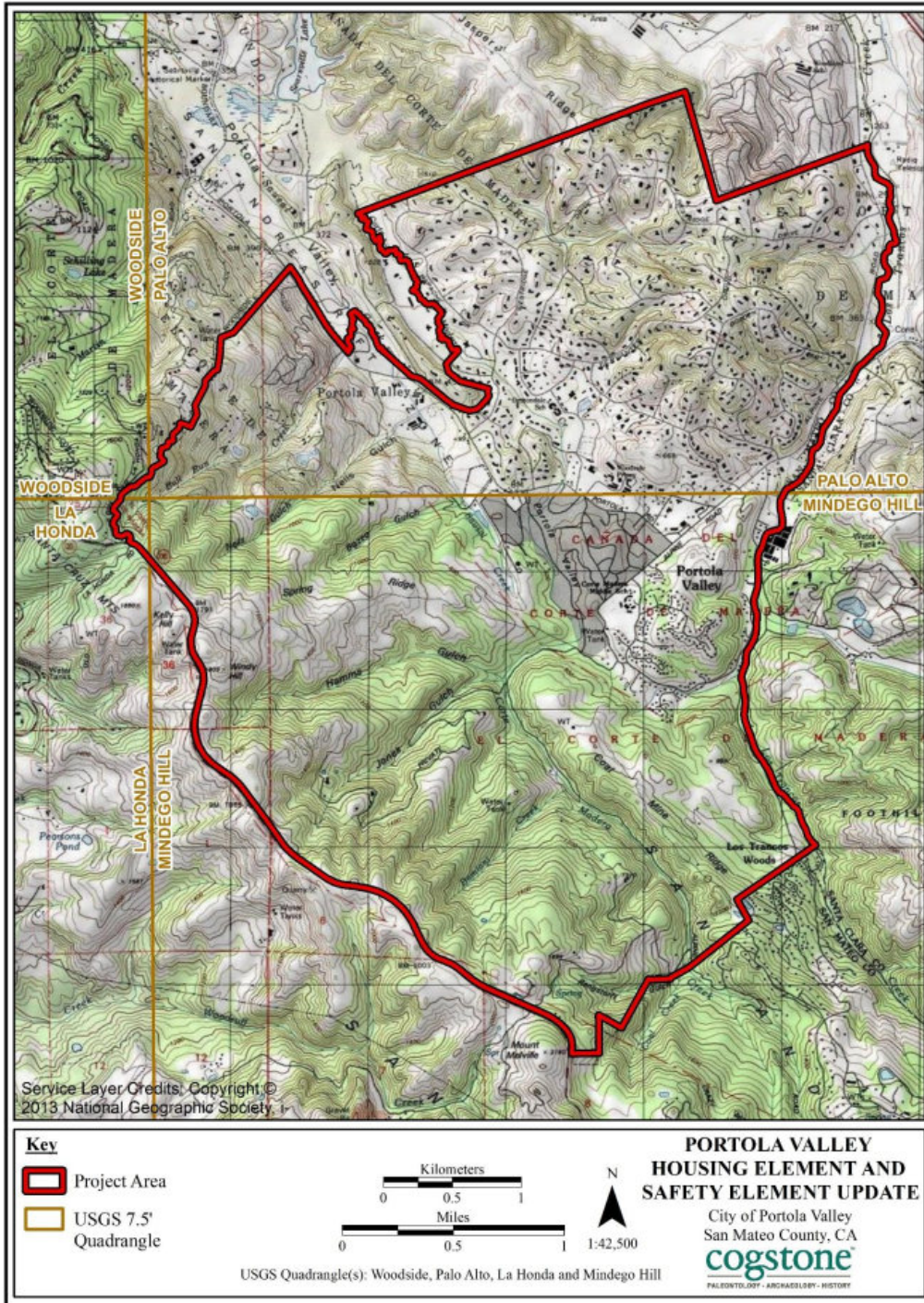
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Project Description:

The Project involves the preparation of a programmatic Initial Study (IS) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City of Portola Valley’s Housing Element and Safety Element Updates that will be added to the General Plan





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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

July 20, 2022

Cogstone Resource Management

Via Email to: CogstoneConsult@cogstone.com

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Re: Native American Consultation, Pursuant to Senate Bill 18, Government Code §65352.3 and §65352.4, Portola Valley Housing and Safety Elements Update Project, San Mateo

Dear Cogstone Resource Management:

Attached is a consultation list of tribes with traditional lands or cultural places located within the boundaries of the above referenced counties.

