
Appendix 1-H
Tribal Consultation Report

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RE: Tribal Consultation Report for the Avocado Site Alternative of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Ventura Compressor Modernization Project, City of Ventura, California

Dear Heather:

South Environmental was retained by Dudek to complete a detailed tribal consultation report for the Avocado Site Alternative of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas, the Applicant) Ventura Compressor Modernization Project (VCM Project) located in the City of Ventura, California. This report was prepared following the guidance provided in *Required PEA Appendices and Supporting Materials*, in the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) *Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments* (CPUC 2019). The purpose of this report is to summarize the detail and timing of all correspondence to and from any Tribes and the State Historic Preservation Office/Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), including Sacred Lands File search results, and full description of any issues identified by Tribes in their interactions with the Applicant.

Outreach to Tribes

As part of the process of identifying cultural resources and TCRs within or near the Avocado Site, South Environmental contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to request a review of the Sacred Lands File on May 28, 2025. The NAHC emailed a response that same day, which indicated that the Sacred Lands File search was completed with negative results. Because the Sacred Lands File search does not include an exhaustive list of Native American cultural resources, the NAHC suggested contacting Native American individuals and/or tribal organizations who may have direct knowledge of cultural resources in or near the Avocado Site. The NAHC also provided the contact information of 10 individuals and/or tribal organizations with whom to consult:

On June 17, 2025, SoCalGas sent informational outreach letters to all of these contacts via certified mail. Additionally, follow-up emails were sent to all non-responsive contacts on July 28, 2025. As detailed in Table 1, one of the tribal contacts, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, commented on the outreach letter via email on July 29, 2025. SoCalGas responded to the Tribe's comments via

email on August 29, 2025. No archaeological resources, historical resources, or TCRs were identified as a result of SoCalGas's coordination with tribes. This outreach was conducted for informational purposes only and does not constitute government-to-government consultation as specified by Assembly Bill (AB) 52. All correspondence related to tribal outreach is provided in Attachment 1.

Table 1. Summary of Native American Outreach

Native American Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Response Received
Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians Cultural Resources Committee P.O. Box 364 Ojai, CA, 93024 Email: CR@bvbmi.com	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	None
Chumash Council of Bakersfield Julio Quair, Chairperson 729 Texas Street Bakersfield, CA, 93307 Email: chumashtribe@sbcglobal.net	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	July 28, 2025: Follow-up email bounced back as undeliverable. No other email or contact information was identified.
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation Mati Waiya, Tribal Chair 16500 S Mountain Drive Santa Paula, CA, 93060 Email: tribalchair@coastalband.org	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	None
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation Janet Hall, CBCN Cultural Resources Manager 1529 West Lemon Ave. Lompoc, CA, 93436 Email: tasinhall@yahoo.com	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	None
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation Michael Khuz-Zarate, CBCN Vice Chairman 5151 W Vartikian Ave. Fresno, CA, 93722 Email: mkhus70@gmail.com	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	None
Northern Chumash Tribal Council Violet Walker, Chairperson P.O. Box 6533 Los Osos, CA, 93412 Email: violetsagewalker@gmail.com	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	None

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Native American Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Response Received
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians General CRM Consultation Account 100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460 Email: CRMConsultation@chumash.gov	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	July 29, 2025: Amanda Dobrov, MA, Cultural Resources Archaeologist, responded via email on behalf of the Tribal Elder's Council and asked if archaeological survey had been conducted, and if so, could a copy of the report be provided. She also expressed the tribe's desire to consult on the project. August 29, 2025: Karl Holland, MA RPA, Principal Environmental Specialist from SoCalGas, responded via email and stated that no archaeological survey has been conducted in the proposed project area to date; acknowledged the Tribe's interest in consulting on the project; and noted that SoCalGas will be communicating the Tribe's request for consultation to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Wendy Teeter, Cultural Resources Archaeologist 100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460 Email: wteeter@chumash.gov	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	See response above
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Sam Cohen, Government & Legal Affairs Director 100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460 Email: scohen@chumash.gov	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	See response above
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Nakia Zavalla, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer 100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460 Email: nzavalla@chumash.gov	Certified Mail on June 17, 2025 Follow-up email sent on July 28, 2025	See response above

Tribal Cultural Resources

No TCRs were identified within the Avocado Site as a result of ethnographic research or outreach with applicable tribes.

Other attempts to identify possible TCRs included review of publicly available documentary resources, such as archaeological site records, reports, and maps on file with the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) as part of the cultural resources records search (results provided by SoCalGas on June 10, 2025) and a search of the NAHC Sacred Lands File (completed May 28, 2025). Details of these efforts are provided in the following subsections.

CHRIS Records Search

On June 10, 2025, SoCalGas Principal Environmental Specialist Karl Holland, MA, RPA provided South Environmental with the results of the CHRIS records search completed by the SCCIC that included the Avocado Site, the Temporary Staging Area, offsite impact area, and a 0.5-radius. This search included their collections of mapped prehistoric and historic archaeological resources and historic built-environment resources, State of California Department of Parks and Recreation Site Records (DPR forms), technical reports, archival resources, and ethnographic references. Additional consulted sources include historical maps of the study area, the NRHP, the CRHR, the lists of California State Historical Landmarks, California Points of Historical Interest, and the Archaeological Resources Directory.

Previously Conducted Cultural Resource Studies

The SCCIC records search identified two previously completed cultural resources studies (VN-00519 and -00688) within portions of the Avocado Site. A summary of these studies is provided following Table 2. An additional 27 previously conducted studies were identified within 0.5-mile of the Avocado Site, conducted between 1927 and 2012 (Table 2). Three of these studies (VN-01416, -02627, and -03011) are regional overview studies that encompass large areas and do not contain information specific to the Avocado Site. The remaining studies are a mix of archaeological field reports, architectural and historical evaluations, and survey reports.

Table 2. Previous Cultural Resources Investigations Within 0.5-Mile of the Avocado Site

SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
VN-00091	Bove, Frederick J.	1977	An Archaeological Assessment Report for the Proposed Central Business Redevelopment Project in the City of Ventura, California	East Of Temporary Staging Area and Offsite Impact Area
VN-00127	Clewlow, William C. Jr.	1978	An Archaeological and Historical Assessment of Areas Within the Takelines of the Proposed Features of the Ventura County Water Management Project	East Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-00428	Martz, Pat	1978	Ventura County Beach Erosion Study Environmental Features and Concerns	West Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-00442	Pence, R. L.	1984	Archaeological Assessment of The Hubbard Property Ventura, California	Adjacent To Temporary Staging Area
VN-00519	Singer, Clay A. and John E. Atwood	1987	Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for Four Potential Borrow Sites Near the Ventura River, Ventura County, California	WITHIN (overlaps portion of offsite impact area)
VN-00572	Dames & Moore	1988	Phase 1 Cultural Resources Survey Fiber Optic Cable Project Burbank to Santa Barbara, California	South Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-00688	Singer, Clay A.	1987	Preliminary Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for a 550± Acre Portion of the Taylor Ranch, in Ventura County, California	WITHIN (overlaps portion of offsite impact area and staging)
VN-00790	Maxwell, Thomas J.	1989	Phase One Archaeological Survey of Southern Pacific Milling Company Plant and Quarries Along the Lower Ventura River, Ventura Quadrangle, California	Adjacent To Offsite Impact Area
VN-01102	Singer, Clay A.	1977	Preliminary Cultural Resource Survey and Potential Impact Assessment for Thirteen Areas in Southern Ventura County, California	West Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01153	Peak & Associates	1991	Class 3 Cultural Resource Assessment of the Proposed Carpinteria and Southern Reroutes, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties, California	South Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01230	Stone, David	1993	Cultural Resources Survey, Four Stream Crossing Associated with the Ventura M-143 Pipeline, Ventura County, California	SE & SW Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01235	Peak & Associates	1992	Cultural Resources Assessment of Proposed Alternate Alignments in Refugio State Beach, Emma Wood State Beach, and Ventura, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, California	South Of Temporary Staging Area

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SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
VN-01265	Peak & Associates	1992	Consolidated Report: Cultural Resource Studies for the Proposed Pacific Pipeline Project	South Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01416	Husbands, Victor R.	1974	Ventura County Coastal Study	Regional Overview Study
VN-01631	Genge Consultants	1978	Draft Environmental Impact Report Downtown Redevelopment Project City of San Buenaventura, EIR – 478	East Of Offsite Impact Area and Temporary Staging Area
VN-01732	Greenwood, Roberta S.	1980	Archival Study/Historic Overview of Downtown San Buenaventura Redevelopment Study Area	East Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01735	Greenwood, Roberta S.	1984	Cultural Resources Assessments: Neighborhood Commercial Shopping Center, Peking Street Relocation, Highway 33 Realignment, and Demolition of Police Station	East Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-01755	Greenwood, Roberta S.	1984	The Ortega Adobe, West Main Street	East Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-1910	Sriro, Adam	2000	DOT Negative Archaeological Survey Report: Bridge Widening and Rail Installation on State Route 33	East Of Station Site
VN-02202	Maki, Mary	2002	Negative Archaeological Survey Report of Approximately 1,800 Linear Feet, Stanley Ave. Widening Project, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	East Of Station Site
VN-02504	SWCA Consultants	2006	Cultural Resources Final Report of Monitoring and Findings for the Quest Network Construction Project, Sate of California	South Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-02627	King, Chester	1993	Native American Placenames in the Vicinity of the Pacific Pipeline: Part 2: Gaviota to the San Fernando Valley: Draft	Regional Overview Study
VN-02785	Maki, Mary	2009	Archaeological Survey Report of 20.2 Acres for the Westview Housing Project, City of Ventura, Ventura County, California	East Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02808	Maki, Mary	2008	Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation of Approximately 3 Acres for the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's Ventura River Bank Restoration Project Upstream of Stanley Avenue, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	East Of Station Site

