

from site 16JA21, Quarles Lake, in Jackson Parish, LA. At minimum, one lot of potentially associated funerary objects are present including ceramics and lithics. In 1971, Richard Franz, Allen Tuten, and several other avocational archaeologists began excavating 16JA21, making several trips to the site over the year. Franz moved out of the state soon after and took all site materials with him. In 2022, the family of Richard Franz reached out to the LDOA about Richard's collections, now stored in Wyoming. In late 2022, LDOA staff travelled to Wyoming to pick up Louisiana collections, including 16JA21, and brought them back to Baton Rouge. In 2024, the family donated the collections to LDOA. The same year, LSU began analysis to determine MNI, completed in late 2025. In 2025, Allen Tuten donated his collection from 16JA21.

Human remains representing at least 15 individuals have been identified from unknown archaeological sites from northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas including Lincoln, Union, Madison, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll Parishes in Louisiana. At minimum, five lots of potentially associated funerary objects are present including ceramics and lithics. From the 1950s to 1970s, Richard Franz visited and excavated numerous sites around southern Arkansas and northern Louisiana. Franz moved out of the state soon after and took all site materials with him. In 2022, the family of Richard Franz reached out to the LDOA about Richard's collections, now stored in Wyoming. In late 2022, LDOA staff travelled to Wyoming to pick up these collections, including 16JA21, and brought them back to Baton Rouge. In 2024, the family donated the collections to LDOA.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The Louisiana Division of Archaeology has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of 24 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The six lots of objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.

- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 31, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Louisiana Division of Archaeology must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Louisiana Division of Archaeology is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: July 20, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: California Department of Transportation, San Diego, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the California Department of Transportation

(Caltrans) has completed an inventory of associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice to Natalia Galeana, California Department of Transportation District 11, 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110 email natalia.galeana@dot.ca.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of Caltrans, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Associated funerary objects have been identified totaling of 16 lots from the three San Diego County archaeological sites listed below and representing three lots of shell, two lots of chipped stone, three lots of non-human faunal remains, three lots of soil samples, two historic items, one carbon sample and two lot of lithics. This shall also include any objects currently listed as missing but found at a later date; or uncatalogued objects found at a later date belonging to the collections. All three collections were recovered as a result of a 1985 excavation report for a highway project in San Diego, California, and are currently housed at San Diego State University (SDSU).

A total of six lots consisting of 210 cultural items were removed from CA-SDI-16653, which is located immediately west of I-5 and north of Carmel Valley Road. The collection was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU-0188.

A total of five lots consisting of 162 cultural items were removed from CA-SDI-8121, which is located in and adjacent to an access road running south from the top of the mesa toward Interstate-5. The collection was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU-0189. Four items in this notice have been identified as missing, and Caltrans and SDSU continue to look for them.

A total of five lots consisting of 34 cultural items were removed from CA–SDI–10143, which is located southwest of Interstate-5, east of Sorrento Valley Road. The collection was accessioned at SDSU under Caltrans control as SDSU–0191.

There are no known/documented potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the cultural items.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

Caltrans has determined that:

- The 16 lots described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Campo Indian Reservation, California; Capitan Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California (Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Barona Reservation, California; Viejas (Baron Long) Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians of the Viejas Reservation, California); Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (previously listed as Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians, California); Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, California; Inaja Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Inaja and Cosmit Reservation, California; Jamul Indian Village of California; La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation, California; Manzanita Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Manzanita Reservation, California; Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation, California; San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of California; and the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after August 31, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, Caltrans must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. Caltrans is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: July 20, 2026.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Division of Archaeology, Baton Rouge, LA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Louisiana Division of Archaeology (LDOA) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after August 31, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to Karla Oesch, Collections Manager, Louisiana Division of Archaeology, P.O.

Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, email koesch@crt.la.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Louisiana Division of Archaeology, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified from 16IB3, Morton Shell Mound/Weeks Island in Iberia Parish, LA. The remains were collected by George Castile in May 1975. In 1995, the collection was accessioned into LDOA possession. In 2022, the unsorted bone from the collection was transferred to J. Delahoussaye at the University of Louisiana Lafayette to identify any potential human remains. The collection was returned to LDOA in late 2022 after human remains were noted. Ceramic and lithics were recovered during the same project; it is unknown if they are associated.

Human remains representing, at least, 18 individuals have been identified from 16IV128, St. Gabriel Mound in Iberville Parish, LA. Project fieldwork was conducted in 1977 and 1978 for the Louisiana Department of Corrections. The collection was curated with the LDOA in 1981. In 1995, LDOA submitted this collection to the National Park Service as culturally unaffiliated, though no notice of inventory completion was submitted and the collection was reassessed. At least one lot of associated funerary objects were noted including a perforated bear tooth.

Human remains representing at least three individuals have been identified from 16JE60, Isle Bonne in Jefferson Parish, LA. According to the site forms, the fieldwork was conducted ca. 1980 by the University of New Orleans. In 2006, the collection was reanalyzed and reorganized after hurricane Katrina and transferred to LDOA for long term storage in 2007. At least one lot of potentially associated funerary objects were noted including ceramics, shell, stone tools, and metal.

Human remains representing, at least, one individual has been identified from 16LF4, Temple Mound, in Lafourche Parish, LA. Project fieldwork was conducted June 22, 1979, by F. Travirca. The project was stored at LSU until 1995 when it was transferred to LDOA