Government Code § 65352.3 and § 65352.4 require local governments to consult with California Native American tribes identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) for the purpose of avoiding, protecting, and/or mitigating impacts to cultural places when creating or amending General Plans, Specific Plans and Community Plans.

The law does not preclude initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction. The NAHC believes that this is the best practice to ensure that tribes are consulted commensurate with the intent of the law.

The NAHC also believes that agencies should also include with their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential effect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:
 - A listing of any and all known cultural resources that have already been recorded or are adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
 - Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
 - Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
 - If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:
 - Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code §6254.10.

3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission was positive. Please contact the tribes on the attached list for more information.
4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the APE; and
5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS are not exhaustive. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event, that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance, we are able to assure that our consultation list remains current.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address:
Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Cody Campagne
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment



PALEONTOLOGY - ARCHAEOLOGY - HISTORY

September 19, 2022

[Name]
[Tribe]
[Title/Role]
[Address, Street]
[City, CA, Zip]



RE: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State Bill (SB) 18 Consultation Request for the Portola Valley Housing Element and Safety Element Update, City of Portola Valley, San Mateo County, California.

[TITLE & LAST NAME]:

The City of Portola Valley (City) proposes to prepare a programmatic Initial Study (IS) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City of Portola Valley’s Housing Element and Safety Element Updates that will be added to the General Plan (Project). The City is located in southeastern San Mateo County (see Figure 1). The City is bordered by Woodside to the northwest and Palo Alto to the east. The General Plan Planning Area is the geographic extent for the environmental analysis, composed of approximately 5,786 acres (see Figure 2). This Project will comply with CEQA regulations and the cultural and paleontological assessment will be included in the IS/MND. The City will be the lead CEQA Agency. Cogstone Resource Management, Inc. (Cogstone) has been retained to assist the City with their cultural and paleontological resources assessment of the project area and help manage tribal consultation under CEQA and SB 18.

We are contacting you because the [TRIBE] requested to be notified and provided information, under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 subdivisions (b), (d) and (e)), also known as AB 52, regarding projects with the City’s jurisdiction and within the traditional territory of the [TRIBE]. Please consider this letter and preliminary Project information as the formal notification of the proposed Project. The City is requesting to consult with the [TRIBE] in order to identify tribal cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed Project. The point of contact for the City is below/on the next page.

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Federal Certifications WOSB, EDWOSB, SDB
State Certifications DBE, WBE, SBE, UDBE

Additionally, the City is requesting consultation under Senate Bill 18 (Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) which requires local governments to consult with tribes prior to making certain planning decisions and requires consultation and notice for a general and specific plan adoption or amendment in order to preserve, or mitigate impacts to, cultural places that may be affected. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) provided us with a list of tribal entities and individuals who have requested to be placed on the SB 18 consultation list. The [TRIBE] is on the list provided. As a result, please consider this letter as a notice of the Project and an invitation to provide comments regarding the Project.

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted on June 24, 2022 to perform a search of the Sacred Lands File. The NAHC responded on July 20, 2022 that the search was positive for Native American sacred sites and/or heritage resources located within the same USGS Quadrangle, Township, Range and Section as the Project Area.

Cogstone requested a record search of the Project area from the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) located at Sonoma State University on June 24, 2022. Results of the record search indicate that 45 previous studies have been completed and 13 cultural resources have been recorded within the Project area.

