

**APPENDIX A:
CCaIC File No. 117210**

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California Historical Resources Information System
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Date: 3/24/2021

Records Search File No.: 117210

Access Agreement: #255

Project: Tuolumne Biomass

Project 1001

Cindy Arrington

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cindy@naturalinvestigations.com

Dear Ms. Arrington:

The Central California Information Center received your record search request for the project area/radius referenced above, located on the Standard 7.5' quadrangle in Tuolumne County. The following reflects the results of the records search for the project study area and radius:

As per data currently available at the CCalC, the locations of resources/reports are provided in the following format: custom GIS maps GIS Data/shape files hand-drawn maps

Summary Data:

Resources within the project area:	None formally reported to the Information Center.
Resources within the 1/2-mile radius:	20: P-55-000120, 123, 347*, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1425, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3748, 3749, 3750, 3751, 3752, 3756, 3759, 6813, 8270, 9885 *PDF copy sent with CCalC 117180
Reports within the project area:	None formally reported to the Information Center.
Reports within the 1/2-mile radius:	22: TO-00986, 1096, 1226, 1375, 2268, 2665, 2851, 3010, 3716, 3726, 3727, 3871, 4717, 5032, 5239, 6171, 6536, 6888, 7521, 7874, 8557, 9200

Resource Database Printout (list):

enclosed not requested nothing listed

Resource Database Printout (details):

enclosed not requested nothing listed

Resource Digital Database Records:

enclosed not requested nothing listed

- Report Database Printout (list):** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Report Database Printout (details):** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Report Digital Database Records:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Resource Record Copies:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Report Copies:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- OHP Historic Properties Directory: New Excel File: Built Environment Resource Directory (BERD) Dated 12/17/2019** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- P-55-000347 (Excel file sent with CCalC 117180)
- Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- CA Inventory of Historic Resources (1976):** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Caltrans Bridge Survey:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Ethnographic Information:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Historical Literature:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Historical Maps:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- Standard 7.5' (1948)
- Official Map of Tuolumne County (1907)
- Local Inventories:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- GLO and/or Rancho Plat Maps:** enclosed not requested nothing listed
- T1N R15E 1871
- Shipwreck Inventory:** not available at CCIC; please go to
http://shipwrecks.slc.ca.gov/ShipwrecksDatabase/Shipwrecks_Database.asp
- Soil Survey Maps:** not available at CCIC; please go to
<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

Resources known to have value to local cultural groups: None formally reported to the Information Center. However, if your project involves the evaluation of buildings, structures or objects, the following agencies would like to be consulted:

Tuolumne Heritage Committee
 24 S. Washington Street
 Sonora, CA 95370
 209-532-6937 or 1733

Joe Sparagna, Chairman
 Tuolumne County Historical Society Landmarks Committee
 21398 Montgomery Road
 Sonora, CA 95370

Please forward a copy of any resulting reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you do not include resource location maps and resource location descriptions in your report if the report is for public distribution. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, please contact the office at the phone number listed above.

The provision of CHRIS Data via this records search response does not in any way constitute public disclosure of records otherwise exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act or any other law, including, but not limited to, records related to archeological site information maintained by or on behalf of, or in the possession of, the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, State Historic Preservation Officer, Office of Historic Preservation, or the State Historical Resources Commission.

Due to processing delays and other factors, not all of the historical resource reports and resource records that have been submitted to the Office of Historic Preservation are available via this records search. Additional information may be available through the federal, state, and local agencies that produced or paid for historical resource management work in the search area. Additionally, Native American tribes have historical resource information not in the CHRIS Inventory, and you should contact the California Native American Heritage Commission for information on local/regional tribal contacts.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the record search number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

Thank you for using the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS).

Note: Billing will be transmitted separately via email by our Financial Services office, payable within 60 days of receipt of the invoice.

If you wish to include payment by Credit Card, you must wait to receive the official invoice from Financial Services so that you can reference the CMP # (Invoice Number), and then contact the link below:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/ANTHROPOLOGY>

Sincerely,

E. A. Greathouse

E. A. Greathouse, Coordinator
Central California Information Center
California Historical Resources Information System

* Invoice Request sent to: CSU Stanislaus Financial Services ARbilling@csustan.edu

APPENDIX B:
Native American Sacred Lands File Search and Outreach

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

April 21, 2021

Cindy Arrington
Natural Investigations Company**Via Email to: cindy@naturalinvestigations.com****Re: Tuolumne Biomass – Project 1001, Tuolumne County**

Dear Ms. Arrington:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were negative. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF 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.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. 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. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Nancy.Gonzalez-Lopez@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gonzalez-Lopez
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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ApacheCOMMISSIONER
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**Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Tuolumne County
4/21/2021**

**Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians**

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**Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk
Indians**

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**Nashville Enterprise Miwok-
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Tule River Indian Tribe

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This list is current only as of the date of this document. 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 Resource Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed Tuolumne Biomass – Project 1001, Tuolumne County.

