
Appendix 3-H
Tribal Consultation Report

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

Dear Ronelle:

South Environmental was retained by Dudek to complete a detailed tribal consultation report for the Ventura Steel 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 Ventura Steel 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 Ventura Steel 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, none of the tribal contacts commented on the outreach letter and 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
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	None
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	None

Table 1. Summary of Native American Outreach

Native American Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Response Received
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	None
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	None

Tribal Cultural Resources

No TCRs were identified within the Ventura Steel 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 Ventura Steel Site, 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 seven previously completed cultural resources studies (VN-00228, -01102, -01752, -01849, -02202, -02534) within portions of the Ventura Steel Site. A summary of these studies is provided following Table 2. An additional 22 previously conducted studies were identified within 0.5-mile of the Ventura Steel Site, conducted between 1977 and 2014 (Table 2). One of these studies (VN-02627) is a regional overview study that encompasses a large area and does not contain information specific to the Ventura Steel Site location. 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 Ventura Steel Site

SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Ventura Steel Components
VN-00127	Clelow, 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	Southwest Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-00214	López, Robert	1979	Archaeological Assessment for City of San Buenaventura EIR 705 (m-2572.15).	WITHIN Offsite Impact Area
VN-00228	López, Robert	1979	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the 143 Acres of the Dent Ranch Involved in Environmental Impact Report 677 City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	WITHIN Off Site Impact Area
VN-00411	Lopez, Robert	1982	Archaeological Investigations of a Section of Mission San Buenaventura's Aqueduct Located Between Lewis and Vince Streets Within the City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	South Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-00516	Brown, Roderick S.	1987	Cultural Resource Investigation: Proposed Facility of Ojai Rubbish Company, Ventura County	Northwest Of Temporary Staging Area
VN-00519	Singer, Clay A.	1987	Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for Four Potential Borrow Sites Near the Ventura River, Ventura County, California	West Of 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	WITHIN Off Site Impact Area
VN-01634	Lopez, Robert	1996	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the 4.87 Acres Involved in Planned Development Permit No. 1613, Ventura County California	South Of Station Site

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

SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Ventura Steel Components
VN-01752	Macfarlane, Heather	1990	Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Property at 3658 N. Ventura Avenue	WITHIN Temporary Staging Area And Offsite Impact Area
VN-01849	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Underground Utility District 15/ Project No. 66094	WITHIN Off Site Impact Area
VN-01850	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 2,800 Linear Feet Ramona Storm Drain Phase 5 Project City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	South Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-01851	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Negative Phase I Archaeological Survey & Impact Assessment of Approximately 440 Linear Feet for the Westside Street Improvements Project Ventura Avenue	Adjacent To Offsite Impact Area
VN-01908	LSA Associates, Inc.	2001	Cultural Resource Assessment for AT&T Fixed Wireless Services Facility No. VC_043_A, Ventura Co.	SW Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-01910	Sriro, Adam	2000	Bridge Widening and Rail Installation on State Route 33, Ventura Co.	West Of Station Site, Temporary Staging Area, And Offsite Impact Area
VN-02200	Michael Brandman Associates	2001	Records Search Results for Sprint Pcs Facility Vr54xc425a (the Underwater Technical Services Site), Located at 2055 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura in Ventura County, California	North & West Of Offsite Impact Area
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	WITHIN Offsite Impact Area
VN-02534	Maki, Mary K.	2002	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 3,300 Linear Feet for the Underground Utility District 15 Addition, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	WITHIN Offsite Impact Area
VN-02537	Foster, John M.	2004	An Extended Phase I Archaeological Program, Cedar Street Patio Housing, Ventura	South Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02541	Lopez, Robert	2003	An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the 27.264 Acres at 2686 North Ventura Avenue, San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	North & West Of Offsite Impact Area, South Of Station Site

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SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Ventura Steel Components
VN-02543	Maki, Mary K.	2006	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately One Acre at 185, 191, and 211 Stanley Avenue for the Avenida De La Futura Project, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Adjacent To Offsite Impact 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
VN-02708	McKenna, Jeanette A.	2008	A Cultural Resources overview and Historic Building Evaluation for the Westside Villas Project Area, San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	South Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02785	Maki, Mary	2009	Archaeological Survey Report of 20.2 Acres for the Westview Housing Project, City of Ventura, Ventura County, California	South Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02802	Maki, Mary	2008	Archaeological Survey Report of 0.32 Acres for the SOHO Apartments Project 1150 North Ventura Avenue, City of San Buenaventura County, California	South 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	West Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-02872	Fortier, Jana	2009	TEA-21 Rural Roadside Inventory: Native American Consultants and Ethnographic Study for Caltrans District 7, Ventura County	West Of Station Site, Temporary Staging Area, And Offsite Impact Area
VN-02953	Michael Brandman Associates	2010	Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit Results for T-Mobile USA Candidate SV12194-C (T&T), 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, California	SW Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-03069	ACE Environmental	2012	Cultural Resource Records Search and Site Survey, AT&T Site SBOV, Stanley 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, CA	SW Of Offsite Impact Area
VN-03220	Leftwich, Brent, Ericka Buckley, and Clarus J. Backes, Jr.	2014	Cultural Resources Technical Report for the Santa Barbara County Reliability Projects, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, California	SW Of Offsite Impact Area

VN-00214 (López 1979)

Archaeological Assessment for City of San Buenaventura EIR 705 (m-2572.15) was prepared by Robert López in 1979. This letter report synthesizes an investigation into 87 acres as part of the City of San Buenaventura's Environmental Impact Report Number 705. The study included a literature review and archival research. The study did not find any records or resources within the 87 acres; however, López states that the area is sensitive for prehistoric and historic resources. Specifically, López mentions the proximity of the mission-era aqueduct on the adjoining property. The study did not include a pedestrian survey, and the report notes that the study area had not been previously surveyed. Recommendations included stopping work if any potential cultural materials were discovered and retaining a qualified archaeologist to assess any finds. Recommendations did not include a pedestrian survey due to a lack of cultural resources found within the study area and the significantly steep landscape. The Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area bisects the project area of this study (López 1979).

