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Re: Cultural Resources Records Search for the Selma General Plan Update, Selma, California
 (Quad Knopf Project No. 070214)

Dear Ms. Nuño:

Per your request, a cultural resources records search (RS#07-215; CAR Project No. 07-24) was conducted for the above-referenced project today, at the Southern San Joaquin Valley Historical Resources Information Center at California State University, Bakersfield. The purpose of this records search is for the General Plan Update for the City of Selma, California. The project area includes approximately 13,000 acres and encompasses the current Selma Sphere of Influence and additional properties. The records search included an examination of the *National Register of Historic Places*, the *California Register of Historical Resources*, *California Points of Historical Interest*, *California Inventory of Historic Resources*, *California State Historic Landmarks Registry*, and the HRIC files of pertinent historical and archaeological data

The results of the records search indicate that there have been twenty surveys conducted either on the project area or directly adjacent. Eighteen of the surveys resulted in negative results while two surveys identified 1) five historical structures *in situ* in Selma (Brady 2003b) and 2) three historical structures located in a City Park (Matthews 1972). Twelve additional properties are listed in the Historic Property Data File (California Office of Historic Preservation 2007). The Fowler Switch Bridge (ca. 1934) has also been recorded. The following table captures the structures and sites identified during the records search:

Table 1
Historical Properties, Selma, California

OHP #/APN/ Primary	Address	Description	Year of Construction
068382	Unknown	Restroom EA 3463-26	Unknown
053459	8262 Bethel Avenue	Jensen Home	1901
162580	8674 E. Khan Street		1958
053458	2415 Floral Avenue	Selma Japanese Mission Church	1956
156835	2134 Gaither Street		1923
150439	2428 Jasper Street		1930
155398	1445 Peach Street	Stockley Terrace	1952
067121	2639 Pine Street		Unknown
066039	12490 S. Highland Avenue	State Route 43 Widening	Unknown

143751	9727 S. Shaft Avenue		1930
074390	Selma Street	Selma Women's Clubhouse	Unknown
162649	2487 Thompson Avenue		1936
388-041-26	2564 Stillman Street	Single Family Residence	Ca. 1930
388-041-09	2600 Stillman Street	Single Family Residence	1926
388-041-26	2506 Stillman Street(1)	Single Family Residence	Ca. 1930
388-041-26	2506 Stillman Street (2)	Single Family Residence	Ca. 1915
388-041-26	2523 Whitson Avenue	Single Family Residence	Ca. 1925
	Art Gonzales Pkwy and Highland Ave	Historic buildings including a school, church, various residential buildings.	Various
P-10-002963	Fowler Switch Canal	Ca. 1934 bridge	

Only a small portion of the Selma Sphere of Influence and the planned areas of expansion have been surveyed for historical or archaeological resources, and given that limited coverage and the age of many of the surveys (see References), the possibility remains that resources do exist there. While a survey is not being suggested at this time, it is recommended that cultural resource surveys be performed for *all* areas outside the current Sphere of Influence as projects are proposed. Should as-yet undetected (i.e., buried) cultural resources or human remains be encountered on the property during *any* construction activities, a qualified archaeologist should be contacted to evaluate any such discoveries.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 661-654-6161 or by email at rorfila@csub.edu.

Sincerely,

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