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SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
VN-02872	Fortier, Jana	2009	TEA-20 Rural Roadside Inventory: Native American Consultation and Ethnographic Study For Caltrans District 7, Ventura County	South & East Of Station Site, Offsite Impact Area, and Temporary Staging Area
VN-02953	Leaver, Gavin	2010	Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit Results for T-Mobile USA Candidate SV12184-C (T&T). 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, California	East Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02974	Pierson, Larry J.	1987	Archaeological Resource Study: Morro Bay to Mexican Border	South Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-03011	Unknown	2003	Completing the California Coastal Trail (Also LA-11406 & OR-4148)	Regional Overview Study
VN-03069	Loftus, Shannon	2012	Cultural Resource Records Search and Site Survey, AT&T Site SBOV, Stanley 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, CA	East Of Offsite Impact Area

VN-00519 (Singer 1987)

The Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for Four Potential Borrow Sites Near the Ventura River, Ventura County, California, was prepared by Clay A. Singer in 1987. The report synthesizes investigations of three adjoining Areas along the western bank of the Ventura River (Areas 1, 2, and 3, as per the report) and one Area northwest of the other areas on the southern flank of Cañada del Diablo (Area 4). This study included a literature review, a records search, and a pedestrian field survey. Flat, assessable regions were inventively surveyed, while reconnaissance-level methods were reserved for regions that were excessively steep and heavily vegetated. In Area 2, P-56-000849 (CA-VEN-849) was recorded as a prehistoric archaeological site located directly adjacent to a portion of the offsite impact area. Lithic tools were discovered at surface level in several concentrated spots of Area 2. Finds included manos, metates, hammerstones, flakes, and "other stone tools" (Singer 1987: 9). Several of the tools displayed marks from plowing. Area 2 is currently being used for agricultural purposes. No cultural resources were identified in Areas 1, 3, or 4; however, the author states that Areas 1 and 3 remain sensitive due to their proximity to P-56-000849 (CA-VEN-849). As such, the

author does not recommend Areas 1, 2, and 3 for development or borrowing/mining. However, Area 4 displayed no cultural resources and no recommendations were provided for this area.

VN-00688 (Singer 1987)

The Preliminary Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for a 550± Acre Portion of the Taylor Ranch, in Ventura County, California report was prepared in 1987 by Clay A. Singer and John E. Atwood of Singer and Associates. This report summarizes a cultural resources study for a proposed California State University off-campus center near Taylor Ranch. The study included a record search, archival research, and a pedestrian survey. During the record search, eight previously recorded prehistoric and historic archaeological sites were within the study area or a one-mile radius of the study area. Due to time constraints, thick vegetation, and steep, rugged terrain, an “intuitive” survey was performed with the survey crew focusing on areas most likely to contain cultural resources. During the survey, one previously recorded prehistoric site (CA-VEN-481) and “several hundred artifacts were noted on the surface” (Singer 1987:13). The report notes the significant amount of tangible (e.g., isolates and sites) and intangible (e.g., indigenous knowledge) cultural heritage that had yet to be documented or synthesized into a cogent impacts assessment. Mitigation recommendations included a comprehensive survey and thorough documentation of Taylor Ranch and the surrounding area to assess the potential impacts of future development accurately.

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

No previously recorded cultural resources were identified within the Avocado Site. The SCCIC records search identified 14 previously recorded cultural resources within 0.5-mile of the Avocado Site (Table 3). One previously recorded resource, a prehistoric lithic scatter (CA-VEN-849), was identified adjacent to the eastern side of the offsite impact area. This resource was originally recorded by Singer in 1987.

Table 3. Previously Recorded Cultural Resources Within 0.5-Mile of the Avocado Site

Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
56-000196	CA-VEN-196	Prehistoric: chipping station, lithic scatter	Resource is no longer extant	Pritchard, W. E. 1969; López, Robert 1988	Southwest Of Temporary Staging Area
56-000481	CA-VEN-481	Prehistoric: milling site	Unevaluated	Capelli, M. and R. Browne 1976	West Of Temporary Staging Area

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Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
56-000785	CA-VEN-785H	Historic: Ortega family adobe building constructed in 1857 with later additions	7P: State Ponit of Historical Interest, does not meet CR criteria	Foster, John M. 1984	West Of Temporary Staging Area
56-000842	CA-VEN-842H	Historic: gun emplacement and site of temporary WWII defense camp	Unevaluated	Marmor, Jason D. 1986	South Of Temporary Staging Area
56-000849	CA-VEN-849	Prehistoric: artifact scatter	Unevaluated	Singer, Clay A. 1987	Directly Adjacent East of Offsite Impact Area
56-001109	CA-VEN-1109H	Historic: Ventura River and Ojai Valley Railroad	Resource is no longer extant	Macko, M. 1993;	East Of Station Site, Offsite Impact Area, And Temporary Staging Area
56-100073	N/A	Prehistoric isolate: shell bead	Not eligible	Schmidt, June and James Schmidt 1974	West Of Temporary Staging Area
56-120026	N/A	Prehistoric shell scatters	Not eligible	Unknown	West Of Temporary Staging Area
56-120027	N/A	Prehistoric shell scatters	Not eligible	Unknown	West Of Temporary Staging Area
56-120028	N/A	Prehistoric shell scatters	Not eligible	Unknown	West Of Temporary Staging Area
56-150067	N/A	Historic: Ortega Family Adobe at 215 W. Main St.	Unevaluated	Unknown 1980	East Of Temporary Staging Area
56-150080	N/A	Historic: ca. 1910 cabins at 43 Peking St.	Unevaluated	Unknown 1980	East Of Staging Area
56-150081	N/A	Historic: 1928 trucking terminal building at 295 N. Olive St.	Unevaluated	Unknown 1980	East Of Temporary Staging Area

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Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Avocado Site Alternative Components
56-150209	N/A	California POI Registration for Ortega Historic Residence	7P: State Point of Historical Interest, does not meet CR criteria	López, Robert 1977	East Of Temporary Staging Area

Ethnographic Study

Prehistoric Context

While many chronological sequences have been developed to describe cultural changes in Southern California, the following builds on Wallace (1955, 1978), who developed a prehistoric chronology for the Southern California coastal region that is still widely used today. Four periods are presented in this sequence: Early Man, Milling Stone, Intermediate, and Late Prehistoric. The summary of prehistoric chronological sequences for Southern California coastal and near-coastal areas presented below is a combination of Wallace (1955) and Warren (1968) as well as more recent studies.

Early Man Horizon (ca. 10,000–6000 BC)

Many pre-8000 BC sites have been identified along the Southern California coast and Channel Islands (Moratto 1984; Erlandson 1991; Rick et al. 2001; Johnson et al. 2002; Jones and Klar 2007). The Santa Rosa Island Arlington Springs site produced human femur bones that dated to approximately 13,000 years ago (Johnson et al. 2002). The most widely accepted dates for archaeological sites on the Southern California coast are from two of the northern Channel Islands, located off the coast of Santa Barbara. On San Miguel Island, Daisy Cave clearly establishes the presence of people in this area about 10,000 years ago (Erlandson 1991, p. 105).

Early Man Horizon sites are generally associated with a greater emphasis on hunting than later horizons. Recent data indicate that the Early Man economy was a diverse mixture of hunting and gathering, including a significant focus on aquatic resources in coastal areas and on inland Pleistocene lakeshores (Moratto 1984).

Milling Stone Horizon (6000–3000 BC)

Set during the Altithermal, which began around 6000 BC, the Milling Stone Horizon is characterized by changing subsistence strategies in response to drier climate. This included a greater emphasis on plant foods and small game. Extensive seed processing is evident in the dominance of stone grinding implements in contemporary archaeological assemblages; namely, milling stones (metates) and hand stones (manos). The mortar and pestle, associated with acorns or other foods processed through pounding, were first used during the Milling Stone Horizon and increased dramatically in later periods (Wallace 1955, 1978; Warren 1968). Other food resources included small and large terrestrial mammals, sea mammals, birds, shellfish and other littoral and estuarine species, near-shore fishes, yucca, agave, and seeds and other plant products (Kowta 1969). Depending on the environmental setting (coastal or inland), food procurement strategies are found to be highly variable (Byrd and Raab 2007, p. 220).

Intermediate Horizon (3000 BC–AD 500)

The Intermediate Horizon is characterized by a shift toward a hunting and maritime subsistence strategy, as well as greater use of plant foods. During the Intermediate Horizon, a noticeable trend occurred towards a greater adaptation to local resources, including a broad variety of fish, land mammals, and sea mammals along the coast. This diversity was reflected in tool kits for hunting, fishing, and processing food and materials, with flake scrapers, drills, various projectile points, and shell fishhooks being manufactured. Mortars and pestles became more common during this period, gradually replacing manos and metates as the dominant milling tool. This change in milling stone technology indicates a transition from the processing and consumption of hard seed resources to the increased reliance on acorns (Glassow et al. 1988; True 1993).

Late Prehistoric Horizon (AD 500–Historic Contact)

The Late Prehistoric Horizon is characterized by an increased diversity of plant food resources and land and sea mammal hunting. Material culture became more complex as demonstrated through more diverse classes of artifacts. During this period, the northern Channel Islands populations further developed craft specializations, including shell bead manufacture, that sustained trade with mainland settlements and with further trading partners to the east, creating a regional economy. Steatite quarried on Santa Catalina Island was used to make stone bowls, pipes, comals, sucking tubes, pendants, beads, and effigies. The lack of pottery in coastal and near-coastal sites implies that ceramic technology was not widely used, or that ceramics were obtained by trade with neighboring groups to the south and east. The lack of widespread pottery manufacture may also be due to the utility of tightly woven and watertight basketry that functioned in much the same way as ceramic vessels.

