

*Appendix E*  
*Agency Correspondence and*  
*Responses Completed During*  
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November 30, 2005

Mr. Curt Taucher  
Regional Manager  
California Department of Fish and Game  
4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite J  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

**Subject: Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project.**

Dear Mr. Taucher:

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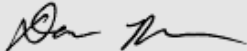
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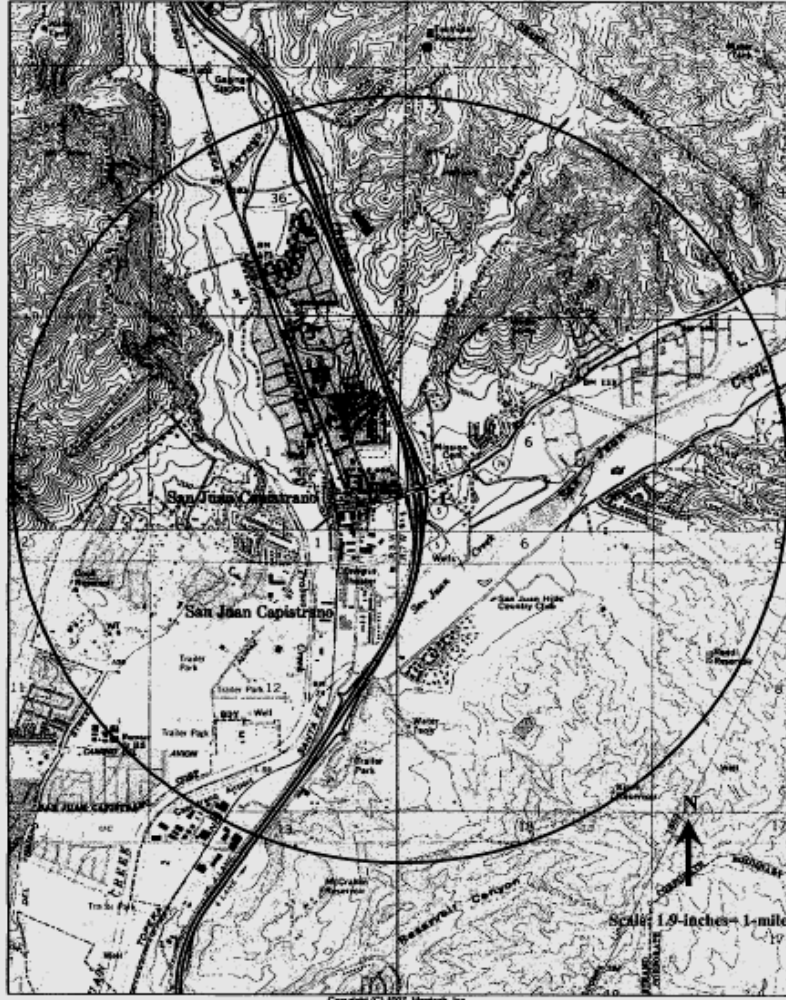


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**Subject: Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project.**