I would appreciate receiving any comments, issues and/or concerns relating to cultural resources, sacred lands, and tribal cultural resources that you may have within the Project area. All information provided will be kept confidential.

Please respond within 30 days, pursuant to PRC 21080.3.1(d), if you would like to consult on this Project. For consultation under SB 18, **you have 90 days to respond**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura C. Russell, Planning & Building Director, at the address and email above or you can contact me by phone (714-974-8300), email (cogstoneconsult@cogstone.com), or fax (714-974-8303).

Thank you for your assistance.

John Gust

Attachments: Project vicinity map
Project location map

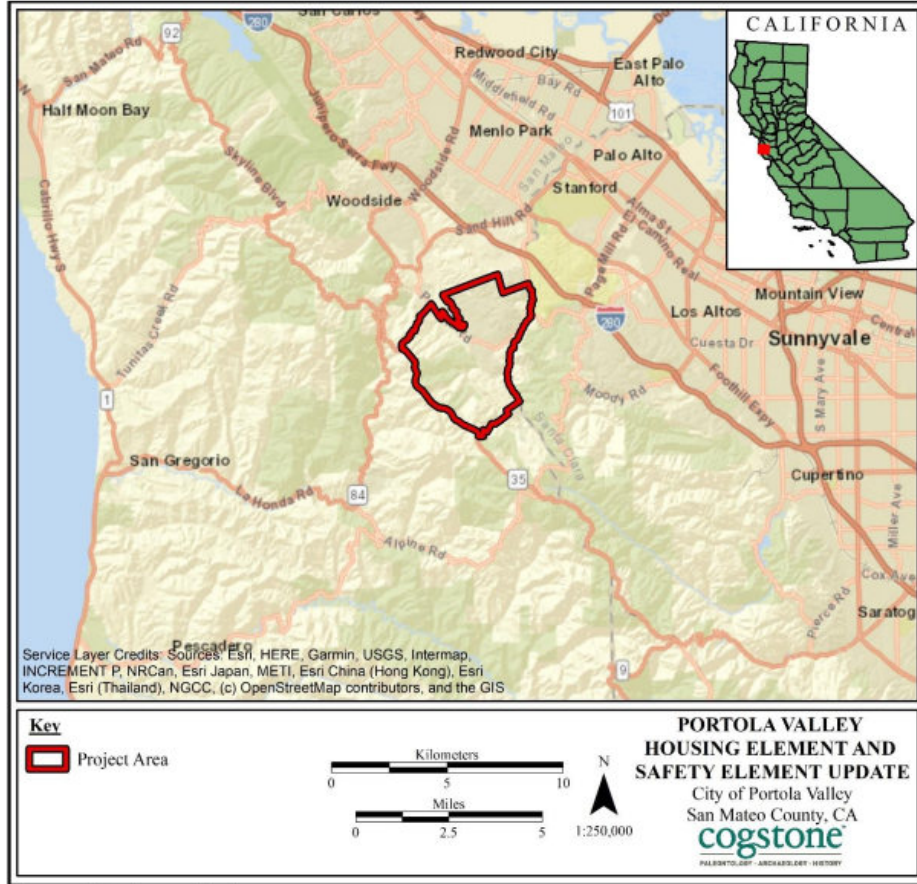


Figure 1. Project vicinity map

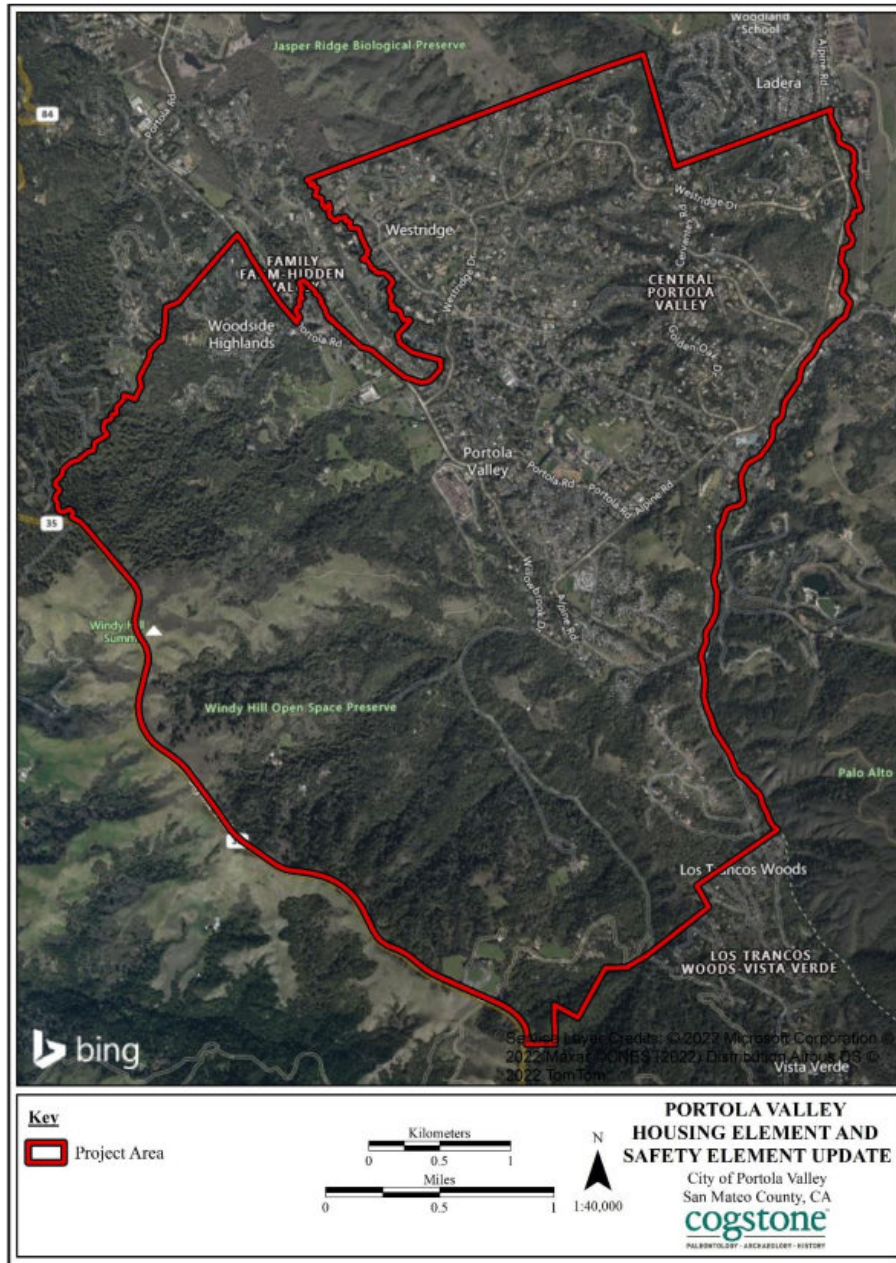


Figure 2. Project location map

Table E-1. Native American consultation log

Native American Group and Contact	Date(s) and Method of First Contact Attempt	Date(s) and Method of Second Attempt	Date(s) and Method of Third Attempt	Date(s) of Replies Rec'd	Comments	Results
The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Andrew Galvan	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Tamien Nation, Chairperson Quirina Luna Geary, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of Mission San Juan Bautista, Chairperson Irenne Zwierlein, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Costanoan-Rumsen Carmel Tribe, Chairperson Tony Cerda, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Wuksache Indian Tribe/Eshom Valley Band, Chairperson Kenneth Woodrow, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Indian Canyon Band of Coastanoan/Mutsun Indians, Kanyon Sayers-Roods, MLD	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Indian Canyon Band of Coastanoan/Mutsun Indians, Chairperson Ann Marie Sayers, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, Chairperson Charlene Nijmeh, Chairperson	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					
Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, Vice Chairwoman Monica Arellano, Vice Chairwoman	9/19/2022; USPS Certified Mail					