In areas of inland settlement, by the end of the Intermediate Period, mobility and long-distance migration towards the coast from seasonal camps was replaced by the development of permanent settlements. The period between AD 500 and historic contact is divided into three regional patterns: Chumash (Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties), Takic/Numic (Los Angeles, Orange, and western Riverside Counties), and Yuman (San Diego County). Modern Gabrieleño/Tongva, Juaneño, and Luiseño people in this region are considered to be the descendants of the Uto-Aztecans, Takic-speaking populations that settled along the California coast during this period (Warren 1968).

Ethnographic Context

Ventureño Chumash

The Avocado Site is located within an area historically occupied by the Ventureño Chumash (named for their historic association with Mission San Buenaventura) (Grant 1978). The Chumash spoke six closely related Chumashan languages, which have been divided into three branches — Northern Chumash (consisting only of Obispeño), Central Chumash (consisting of Purisimeño, Ineseño, Barbareño, and Ventureño), and Island Chumash (Jones and Klar 2007:80). Groups neighboring Chumash territory included the Salinan to the north, the Southern Valley Yokuts and Tataviam to the east, and the Gabrielino (Tongva) to the south.

Early Spanish accounts of the total Chumash population vary from estimates of around 8,000-10,000 (Kroeber 1976) to 18,000-22,000 (Cook and Heizer 1965: 21) along the Santa Barbara Channel coast. These coastal Chumash villages consisted of large, round dwellings made of tule reed mats and arranged in close groups. Lodging as many as 60 people, the houses supported large family groups (Brown 2001).

Subsistence strategies for the Chumash included both coastal and inland food resources. The acorn was a staple food for which the Chumash developed a variety of tools, including different baskets for processing, cooking, and serving acorns and other plant foods, and mortar and milling stones for crushing and grinding. Hunting was also an important component of daily life, with bows and arrows used to hunt large game and snares and traps used to capture smaller animals (Brown 2001; Hudson and Blackburn 1983).

Being located on the coast, the *tomol*, or wooden plank canoe, became essential to facilitating both marine resource procurement and to maintaining active trade networks between inland and coastal groups. Large marine mammals such as whales and seals were hunted with harpoons. Fish were captured using hooks, lines, and nets. Additionally, shellfish were procured from the coast, including clams and scallops, which could be dug up with sticks and other tools; and mussels and abalone, which could be gathered from rocks using prying tools.

Trade was an important aspect of both Chumash subsistence and maintaining social ties to other island and inland groups. Island, coastal, and inland Chumash traded a variety of materials including beads, tools, baskets, shells, acorns, steatite, obsidian, chert, and animal skins.

Like so many Native American groups, the Chumash were heavily affected by the arrival of the Spanish. The Spanish mission system, and later Mexican and American settlers, had devastating effects on native populations and dramatically altered traditional Chumash lifeways. The introduction of European diseases, against which native populations had no immunity, also took a tremendous toll on the Chumash (Johnson 1987). However, many Chumash descendants still inhabit the region today.

Review of various ethnographic studies and historic maps (King 1975; McLendon and Johnson 1999; Brown 2001; Grant 1978) indicate that prehistoric utilization of the nearby Ventura River was extensive. Several Chumash placenames were identified within the VCM Project vicinity, including the villages of *quyuy*, *kamexmey*, *micqanaqan*, and *šišolop* (King 1975). Based on a map produced by King (1975), the village site of *quyuy* appears to be the closest village site to the Avocado Site.

The site of the historic village of *šišolop* or *Shishilop* (as recorded in site record CA-VEN-3) is located approximately two miles southeast of the Avocado Site and one mile east of the Temporary Staging Area. It was one of the largest villages in the region and was the political and commercial hub at the height of indigenous habitation. The village was located east of the mouth of the Ventura River in the vicinity of Figueroa Street and South California Street, south of the Ventura Freeway (Highway 101) (Exhibit 1) (McLendon and Johnson 1999:33; Ruppenstein 2019). Initial habitation of the village dates back to approximately 1,000 A.D. and extends into the historic period, with the landing and visitation of the Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542 (City of San Buenaventura 2013). It is estimated that the village of *Shisholop* ("in the mud") spanned inland from the beach past the San Buenaventura Mission and was home to between 300 and 400 individuals at its peak. In 1975, the *Shisholop* village site as well as Cabrillo's Landing site were designated as a historical point of interest (No. 18) by the City of Ventura (City of San Buenaventura n.d., 2013).

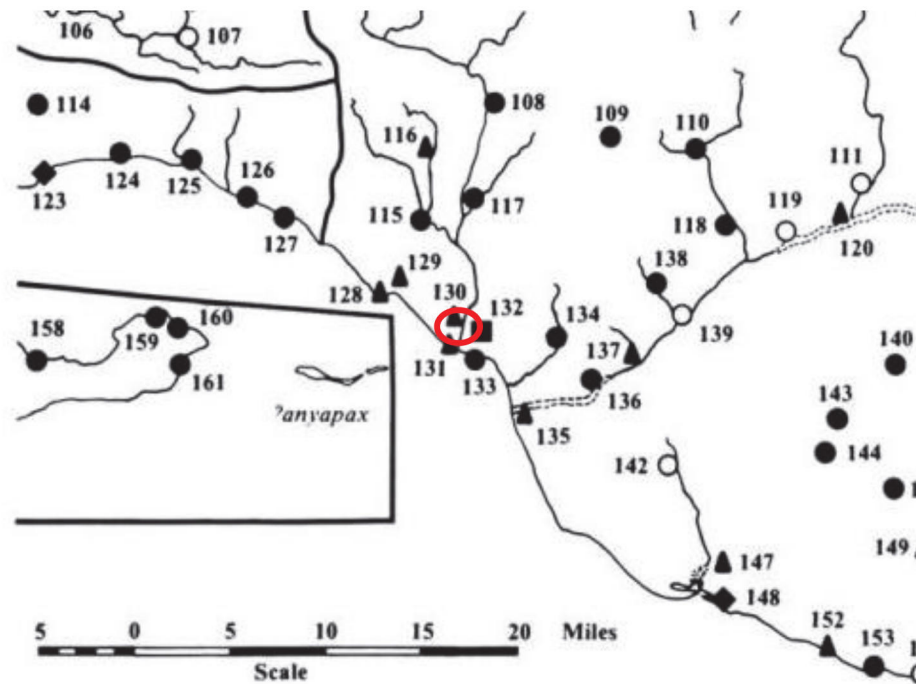


Exhibit 1. Map of Historic Chumash Villages (King 1975).
 (Red circle shows approximate location of the Avocado Site)



Exhibit 2. Historic Chumash Villages (McLendon and Johnson 1999)
 (Red circle shows approximate location of the Avocado Site)

Findings

No TCRs were identified within the Avocado Site as a result of the SCCIC records search (provided by SoCalGas on June 10, 2025), the NAHC Sacred Lands File search (completed May 28, 2025), or outreach to tribal contacts (letters sent certified mail on June 17, 2025). SoCalGas submitted letters to 10 Native American individuals and organizations on the contact list provided by the NAHC. To date, SoCalGas has received one response from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (via email on July 29, 2025) requesting consultation on the project. SoCalGas responded (via email August 29, 2025) and stated that the Tribe's request for consultation would be communicated to the CPUC.

However, several previously recorded prehistoric archaeological sites were identified both east and west of the Avocado Site, one of which (CA-VEN-849) is directly adjacent to the proposed offsite impact area. The records search results in combination with the Avocado Site's proximity to the Pacific Ocean and Ventura River, suggests the area is sensitive for prehistoric cultural resources. Because significant portions of the Avocado Site are undeveloped/undisturbed, an intensive pedestrian survey of the entire Avocado Site should be conducted by qualified archaeologists prior to reaching conclusions regarding potential impacts to TCRs.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this report, please contact South Environmental Cultural Resources Director Samantha Murray by mobile phone: (818) 458-1162 or by email: smurray@southenvironmental.com.

Sincerely,

Samantha Murray, MA, RPA
Cultural Resources Director

Attachment 1. NAHC SLF Results and Tribal Outreach Letters

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Attachment 1:

NAHC SLF Results and Tribal Outreach Letters

Local Government Tribal Consultation List Request

Native American Heritage Commission

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West Sacramento, CA 95691
916-373-3710
916-373-5471 – Fax
nahc@nahc.ca.gov

Type of List Requested

☒ CEQA Tribal Consultation List (AB 52) – *Per Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subs. (b), (d), (e) and 21080.3.2*

☐ General Plan (SB 18) - *Per Government Code § 65352.3.*

Local Action Type:

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General Plan

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Specific Plan

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Pre-planning Outreach Activity

Required Information

Project Title: SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Modernization: Avocado Site Alternative

Local Government/Lead Agency: _____

Contact Person: Samantha Murray, MA, RPA

Street Address: 2061 N. Los Robles Ave. Ste. 205

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Specific Area Subject to Proposed Action

County: Ventura

City/Community: Ventura

Project Description:

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Additional Request

☒ Sacred Lands File Search - *Required Information:*

USGS Quadrangle Name(s): Ventura, California

Township: 3N

Range: 23W

Section(s): 29 and 32



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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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May 28, 2025

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Via Email to: smurray@southenvironmental.com

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Re: Native American Tribal Consultation, Pursuant to the Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), Amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014), Public Resources Code Sections 5097.94 (m), 21073, 21074, 21080.3.1, 21080.3.2, 21082.3, 21083.09, 21084.2 and 21084.3, SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Modernization: Avocado Site Alternative Project, Ventura County

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (c), attached is a consultation list of tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the above-listed project. Please note that the intent of the AB 52 amendments to CEQA is to avoid and/or mitigate impacts to tribal cultural resources, (Pub. Resources Code §21084.3 (a)) ("Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource.")

Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21084.3(c) require CEQA lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that have requested notice from such agencies of proposed projects in the geographic area that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the tribes on projects for which a Notice of Preparation or Notice of Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration has been filed on or after July 1, 2015. Specifically, Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) provides:

Within 14 days of determining that an application for a project is complete or a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, the lead agency shall provide formal notification to the designated contact of, or a tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, which shall be accomplished by means of at least one written notification that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation pursuant to this section.

The AB 52 amendments to CEQA law does not preclude initiating consultation with the tribes that are culturally and traditionally affiliated within your jurisdiction prior to receiving requests for notification of projects in the tribe's areas of traditional and cultural affiliation. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) recommends, but does not require, early consultation as a best practice to ensure that lead agencies receive sufficient information about cultural resources in a project area to avoid damaging effects to tribal cultural resources.

The NAHC also recommends, but does not require that agencies should also include with their notification letters, information regarding any cultural resources assessment that has been completed on the area of potential effect (APE), such as:

1. The results of any record search that may have been conducted at an Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS), including, but not limited to:

- A listing of any and all known cultural resources that have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE, such as known archaeological sites;
- Copies of any and all cultural resource records and study reports that may have been provided by the Information Center as part of the records search response;
- Whether the records search indicates a low, moderate, or high probability that unrecorded cultural resources are located in the APE; and
- If a survey is recommended by the Information Center to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.

2. The results of any archaeological inventory survey that was conducted, including:

- Any report that may contain site forms, site significance, and suggested mitigation measures.

All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure in accordance with Government Code section 6254.10.

3. The result of the Sacred Lands File (SLF) check conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission was negative.

4. Any ethnographic studies conducted for any area including all or part of the APE; and

5. Any geotechnical reports regarding all or part of the APE.

Lead agencies should be aware that records maintained by the NAHC and CHRIS are not exhaustive and a negative response to these searches does not preclude the existence of a tribal cultural resource. A tribe may be the only source of information regarding the existence of a tribal cultural resource.

This information will aid tribes in determining whether to request formal consultation. In the event that they do, having the information beforehand will help to facilitate the consultation process.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify the NAHC. With your assistance, we can assure that our consultation list remains current.

If you have any questions, please contact me at my email address: Mathew.Lin@nahc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Mathew Lin

Mathew Lin, MPP
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

Native American Heritage Commission
Native American Contact List
Ventura County
5/28/2025

County	Tribe Name	Fed (F) Non-Fed (N)	Contact Person	Contact Address	Phone #	Fax #	Email Address	Cultural Affiliation	Counties	Last Updated
Ventura	Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians	N	Cultural Resource Committee,	P.O. Box 364 Ojai, CA, 93024	(805) 746-6685		CR@bvbm.com	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	6/19/2023
	Chumash Council of Bakersfield	N	Julio Quair, Chairperson	729 Texas Street Bakersfield, CA, 93307	(661) 322-0121		chumashtribe@sbcglobal.net	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	
	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	N	Mati Waiya, Tribal Chair	16500 S Mountain Drive Santa Paula, CA, 93060	(805) 794-1248		tribalchair@coastalband.org	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	5/14/2025
	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	N	Janet Hall, CBCN Cultural Resources Manager	1529 West Lemon Ave. Lompoc, CA, 93436	(805) 451-8757		tasinhall@yahoo.com	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	5/14/2025
	Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation	N	Michael Khuz-Zarate, CBCN Vice Chairman	5151 W Vartikian Ave. Fresno, CA, 93722	(559) 761-9827		mkhus70@gmail.com	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	5/14/2025
	Northern Chumash Tribal Council	N	Violet Walker, Chairperson	P.O. Box 6533 Los Osos, CA, 93412	(760) 549-3532		violetsagewalker@gmail.com	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	6/5/2023
	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	F	, General CRM Consultation Account	100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460			CRMConsultation@chumash.gov	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	4/28/2025
	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	F	Wendy Teeter, Cultural Resources Archaeologist	100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460	(805) 325-8630		wteeter@chumash.gov	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	7/6/2023
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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 Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

Record: PROJ-2025-002851
Report Type: AB52 GIS
Counties: Ventura
NAHC Group: All

This list is only applicable for consultation with Native American tribes under Public Resources Code Sections 21080.3.1 for the proposed SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Modernization Avocado Site Alternative Project, Ventura County.



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Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians
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June 17, 2025

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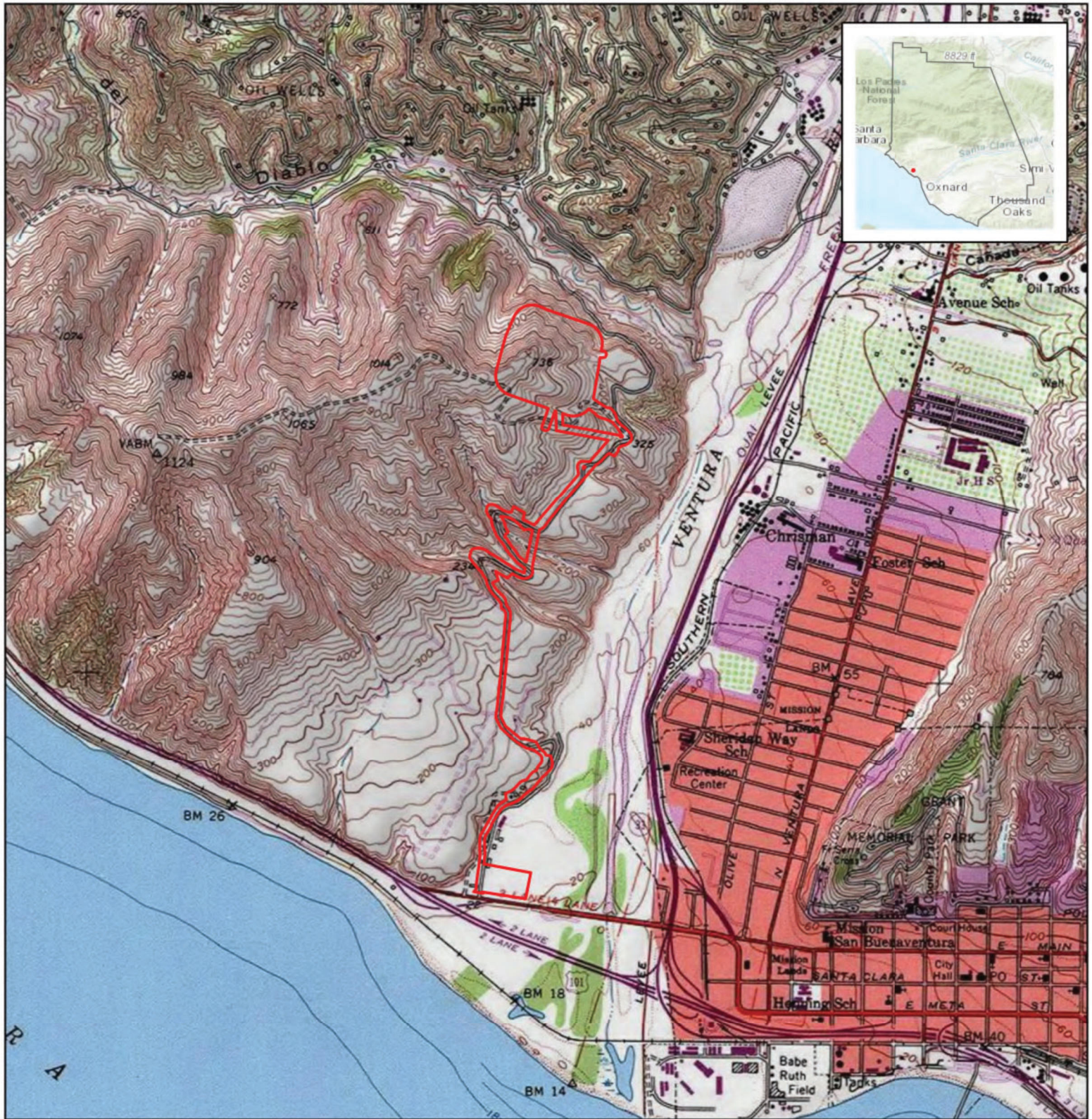
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Karl Holland, M.A., RPA
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June 17, 2025