VN-00228 (López 1979)

An Archaeological Reconnaissance of the 143 Acres of the Dent Ranch Involved in Environmental Impact Report 677 City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California cultural report was prepared by Robert López in 1979. This report synthesizes investigation into 143 acres of the Dent Ranch located in the foothills along the eastern periphery of the City of Ventura. The study includes a literature review, archival research, and an intensive pedestrian survey. Archival research indicated that a mission-era aqueduct bisected the property and an area with scattered bricks was discovered during the pedestrian survey, however, López was unable to positively identify if the bricks were related to the aqueduct due to significant surface disruption by agricultural activities. López recommended archaeological monitoring of the areas most likely to contain material related to the aqueduct. The Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area bisects the project area of this study (López 1979).

VN-01102 (Singer 1977)

The *Preliminary Cultural Resource Survey and Potential Impact Assessment for Thirteen Areas in Southern Ventura County, California* cultural report was prepared by Clay A. Singer of Archaeological Research, Inc. in 1977. This report synthesizes cultural resources investigations for 13 areas throughout Ventura County. Investigation methods included a record search and archival research. Area 11 is located within the City of Ventura and the northernmost end overlaps with the Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area at the intersection of Ventura Avenue and Stanley Avenue. The report states that "at least four large and important archaeological and historical sites are located at the southeast end of the project area" (Singer 1977:9) and that this likely cultural materials below surface level. Six additional resources were recorded within a one-mile radius of the project area (Singer 1977). Recommendations included intensive pedestrian survey of the project area (1977).

VN-01752 (Macfarlane 1990)

The *Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Property at 3658 N. Ventura Avenue* was prepared by Heather Macfarlane of Macfarlane Archaeological Consultants (MAC) in 1990. This report synthesizes cultural resources investigations for 37 acres. Investigation methods included a record search and an intensive-level pedestrian survey. No resources were identified within the study area (Macfarlane 1990) during the record search or survey. The study area overlaps with the Temporary Staging Area, the northern portion of the Ventura Steel Site Alternative Station Site and a portion of the Offsite Impact Area. Recommendations included further archaeological research and monitoring of the project area if excavations exceeded six inches in depth.

VN-01849 (Maki 2000)

The *Underground Utility District 15/ Project No. 66094* cultural report was prepared by Mary K. Maki of Conejo Archaeological Consultants in 2000. This report synthesizes the cultural resources investigations for a proposed utility undergrounding project along Ventura Avenue from Mission Street to De Anza Drive in the City of San Buenaventura. The study included a records search, archival research of historic properties, and a pedestrian survey. During the records search, 10 archaeological sites were identified within a 0.5-mile radius of the project alignment, comprising five prehistoric and five historic sites, none of which were located within or adjacent to the proposed study alignment (Maki 2000). The records search also identified 58 evaluated historic properties within a two-block radius, including ten properties along Ventura Avenue. Due to complete pavement coverage throughout the project study alignment (Maki, 2000), the pedestrian survey yielded negative results. Mitigation recommendations included professional archaeological monitoring of all excavation activities, immediate work suspension, and evaluation protocols for inadvertent cultural resource discoveries, as well as compliance with state requirements for the treatment of human remains. The Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area bisects the project area of this study (Maki 2000).

VN-02202 (Maki 2002)

The *Negative Archaeological Survey Report of Approximately 1,800 Linear Feet, Stanley Ave. The Widening Project, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California*, was prepared by Mary K. Maki of Conejo Archaeological Consultants in 2002. This report synthesizes the cultural resources investigations for a proposed street widening project along Stanley Avenue between Ventura Avenue and Highway 33. Investigation methods included a record search, literature review, and an intensive-level pedestrian survey. The record search identified one prehistoric site and two historic sites within a 0.5-mile radius of the project alignment (Maki 2002). One historic resource (56-001109) intersected with the project alignment, which comprised Southern Pacific Railroad tracks (Maki 2002). A significant portion of the project alignment was paved, resulting in poor ground visibility; therefore, transects were limited to walking along both sides of Stanley Avenue and inspecting areas with

exposed ground, such as planters and parking lots. Mitigation recommendations included professional archaeological monitoring of all excavation activities, immediate work suspension, and evaluation protocols for inadvertent cultural resource discoveries, as well as compliance with state requirements for the treatment of human remains. The Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area overlaps the project alignment of this study (Maki 2002) along Stanley Avenue west of Ventura Avenue.