PROJECT INFORMATION REQUEST LETTER

TO: Lloyd Mathiesen, Chairperson, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Mw-Wuk Indians;
Cosme Valdez, Chairperson, Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe;
Kerri Vera, Environmental Department, Tule River Indian Tribe;
Neil Peyron, Chairperson, Tule River Indian Tribe;
Joey Garfield, Tribal Archaeologist, Tule River Indian Tribe
Stanley Cox, Cultural Resources Director, Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
Kevin Day, Chairperson, Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

EMAIL: cindy@naturalinvestigations.com

PHONE: (916) 765-9381

PROPOSED

PROJECT: Tuolumne BioEnergy Project, Tuolumne County, California

USGS

QUAD: The APE within which the direct and indirect impacts of the proposed Project may have an effect on cultural resources totals approximately 3.27 acres. The maximum vertical APE for the facility will be 3 feet. The APE is located in Section 10 of Township 1 North, Range 15 East, as shown on the 1948 Standard (Photorevised 1987) USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle (Figure 1).

Natural Investigations Company, Inc. (Natural Investigations) was retained to provide cultural resources services for the Tuolumne BioEnergy, Inc. (TBI) Project (Project) in southwestern Tuolumne County, California. TBI proposes to construct a wood pelletizing facility that will use a direct combustion of woody biomass from local forests to power the facility with both electricity and process heat (for drying the wood prior to pelletizing) and produce the merchantable product (wood pellets).

Tuolumne County is the State Lead Agency for the Project. Because the Biomass Utilization Fund (BUF) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be used, the Project is considered a Federal undertaking. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers the funds and is responsible for federal environmental reviews. This study was thus completed in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The proposed Project by TBI would construct a wood pelletizing facility that will use woody biomass from local forests to produce the merchantable product (wood pellets). A 400 KW electricity generating facility will use direct combustion of woody biomass to produce the electricity and also 2000 KW of thermal heat to dry the woody biomass before it is pelletized. As the electrical generating component of the power plant is a closed loop oil heating system, there is no wastewater discharge.

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) returned the results of a Sacred Lands File search conducted for the Project on April 15, 2021, stating that records were *negative* for the presence of Native American cultural resources in the Project Area. The NAHC recommended that we contact you for additional information on the potential for indigenous cultural resources in the vicinity of the Project.

We would greatly appreciate any comments that you may have on potential cultural resources in the area and invite you to raise any other concerns relating to the Project should you have them. All information provided regarding

specific sites or tribal cultural resources will remain confidential. Please contact me by phone or email at your earliest convenience.

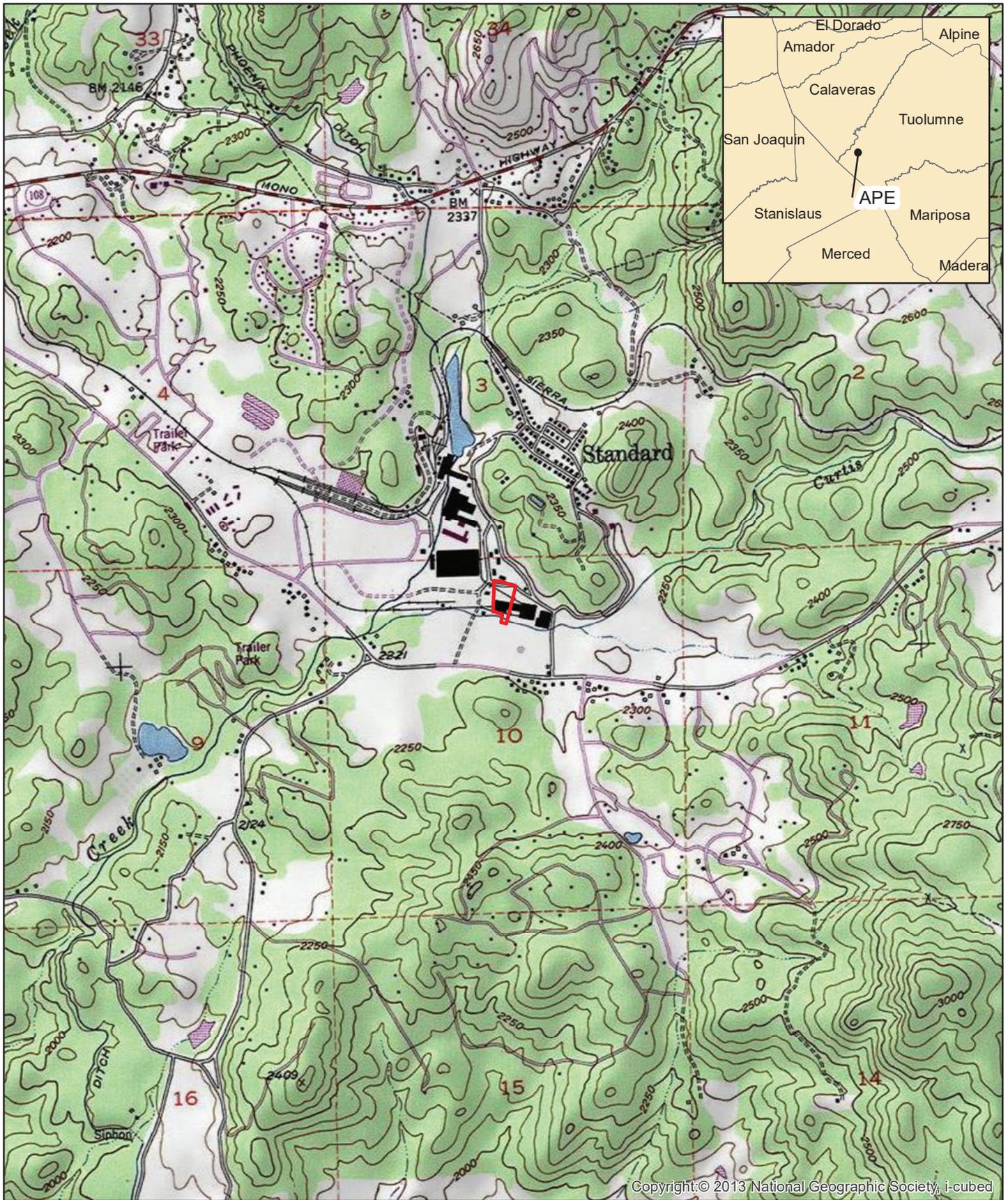
Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Arrington".