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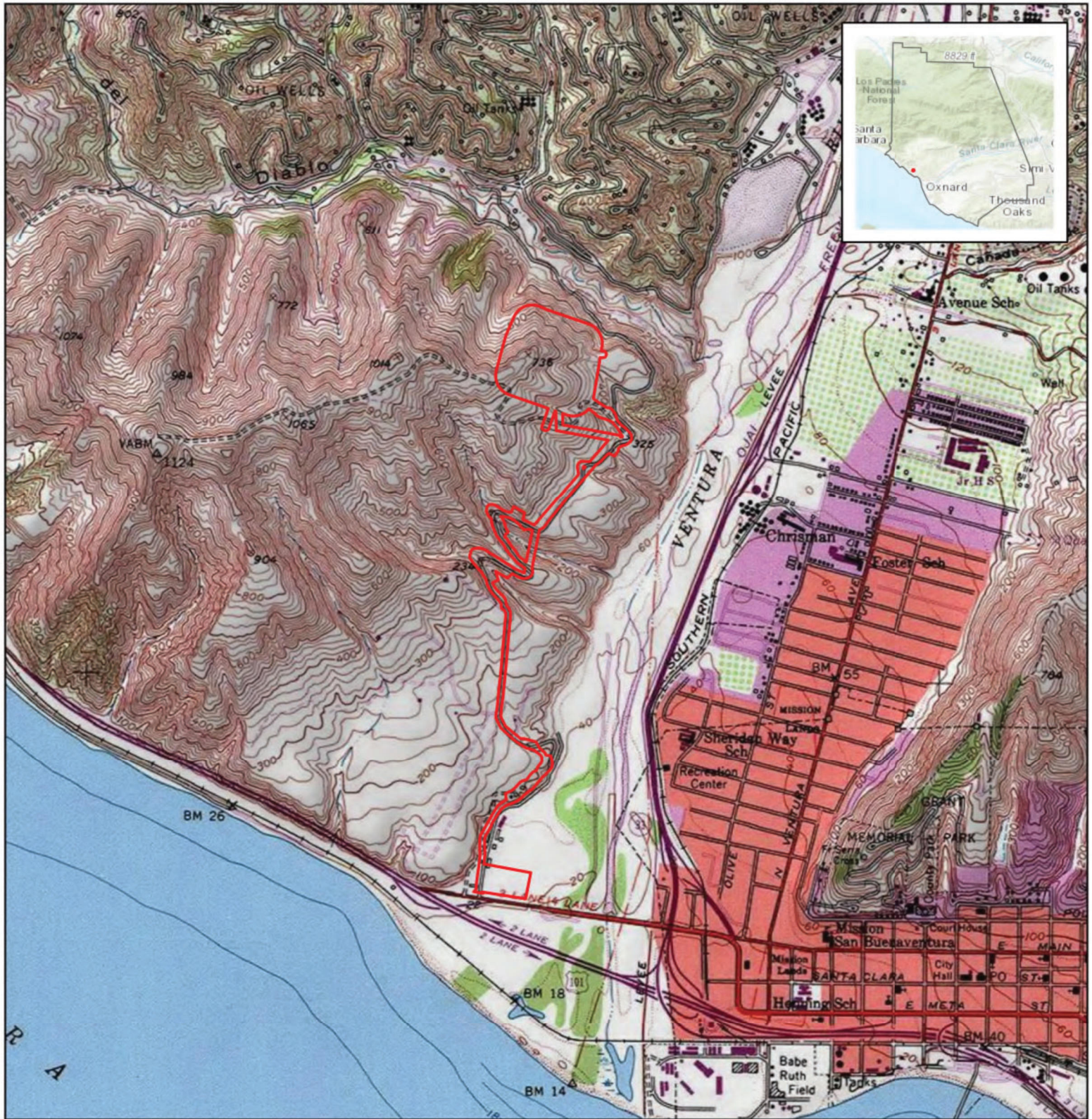
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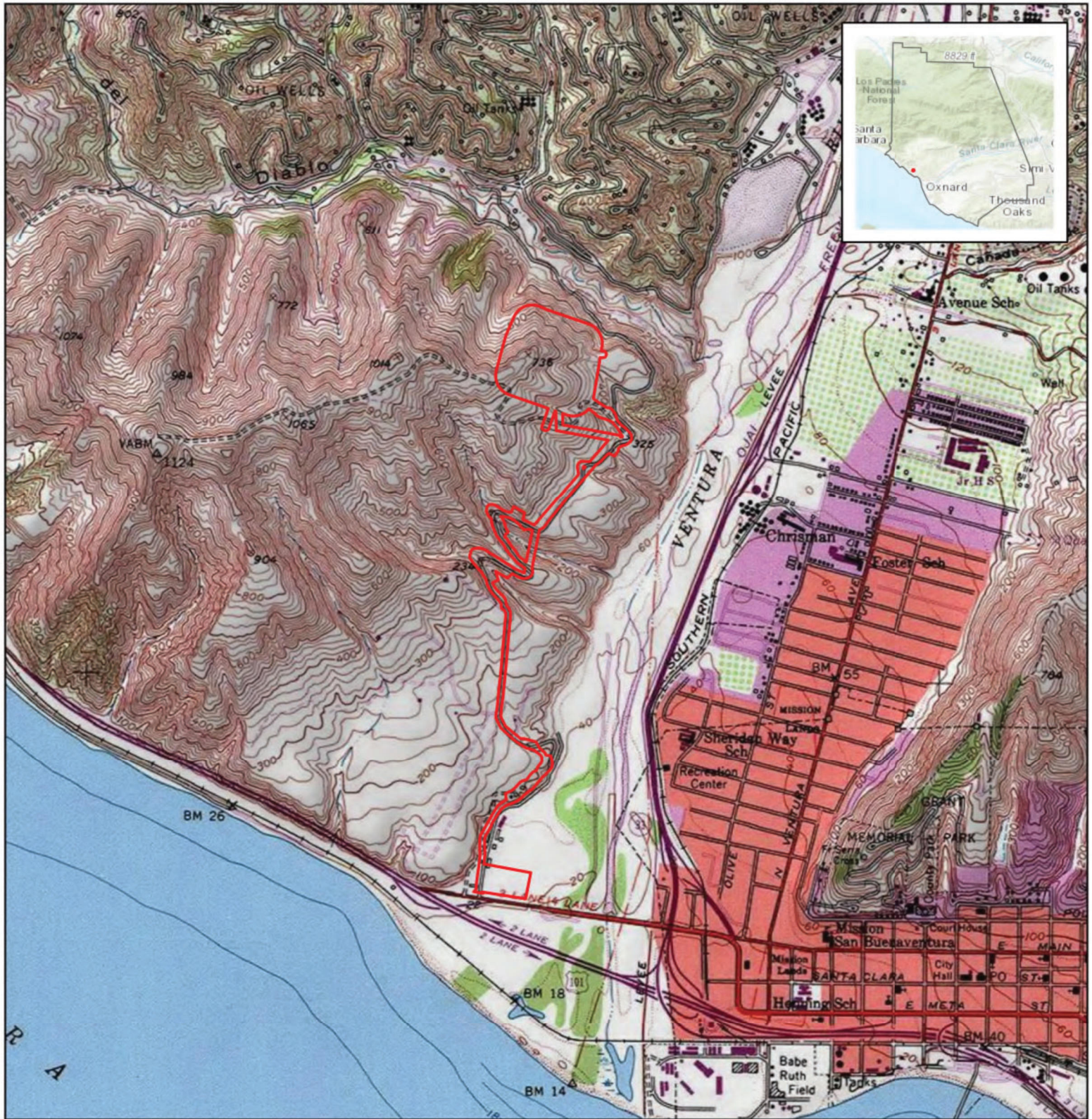
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June 1y, 2025