VN-02534 (Maki 2002)

The *Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 3,300 Linear Feet for the Underground Utility District 15 Addition, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California* was prepared by Mary K. Maki of Conejo Archaeological Consultants in 2002. This report synthesizes the cultural resources investigations for a proposed utility undergrounding project along Ventura Avenue and Stanley Avenue. The study included a records search, archival research of historic properties, and a pedestrian survey. During the records search, three archaeological sites were identified within a 0.5-mile radius of the project alignment, none of which were located within or adjacent to the proposed study alignment (Maki 2002). Due to complete pavement coverage throughout the project study area (Maki 2000), the pedestrian survey yielded negative results. Mitigation recommendations included professional archaeological monitoring of all excavation activities, immediate work suspension, and evaluation protocols for inadvertent cultural resource discoveries, as well as compliance with state requirements for the treatment of human remains. The Ventura Steel Offsite Impact Area overlaps the project alignment of this study (Maki 2002) along Stanley Avenue west of Ventura Avenue.

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

No previously recorded cultural resources were identified within the Ventura Steel Site. The SCCIC records search identified six previously recorded cultural resources within 0.5-mile of the Ventura Steel Site (Table 3).

The closest previously recorded resource to the Ventura Steel Site is a segment of the historic Mission San Buenaventura Aqueduct (CA-VEN-749H), located approximately 300-feet south of the Offsite Impact Area along the foothills beginning near at the eastern end of Carr Drive, with additional segments recorded further south along the foothills until Cedar Street turns east to become Poll Street. Resource records (56-000749 from SCCIC) and overlapping previous studies (VN-214 and -228) indicate this resource is likely a continuation of the NRHP-listed Mission San Buenaventura Aqueduct (Property ID 75000497) and recommended the segments (CA-VEN-749H) be formally added to the nomination record/listing.

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

Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Ventura Steel Components
P-56-000749	CA-VEN-749H	Historic Structure: Vince St. Aqueduct; Mission San Buenaventura Aqueduct	Unevaluated	1982 (Lopez, Moorpark College); 2004 (John M. Foster, Greenwood & Associates); 2004 (Linda H. Rehberger, Greenwood & Associates); 2005 (J. M. Foster, Greenwood & Associates)	South Of Offsite Impact Area
P-56-000849	CA-VEN-849	Prehistoric Site: artifact scatter	Unevaluated	1987 (Clay A. Singer)	West Of Offsite Impact Area
P-56-001109	CA-VEN-1109H	Historic Site: Ventura River & Ojai Valley Railroad; The Nordhoff Spur	Resource is no longer extant	1993 (M. Macko, Macko Archaeological Consulting); 1994 (Schmidt, James and June, Greenwood And Associates); 2012 (Hubert Switalski and Andrea Bardsley, AMEC)	West Of Station Site, Temporary Staging Area, And Offsite Impact Area
P-56-001547	CA-VEN-1547/H	Prehistoric/Protohistoric Site: lithic scatter, habitation debris	Unevaluated	1994 (James J. Schmidt and June Schmidt, Greenwood & Associates)	West Of Offsite Impact Area
P-56-001600	CA-VEN-1600H	Historic Site: 2323 Ventura Ave	Unevaluated	1999 (N. Mandel-Toren, Compass Rose Archaeological Inc)	West Of Offsite Impact Area
P-56-152841	N/A	Historic Building: 1490 Ventura Ave./36 Leighton Drive	Unevaluated	2008 (J. McKenna, McKenna et al)	South Of Offsite Impact 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 Ventura Steel 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 *tomo*, 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 Ventura Steel Site vicinity, including the villages of *quyuy*, *kamexmey*, *micqanaqan*, and *šišolop* (King 1975). Based on a map produced by

King (1975), the village site of *micqanaqan* appears to be the closest village site to the Ventura Steel Site.

The site of the historic village of *šišolop* or *Shishilop* (as recorded in site record CA-VEN-3) is located approximately 2.9 miles southeast of the Ventura Steel Site Alternative Station Site and 1.3 miles south of the southernmost tip of the Ventura Steel Site Alternative Offsite Impact 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).

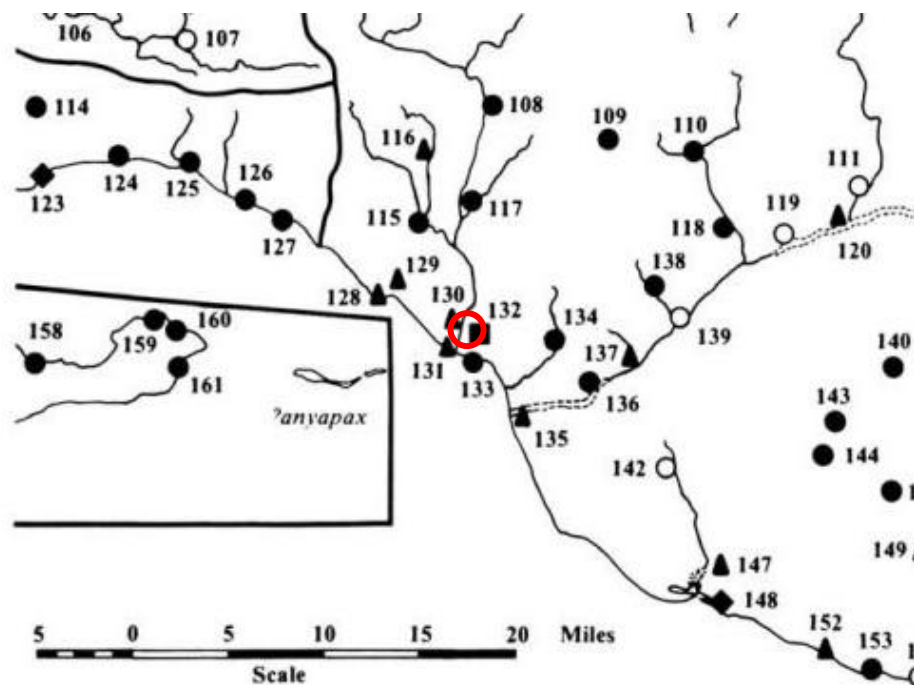


Exhibit 1. Map of Historic Chumash Villages (King 1975).