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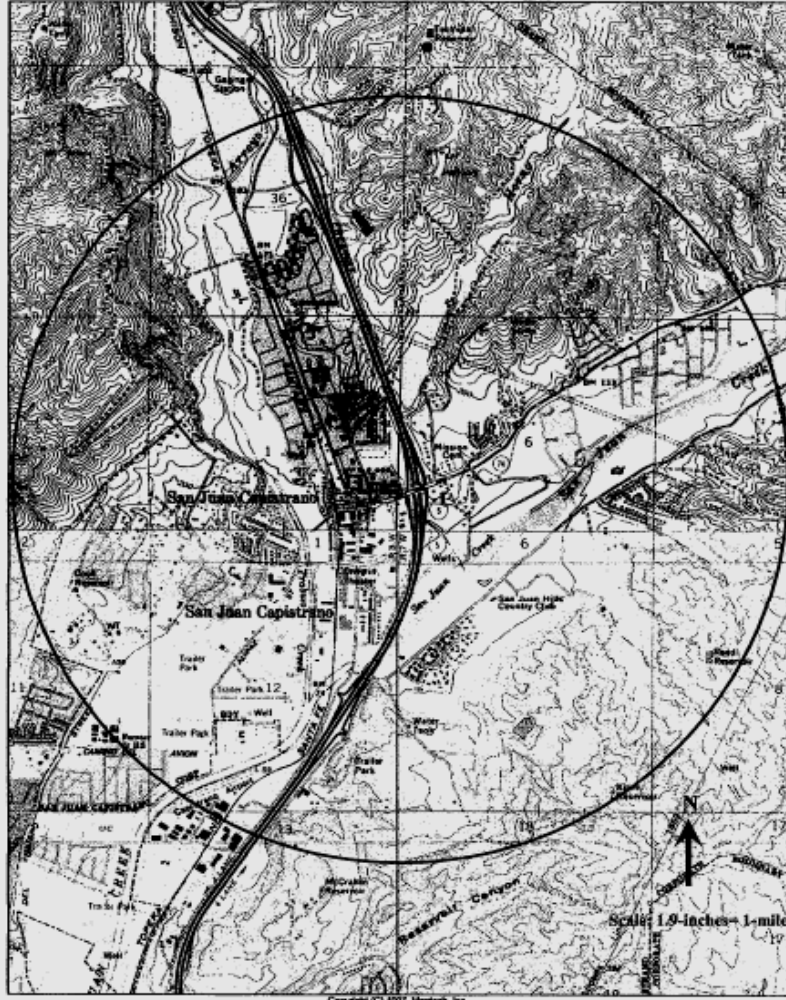


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In Reply Refer To:  
FWS-OR-4671.1

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Subj: Species List for the Interstate 5 and State Route 74 Interchange Improvement Project,  
City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California

Dear Mr. Phu:

This letter is in response to your written request, received on December 1, 2005, for information on federally endangered, threatened, and proposed species that occur in the vicinity of the Interstate 5 and State Route 74 interchange improvement project in the City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California. To assist you in evaluating the potential occurrence of federally listed endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the area identified, we are providing the enclosed list.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, requires Federal agencies to consult with us, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, should it be determined that their actions may affect federally listed threatened or endangered species. Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "take" (e.g., harm, harassment, pursuit, injury, kill) of federally listed wildlife. "Harm" is further defined to include habitat modification or degradation where it kills or injures wildlife by impairing essential behavioral patterns including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Take incidental to otherwise lawful activities can be authorized under sections 7 (Federal consultations) and 10 (habitat conservation plans) of the Act.

If a proposed project is authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency and may affect a listed species, then the Federal agency must consult with us on behalf of the applicant, pursuant to section 7 of the Act. In other words, any activity on private land that requires Federal involvement (such as the issuance of a section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) and may affect listed species must be reviewed by us to ensure that the continued existence of the species would not be jeopardized. During the section 7 process, measures to avoid and minimize project effects to listed species and their habitat will be identified and incorporated into a biological opinion that includes an incidental take statement that authorizes incidental take by the Federal agency and applicant.



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**Federally Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species that May Occur in  
 the Vicinity of the Interstate 5 and State Route 74 Interchange in the City of San Juan  
 Capistrano, Orange County, California**

December 5, 2005

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal Status
<b><u>Amphibians</u></b>		
arroyo toad	<i>Bufo californicus</i>	endangered
<b><u>Birds</u></b>		
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	endangered
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Poliophtila californica californica</i>	threatened, critical habitat
least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	endangered
<b><u>Crustaceans</u></b>		
San Diego fairy shrimp	<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>	endangered
Riverside fairy shrimp	<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>	endangered
<b><u>Fish</u></b>		
tidewater goby	<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>	endangered
southern steelhead*	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	endangered
<b><u>Plants</u></b>		
thread-leaved brodiaea	<i>Brodiaea filifolia</i>	threatened
Laguna Beach live-forever	<i>Dudleya stolonifera</i>	threatened
big-leaved crownbeard	<i>Verbesina dissita</i>	threatened

\* Under jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries; contact that agency for more information on southern steelhead.

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If a proposed project does not involve a Federal agency, but is likely to result in the take of a listed animal species, then the landowner or project proponent should apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10 of the Act. When an application is made for an incidental take permit, measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate for effects to listed species and their habitat will be identified and incorporated into a habitat conservation plan. If the habitat conservation plan and the application for the permit meet the issuance criteria, a permit authorizing incidental take is issued.