Dear Mr. Jaiha,

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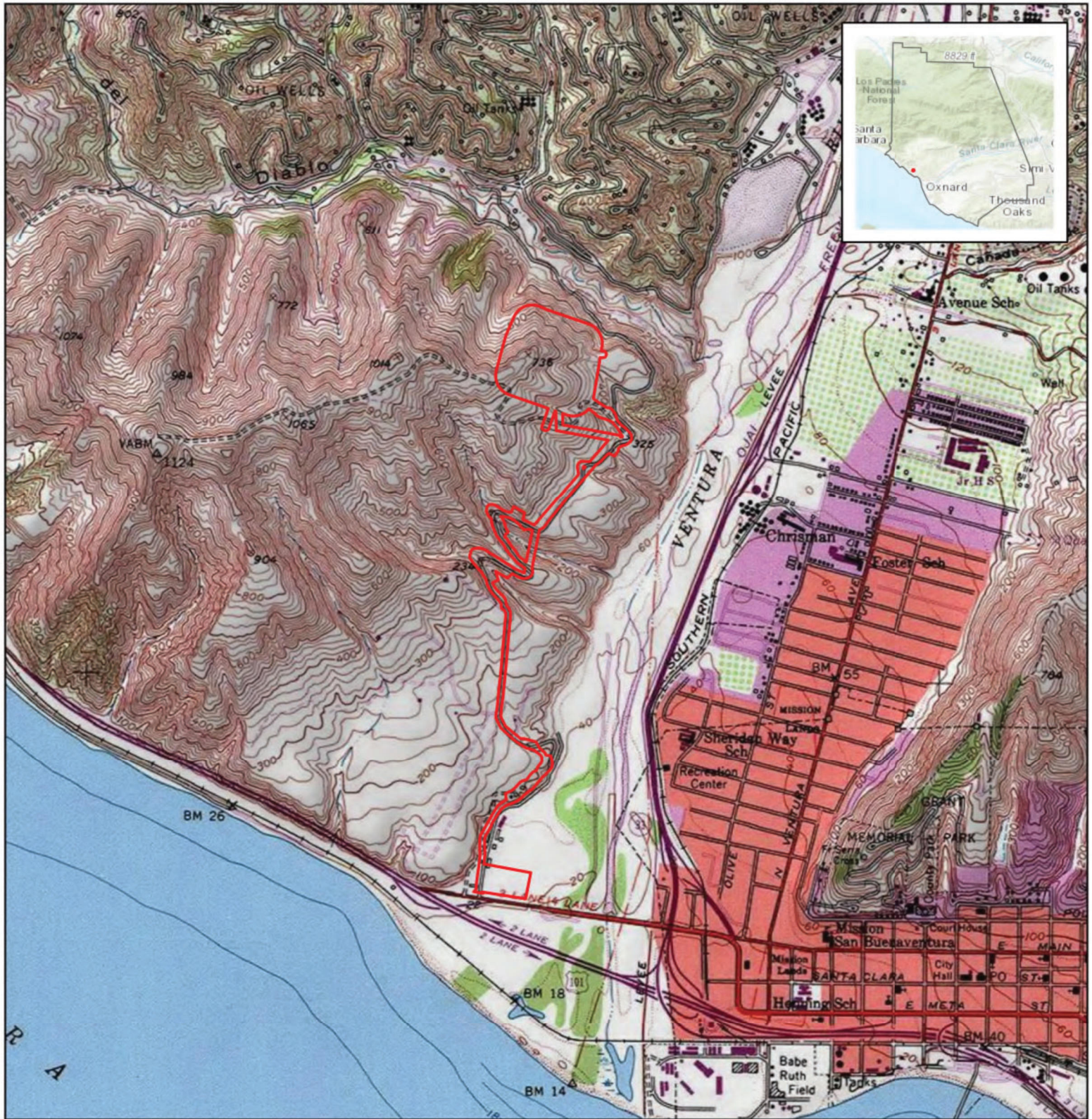
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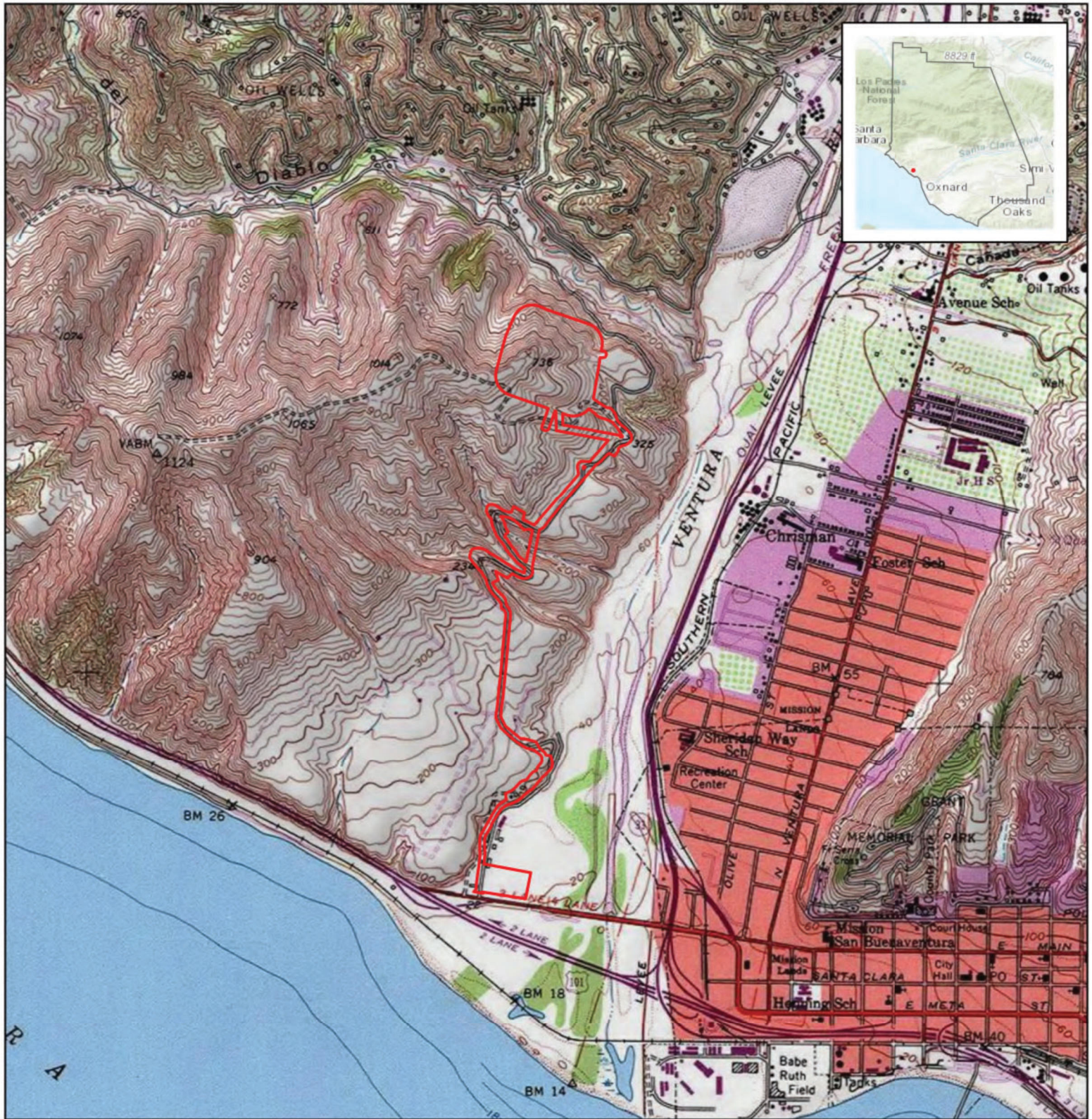
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Principal Environmental Specialist, Major Projects Environmental



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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Nakia Zavalla, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
100 Via Juana Road
Santa Ynez, CA 93460
nzavalla@chumash.gov

June 17, 2025

Dear Ms. Zavalla:

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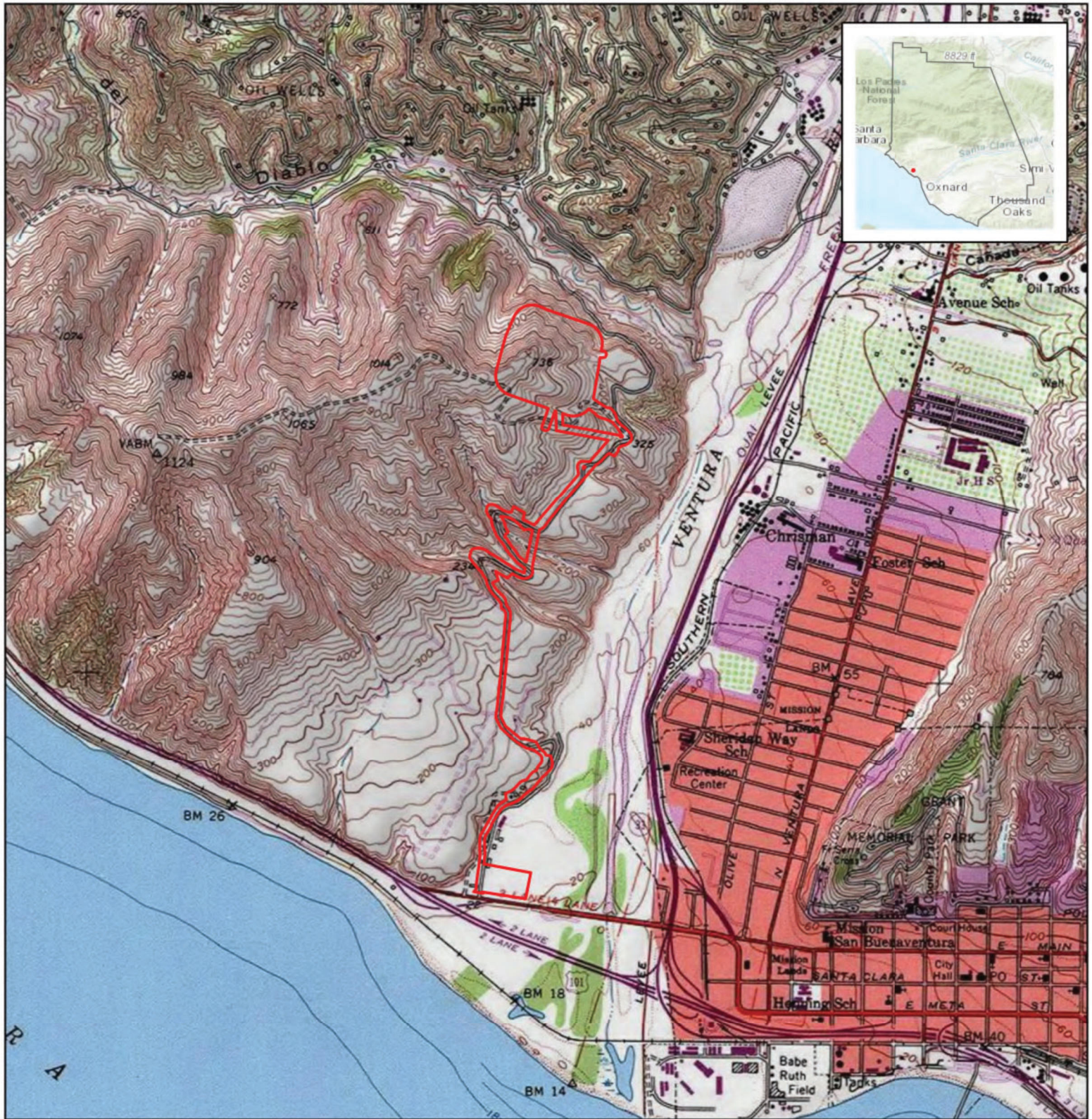
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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Sam Cohen, Government & Legal Affairs Director
100 Via Juana Road
Santa Ynez, CA 93460
scohen@chumash.gov

June 17, 2025

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is proposing the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project ("Project"). The Project includes the replacement of aging infrastructure to maintain safe and reliable natural gas service within Ventura County as well as the Central Coast. SoCalGas will be filing an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to construct the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project ("Project"). The CPUC will review the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