(Red circle shows approximate location of the Ventura Steel Site)



Exhibit 2. Historic Chumash Villages (McLendon and Johnson 1999)

(Red circle shows approximate location of the Ventura Steel Site)

Findings

No TCRs were identified within the Ventura Steel Site Alternative Station Site, Temporary Staging Area, or Offsite Impact Area 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 not received any responses to these letters.

Although there are no previously recorded archaeological resources within the Ventura Steel Site, the southernmost portion of the Offsite Impact Area is just 300 feet north of a previously recorded segment of the Mission San Buenaventura Aqueduct (CA-VEN-749H), which has been previously identified as a likely a continuation of the NRHP-listed Mission San Buenaventura Aqueduct (Property ID 75000497). In general, the portion of the Offsite Impact Area that intersects the undeveloped portion of the foothills should be considered sensitive for archaeological resources, as it is possible that other segments of the aqueduct are present within the Offsite Impact Area. Further, an intensive pedestrian survey of the entire Ventura Steel 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 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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Local Government Tribal Consultation List Request

Native American Heritage Commission

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nahe@nahe.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:

___ General Plan ___ General Plan Element ___ General Plan Amendment
___ Specific Plan ___ Specific Plan Amendment ___ Pre-planning Outreach Activity

Required Information

Project Title: _____

Local Government/Lead Agency: _____

Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Specific Area Subject to Proposed Action

County: _____ City/Community: _____

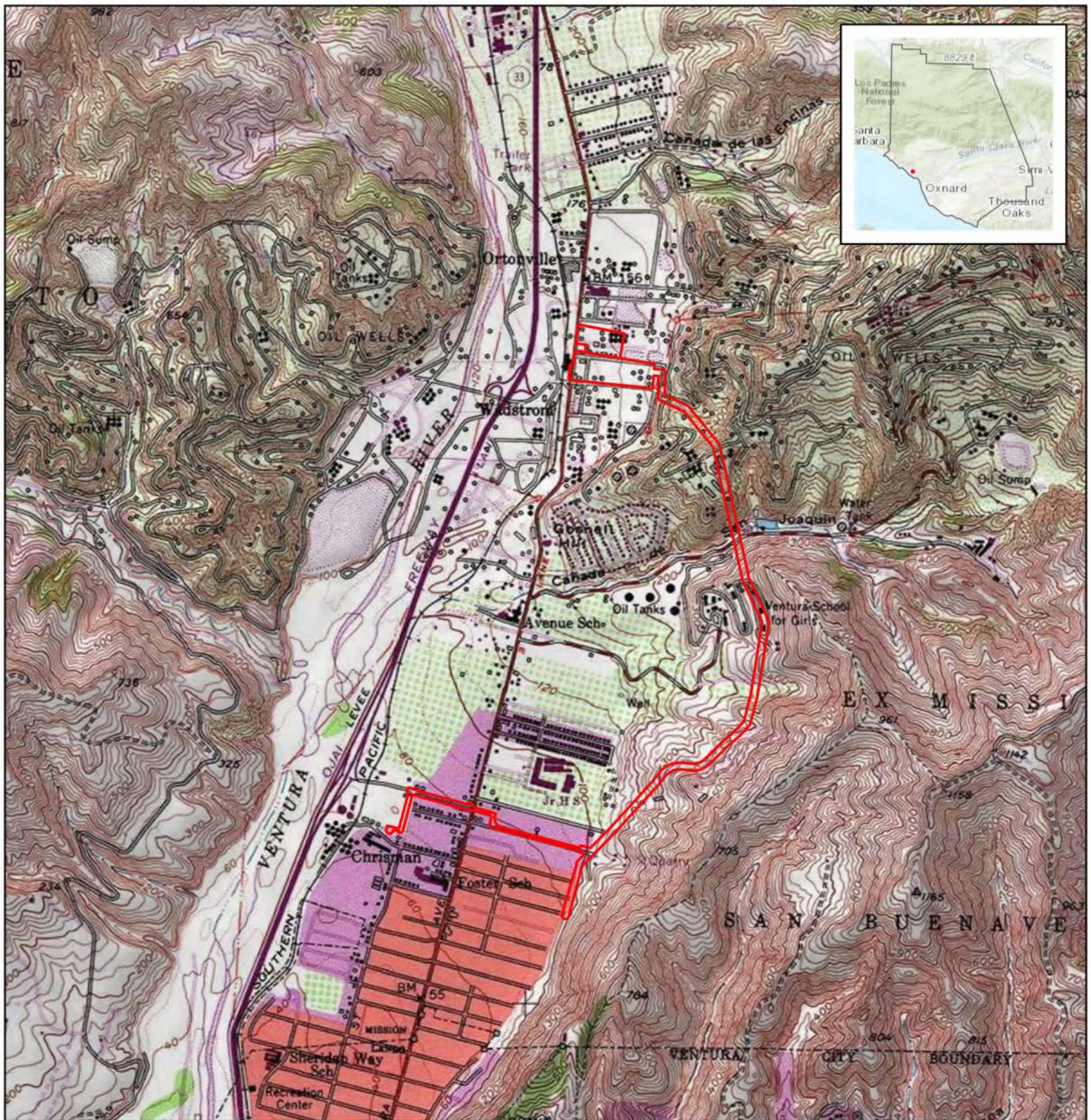
Project Description:

Additional Request

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Township: _____ Range: _____ Section(s): _____



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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: Ventura Steel 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

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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		violetsgewalker@gmail.com	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	6/5/2023
	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	F	Nakia Zavalla, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460			nzavalla@chumash.gov	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	7/6/2023
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	Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians	F	Sam Cohen, Government & Legal Affairs Director	100 Via Juana Road Santa Ynez, CA, 93460			scohen@chumash.gov	Chumash	Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	7/6/2023
	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

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.

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: Ventura Steel Alternative Project, Ventura County.

Record: PROJ-2025-002848
Report Type: AB52 GIS
Counties: Ventura
NAHC Group: All



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Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians
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June 17, 2025

Dear Cultural Resource Committee:

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If you have knowledge of cultural resources that may exist within or near the Project site, please contact me directly either by phone at (213) 231-6105, by email at kholland@socalgas.com, or by mail at the address above within 2 weeks of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive a response within this timeframe, we will follow-up to ensure receipt of this information.

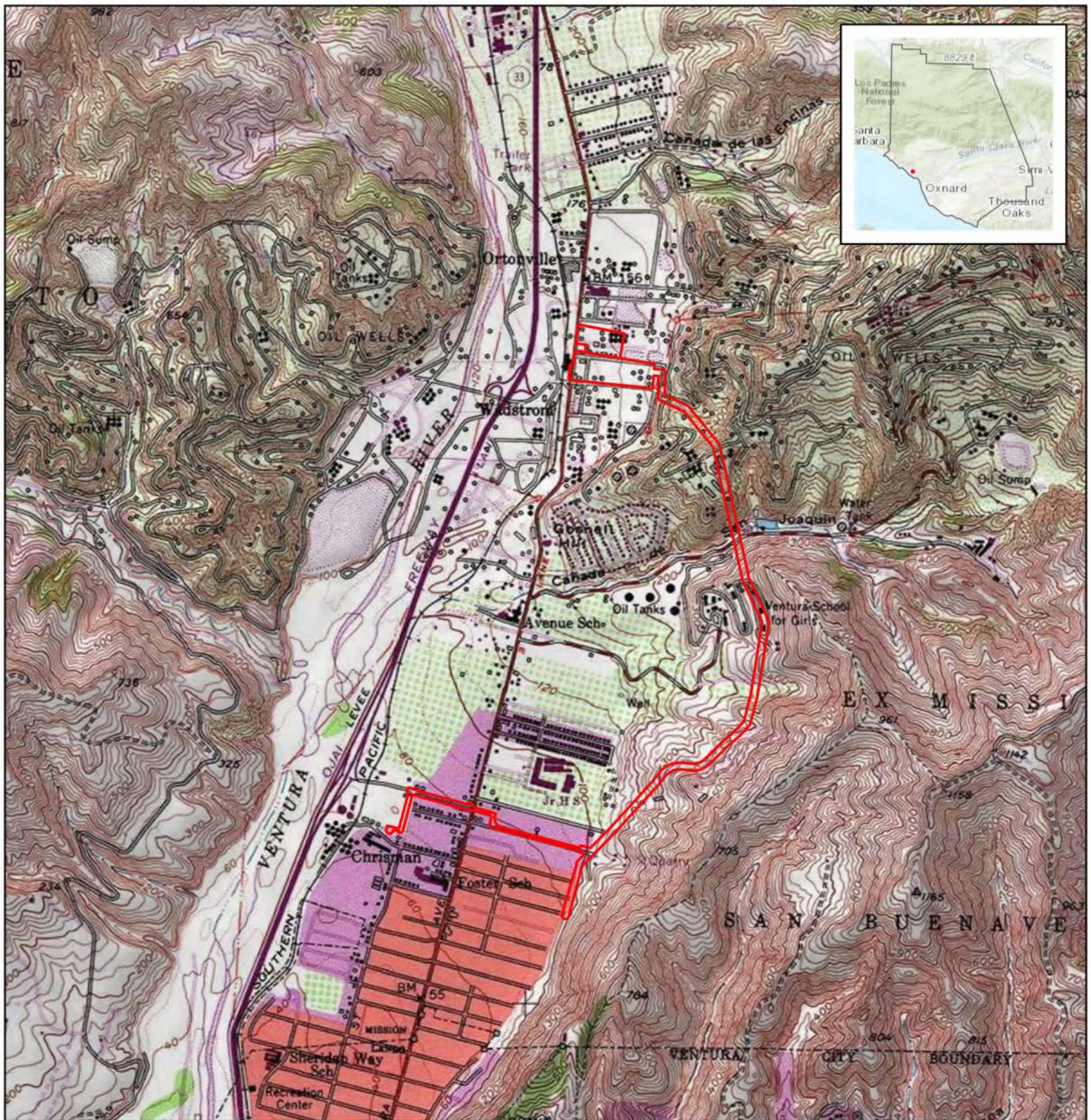
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June 17, 2025