Cindy Arrington, MS, RPA
Principal
Natural Investigations Company, Inc.
3104 O Street, #221, Sacramento, CA 95816

Attachments: Figure 1: Project Location Map



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**Tuolumne Biomass
Figure 1 - APE Map**



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**Native American Contact Tracking Sheet
Tuolumne BioEnergy Project
Tuolumne County, CA**

Contact Name	Date Letter Sent	Date of Follow Up	Comments/Concerns/ Recommendations
<i>Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians</i> Lloyd Mathiesen, Chairperson P.O. Box 1159 Jamestown, CA, 95327 Phone: (209) 984 - 9066 lmathiesen@crtribal.com	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Mr. Mathiesen was not available. The receptionist said that the cultural and natural resources queries were handled by Ms. Bailey and she would give her the message regarding inquiry about the project.
<i>Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe</i> Cosme Valdez, Chairperson P.O. Box 580986 Elk Grove, CA, 95758-0017 Phone: (916) 429 - 8047 valdezcome@comcast.net	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Mr. Valdez was not available. A voice message was left asking if the Tribe had any questions or concerns regarding the project and if so, to please contact Natural Investigations.
<i>Tule River Indian Tribe</i> Joey Garfield, Tribal Archaeologist P. O. Box 589 Porterville, CA, 93258 Phone: (559) 783 - 8892 joey.garfield@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	The email for Mr. Garfield was returned as “not deliverable”. He is not listed on the Tribal directory.
<i>Tule River Indian Tribe</i> Kerri Vera, Environmental Department P. O. Box 589 Porterville, CA, 93258 Phone: (559) 783 - 8892 kerri.vera@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Spoke with Ms. Vera and she did not recall the project. Ms. Vera said she would review the information and let Natural Investigations know if the Tribe had any concerns.
<i>Tule River Indian Tribe</i> Neil Peyron, Chairperson P.O. Box 589 Porterville, CA, 93258 Phone: (559) 781 - 4271 neil.peyron@tulerivertribe-nsn.gov	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Mr. Peyron was not available. A voice message was left asking if the Tribe had any questions or concerns regarding the project and if so, to please contact Natural Investigations.
<i>Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians</i> Kevin Day, Chairperson P.O. Box 699 Tuolumne, CA, 95379 Phone: (209) 928 - 5300 receptionist@mewuk.com	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Mr. Day was not available. A voice message was left asking if the Tribe had any questions or concerns regarding the project and if so, to please contact Natural Investigations.

<i>Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians</i> Stanley Cox, Cultural Resources Director P. O. Box 699 Tuolumne, CA, 95379 Phone: (209) 928 - 5300 receptionist@mewuk.com	4/16/2021	4/29/2021	Spoke with Mr. Cox and he has no concerns at this time; however, should cultural resources be identified during the Project, please call Mr. Cox.
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