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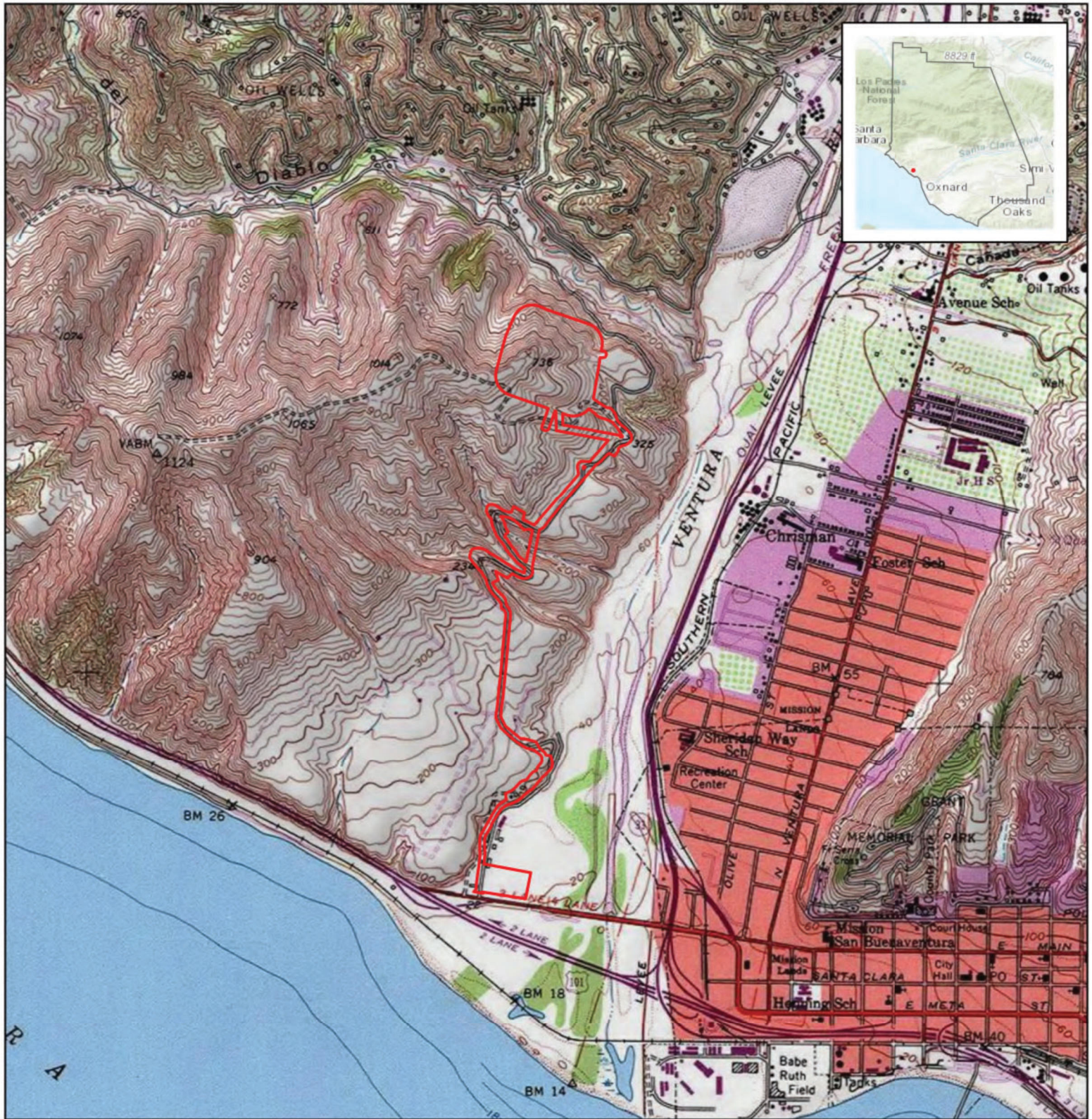
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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
General CRM Consultation Account
100 Via Juana Road
Santa Ynez, CA 93460
CRMConsultation@chumash.gov

June 17, 2025

Dear General CRM Consultation Account:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is proposing the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project ("Project"). The Project includes the replacement of aging infrastructure to maintain safe and reliable natural gas service within Ventura County as well as the Central Coast. SoCalGas will be filing an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to construct the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project ("Project"). The CPUC will review the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

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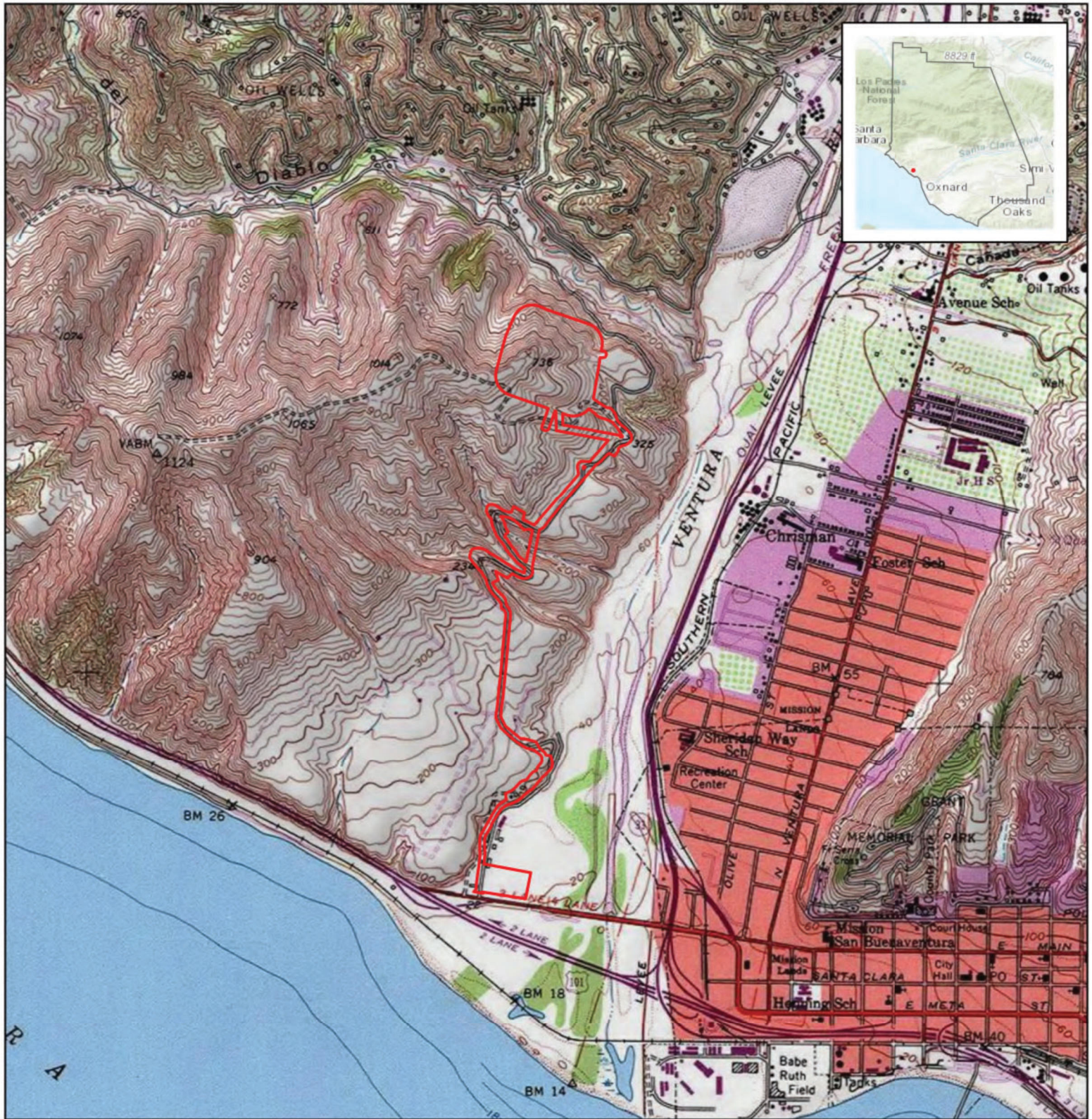
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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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Borthern Chumash Tribal Council
of the Nation, Chairperson
P.O. Box 6533
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June 10, 2025

Dear Ms. Holland:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) is proposing the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project (Project). The Project includes the replacement of an existing structure to maintain safe and reliable natural gas service within Ventura County as well as the Central Coast SoCal Gas pipeline application (or a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to construct the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project (Project). The CPUC will review the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The Ventura Alternative is being evaluated as a potential alternative site for the Ventura Compressor Station at 1555 Burrell Street in the City of Ventura, California. The Ventura Alternative is an approximately 15-acre agricultural site "essentially" (or open space uses and "bone" (or agricultural located approximately 3,000 feet east of the Ventura compressor station within the County of Ventura. The Project site (all within the QSHA) is also a State of California Department of Transportation (DOT) 15 Minute Topographical quadrangle, in Sections 29 and 32, Township 3 North, Range 23 East, Zone 1, Project Location Map.