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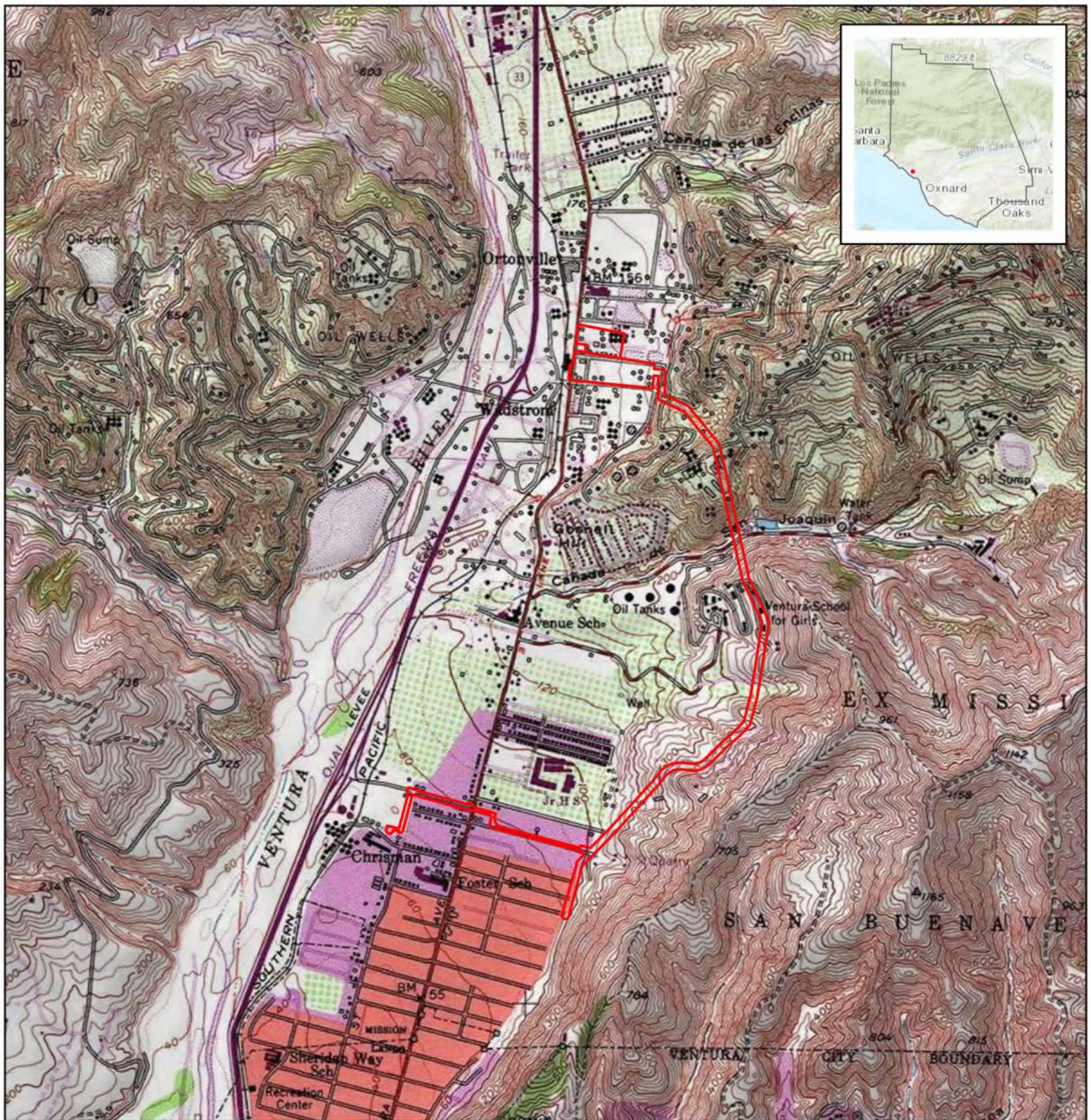
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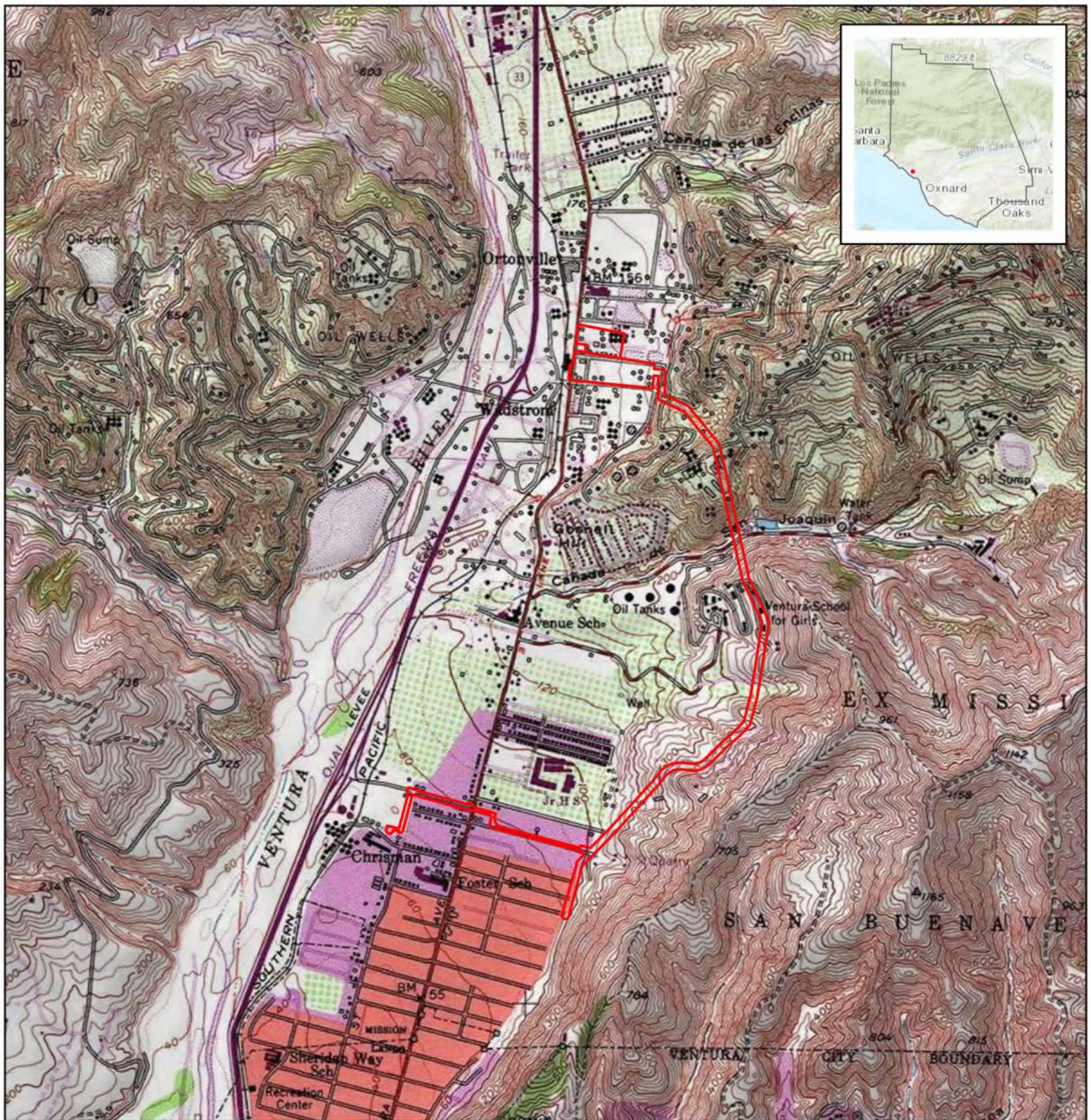
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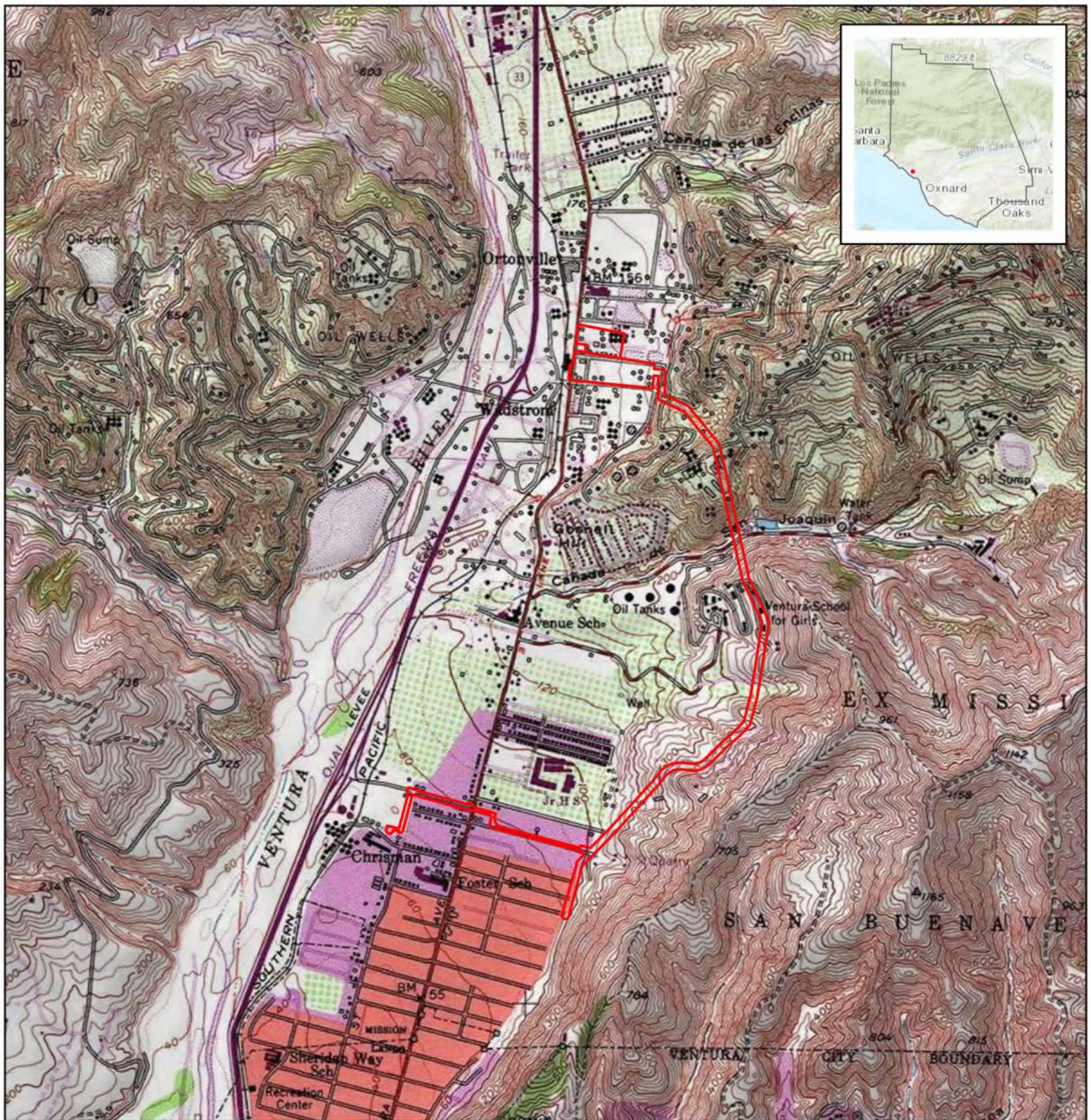
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Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation
Michael Khuz-Zarate, CBCN Vice Chairman
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June 17, 2025

