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Notice of Intended Repatriation: California State University, Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after October 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Sean Walker, California State University, Fullerton, 2600 Nutwood Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831, email SWALKER@FULLERTON.EDU.

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 California State University, Fullerton, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of 38 cultural items have been requested for repatriation.

In 1973, due to imminent development of the area, the Public Antiquities Salvage Team (P.A.S.T.), an organization associated with the CSUF Anthropology Department, surveyed and excavated site CA-LAN-271 in Long Beach, CA under the direction of J. Zahniser. The eight objects of cultural patrimony from this site are one lot of modified shell, one lot of lithics, one lot

of charcoal, one lot of historic material, one lot of soil, one lot of organic material, one lot of faunal bone, and one lot of shell and shell fragments.

CSUF holds cultural material from CA-LAN-696, Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach, CA, although the details of acquisition are not known. The two objects of cultural patrimony from this site include one lot of faunal bone and one lot of historic material.

In 1977, P.A.S.T. was contracted to conduct an archaeological assessment of site CA-LAN-791 in Rowland Heights, CA due to planned development of the site area. A CSUF field school under the direction of R. Douglas, included surface collection and the excavation of test units at the site. The cultural items came to CSUF in 1977 and were recorded as Acc. #17. The five objects of cultural patrimony are one mano, one metate fragment, one pestle, one lot of lithics, and one lot of fire-affected rock.

CSUF conducted multiple archaeological field schools at site CA-LAN-822, Abalone Cove, between 2007-2011 under the direction of Dr. S. James. The 10 objects of cultural patrimony from this site include one lot of shell including whole abalone shells, one lot of ochre, one lot of faunal bone, one lot of charcoal, one lot of historic material, one lot of lithics, one lot of organic material, one lot of beads, one lot of fire-affected rock, and one lot of modified shell.

In 1978, CSUF accepted a donation of cultural items surface collected from site CA-LAN-967 in Avocado Heights, CA and the donation was recorded as Acc. #24. The four objects of cultural patrimony from this site include one lot of metate fragments, one lot of manos, one lot of quartz, and one lot of lithic tools.

In 1991, CSUF's Archeological Research Facility (ARF) was contracted by the city of Santa Fe Springs to survey and conduct work on a feature of concentrated cattle bone at site CA-LAN-1016H, the Ontiveros Adobe. The four objects of cultural patrimony from this site include one lot of ceramic sherds, one lot of beads, one lot of faunal bone, and one lot of bone tools and ornaments.

In 1990, Greenwood and Associates surveyed and tested site CA-LAN-1872H in Redondo Beach, CA due to planned development of the area. The five objects of cultural patrimony from this site include one lot of metate fragments, one lot of shell and shell fragments, one lot of faunal bone, one lot of lithics, and one lot of historic material.

CSUF has identified no records indicating the presence of any

potentially hazardous substances on the cultural items.

Determinations

California State University, Fullerton has determined that:

- The 38 objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, California.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by 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 a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after October 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, California State University, Fullerton must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. California State University, Fullerton is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

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