A Native American Heritage Commission (BAHC) "Sacred Land" File search was requested on May 26, 2025. The BAHC responded to the request on May 26, 2025 and reported negative results, but recommended that we contact your representative. Your knowledge of the presence of cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

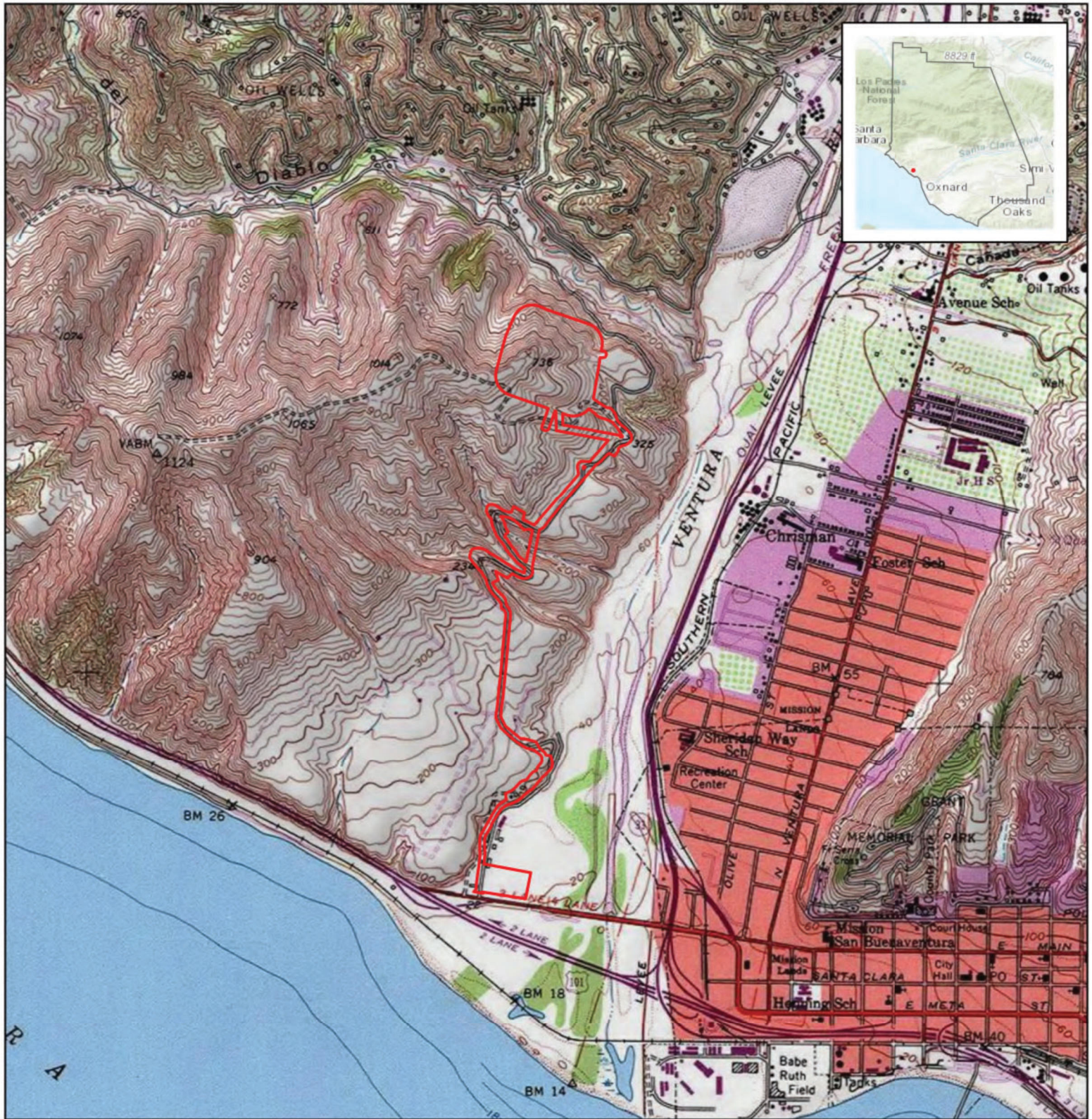
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Thank you for assistance with this information request.

Sincerely,

Karl Holland, MHA, HOPA
Principal Environmental Specialist, Major Projects Environmental



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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Gwendolyn Teeter, Cultural Resources Archaeologist
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gwendolyn@chumashindians.org

June 1, 2025

Dear Ms. Teeter,

Southern California Gas Company ("SoCal Gas") is proposing the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project ("Project"). The Project includes the replacement of aging infrastructure to maintain safe and reliable natural gas service within Ventura County as well as the Central Coast. SoCal Gas is currently filing an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") to construct the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project ("Project"). The CPUC will review the Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

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A Native American Heritage Commission ("UAHC") Sacred Lands File search was requested on March 28, 2025. The UAHC responded to the request on March 28, 2025 and reported negative results. We recommended that you contact your regional Regional Manager of the presence of cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed Project.

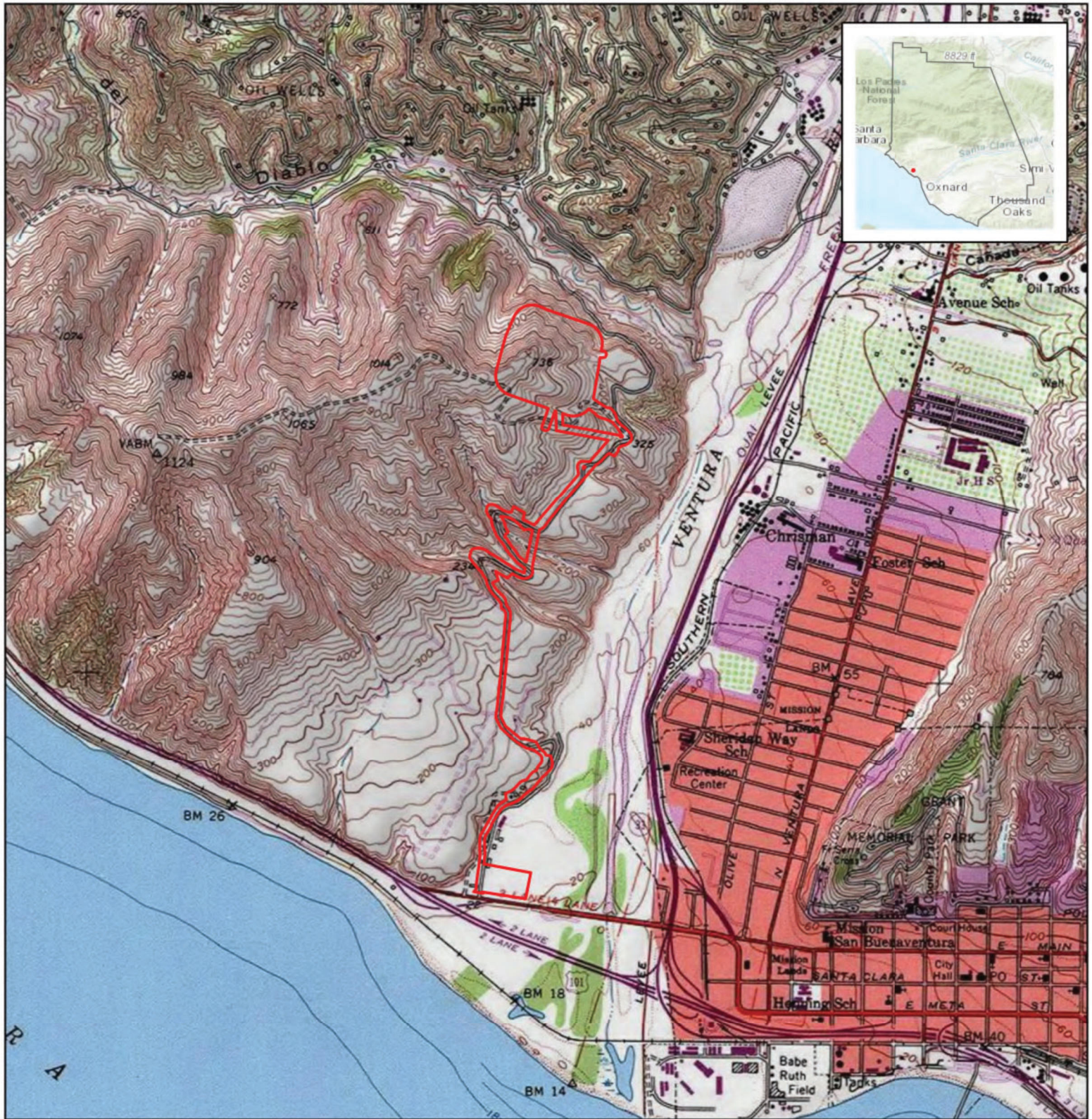
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Ventura Compressor Modernization Project

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Avocado Site Alternative

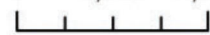
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Avocado Alternative of the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project

From Amanda Dobrov <ADobrov@chumash.gov>

Date Tue 7/29/2025 10:16 AM

To Samantha Jovanovic <sjovanovic@southenvironmental.com>

Hello Ms. Jovanovic,

Thank you for contacting the Tribal Elders' Council for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. We apologize for not responding sooner, as we've gone through staff changes and are still getting back on track.

Has there been an archaeological survey conducted in the proposed project area? If so, would you send me the survey report to review.

We would very much like to consult on this project. Apologies that this email is coming to you on the later side of the timeline, the letter arrived prior to my start date, and I have just been made aware of this project.

Thank you,

Amanda Dobrov, M.A.

Cultural Resources Archaeologist | Elders' Council and Culture Department

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 517, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Email: ADobrov@chumash.gov

Phone: (805) 325-8630





Fw: Avocado Alternative of the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project

From Samantha Murray <smurray@southenvironmental.com>

Date Wed 9/3/2025 9:37 AM

To Samantha Murray <smurray@southenvironmental.com>

From: Holland, Karl <KHolland@socalgas.com>

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2025 1:11 PM

To: ADobrov@chumash.gov <ADobrov@chumash.gov>

Cc: Samantha Jovanovic <sjovanovic@southenvironmental.com>; Hoffman, Laura <LHoffman2@socalgas.com>; Imgrund, Heather E <HImgrund@socalgas.com>

Subject: Re: Avocado Alternative of the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project

Dear Ms. Dobrov,

Thank you for reaching out on behalf of the Tribal Elders' Council for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. We appreciate your message and understand the challenges that come with staff transitions. To clarify, no archaeological survey has been conducted in the proposed project area to date. We acknowledge your interest in consulting on this project and will be communicating your request for consultation to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) accordingly.

Best regards,

Karl Holland, MA, RPA

Principal Environmental Specialist

Environmental Services – Major Projects

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