We do not have site-specific information for this area. Therefore, we recommend that project proponents seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the habitat conditions and associated species in and around their project site to assess the actual potential for direct, indirect and cumulative impacts likely to result from the proposed activity.

In addition to the species on the enclosed list, we are also concerned for the following habitat community types that could potentially occur in the area and are becoming more rare. These include riparian, oak woodlands, coastal sage scrub, maritime chaparral, native grasslands, vernal pool, and wetland habitat.

Please contact the California Department of Fish and Game for State-listed and other sensitive species that may occur in the area of the project. State-listed species are protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act. Rare plant species that may occur in the project area are included in the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) inventory of rare and endangered vascular plants in California. State-listed and CNPS species require full consideration under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Should you have any questions regarding the species list provided, or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Fish and Wildlife Biologist Jonathan Snyder of my staff at (760) 431-9440 x307.

Sincerely,



for Karen A. Goebel  
Assistant Field Supervisor

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November 30, 2005

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South Central Coastal Information Center  
California Historical Resources Information System  
California State University, Fullerton  
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P.O. Box 6846  
Fullerton, CA 92834-6846

**Subject: Records Search Request  
Interstate 5 (I-5)/State Route 74 (Ortega Highway) Interchange Improvement Project  
San Juan Quadrangle**

Dear Ms. Lopez:

I would like to request a literature search for the I-5/Ortega Highway Interchange Improvement Project in the City of San Juan Capistrano in Orange County. The Lead Agency for this project is the City of San Juan Capistrano (the City). In addition to the No Build Alternative, the Project proposes several Build Alternatives. These Build Alternatives are as follows:

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Also, please check the National Register of Historic Places, California State Resources Inventory, California Historic Landmarks, and California Points of Historic Interest and identify any listed properties in or within 1.0 mile of the project area.

Contact Dan Phu at (949) 263-9322 ext. 267, should the Records Search exceed \$650. Please send the requested information to me and the billing invoice to Dan Phu at 2201 Dupont Drive, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92612.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Bingham  
Environmental Program Manager  
Parsons

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March 24, 2006

Mr. Dan Phu  
Principal Environmental Planner  
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RE: I-5/Orgeta Hwy PA/ED

Dear Mr. Phu,

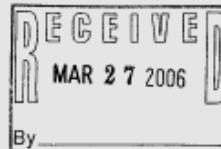
Attached please find the information you requested regarding San Juan Elementary school in San Juan Capistrano.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Peggy Ward  
Facilities Planning

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enclosures



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**SAN JUAN ELEMENTARY**

Information - Environmental Document  
March 2006

1. Approximate size (acres) of the school? When was the school built?  
Build 1963, Net Site 10 acres, School building 39,035 sq. ft
2. How is the YMCA center affiliated with the school?  
YMCA is the contracted provider of before and after school child care in Capistrano Unified School District, San Juan Elementary location.
3. Does the school own the YMCA center or are they two separate parcels? If the school owns the YMCA center, what are the ages of the two buildings?  
Capistrano Unified School District owns the buildings and the land. The buildings are older than 1963.
4. Can you provide a layout of the school? We need to know where the classrooms, administration offices, ancillary buildings, cafeteria, and gymnasium to assess the potential impacts of the project in relation to the school. Also, information regarding the age of the facilities would be helpful.  
Layout of school - attached
5. What are the operating hours of the school (regular hours and after school activities)?  
  
San Juan Elementary 2005/2006  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:45am – 2:05pm  
Tuesday 7:45am – 12:45pm  
  
YMCA 2005/2006  
(Schedule is year-round)  
Monday – Friday 6:45am – 6:00pm
6. School population and makeup (e.g., grade level and composition of different races). Does the school have a growth projection plan?  
Overall ethnicity of San Juan Elementary is as follows:  
1% Asian  
96.9% Hispanic or Latino  
2.2% White (not Hispanic)  
  
California Public Schools Report by grade – attached
7. What type of school is San Juan Capistrano Elementary? (year-round versus traditional).  
San Juan Elementary follows the traditional calendar. 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 calendars are attached.

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8. Is there summer school? If so, what is the schedule?  
No summer school scheduled for summer 2006  
  
CUSD summer school locations - attached
9. What type(s) of after school activities are there and when do they occur? Also, what time(s) of the year do they occur?  
  
Camp Fire USA daily (M,W,TH,F – 2:05-4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12:45-3 p.m.)  
  
The YMCA is here on campus and they are in session daily from 11:15 a.m. until 6 p.m.  
  
School Readiness--Learning Link program schedule is: (M,W,TH,F – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.)  
  
CAFE (English classes for adults) Schedule: Mon-Thurs from 8:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 6 – 8:30 p.m.  
  
Los Ninos Bien Educados (parenting program) Schedule: Wednesday 12-2 p.m. and Thursday 6-8 p.m.  
  
(Additional activities listed on attached spreadsheet)
10. What is the percentage of the students who are bused into the school?  
No regular education students are bussed to San Juan Elementary. There is one special education bus route.
11. What is the school bus route? We need to know the transportation route of the school buses to assess potential construction impacts.  
Special Ed bus route - to be forwarded
12. What are the hours students are dropped off and picked up?  
School drop off 7:00am – pick-up 2:45pm  
YMCA drop off 6:45am – pick-up 6:00pm
13. What is the percentage of students who ride bicycles to and from school? About how much of the students walk to school?  
Majority of students estimated at 90% walk to school, 10% are driven and 0% ride their bicycles.
14. How do the students typically get to school? Are they dropped off by the parents?  
Majority of students (90%) walk to school.

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15. What type(s) of activities are at the YMCA center. What are the fees charged to the children at the YMCA center?  
Current rates were quoted to me as follows:

**Kindergarten Rates:**

Full Time – 5 days per week - \$480.00 w/electronic payment \$440.00

Part-Time \$430.00 w/electronic payment \$383.00

**1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades:**

Full Time – 5 days per week \$423.00 w/electronic payment \$383.00

Part-Time \$178.00 w/electronic payment \$138.00

Rates increase in July when school is not in session, rates for July 2006 are not yet published. Summer hours: 6:45am – 6:00pm.

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**ECORP Consulting, Inc.**  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

March 28, 2006  
(2006-079)

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Via Fax: (916) 657-5390

Subject: I-5/ SR-74 Interchange Project, Orange County

Dear Mr. Wood:

I request a review of the Sacred Land file and a list of Native American contacts for the I-5/ SR-74 Interchange Project in the City of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, as shown on the enclosed copy of a portion of the USGS San Juan Capistrano and Dana Point Quads. The project is in Section 6 of T8S, R7W, SBBM with a small portion in Section 1 of T8S, R8W, SBBM. The Project will not impact the Mission or the Mission Cemetery.

Please fax the results of this search to my attention at (714) 648-0935. For correspondence, please reference the project number: 2006-079. If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 648-0630 or via email at [rmason@ecorpconsulting.com](mailto:rmason@ecorpconsulting.com). Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,

**ECORP Consulting, Inc.**

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RE: Proposed I-5/SR-74 Interchange project, Orange County.

Dear Dr. Mason:

A record search of the sacred lands file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rob Wood".

Rob Wood  
Environmental Specialist III

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Response from Native American Heritage Commission

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Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.96 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed I-5/SR-74 interchange project, Orange County.

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Mission Museum, San Juan Capistrano  
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**RE: Proposed Interstate 5/State Route 74 Interchange Improvement Project, San Juan Capistrano, Orange County**

Dear Museum Director:

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In the absence of any contact from the Museum within two weeks from this date, I will assume that you have no response and no concerns of this nature.

Sincerely,

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San Juan Capistrano Historical Society  
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August 20, 2007

Reply To: FHWA070723A

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Re: Determinations of Eligibility for the Proposed I-5/SR-74 Interchange Improvement Project, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Dear Mr. Flynn:

Thank you for consulting with me about the subject undertaking in accordance with the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California (PA)*.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is requesting my concurrence, pursuant to Stipulation VIII.C.5 of the PA, that the properties listed below are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- Spring Street
- San Juan Elementary School

Based on my review of the submitted documentation, I concur with the foregoing determinations.

Thank you for considering historic properties during project planning. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Lindquist of my staff at (916) 654-0631 or e-mail at [nlindquist@parks.ca.gov](mailto:nlindquist@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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