Dear Mr. Khuz-Zarate:

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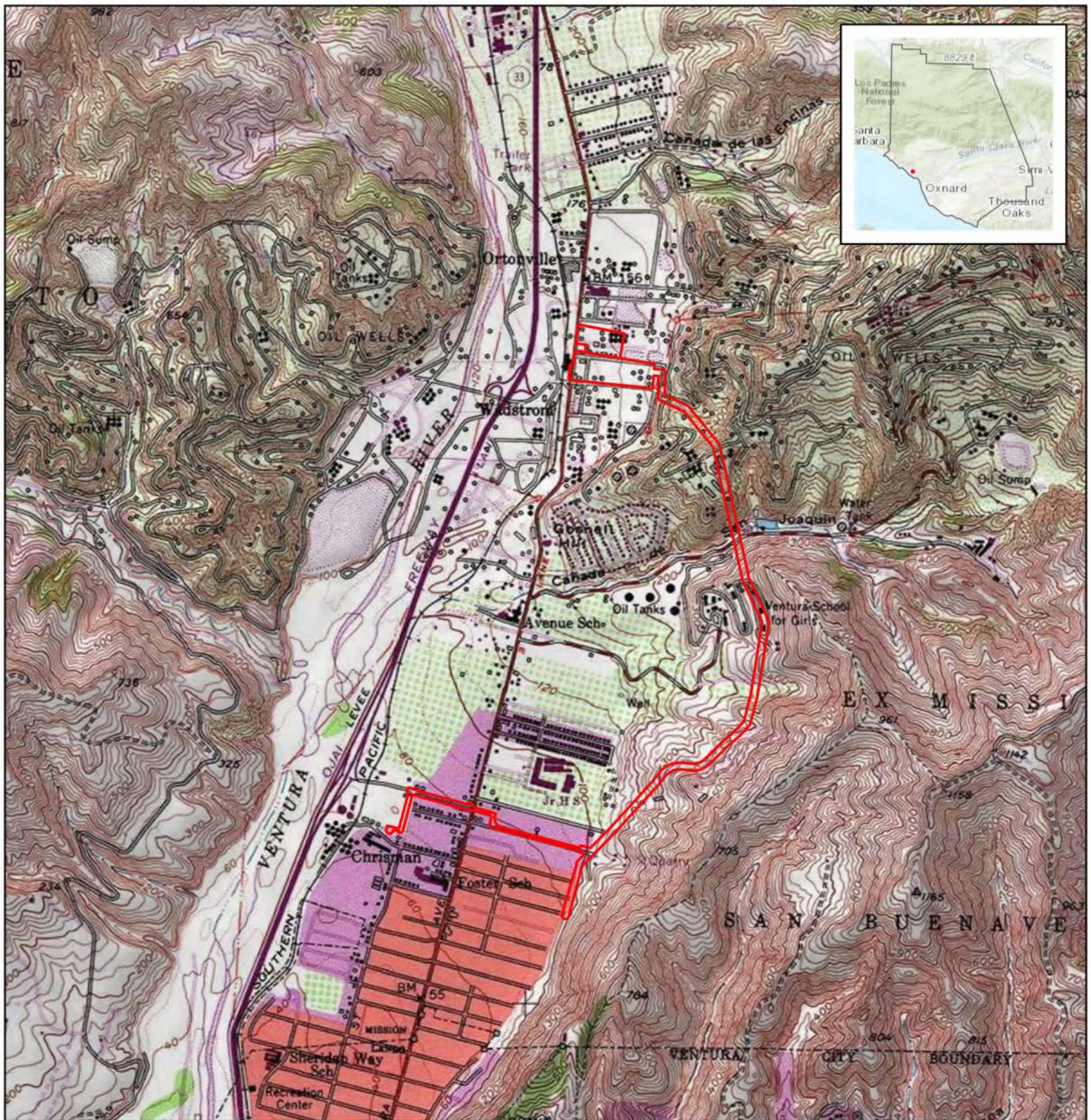
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Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Nakia Zavalla, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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June 17, 2025

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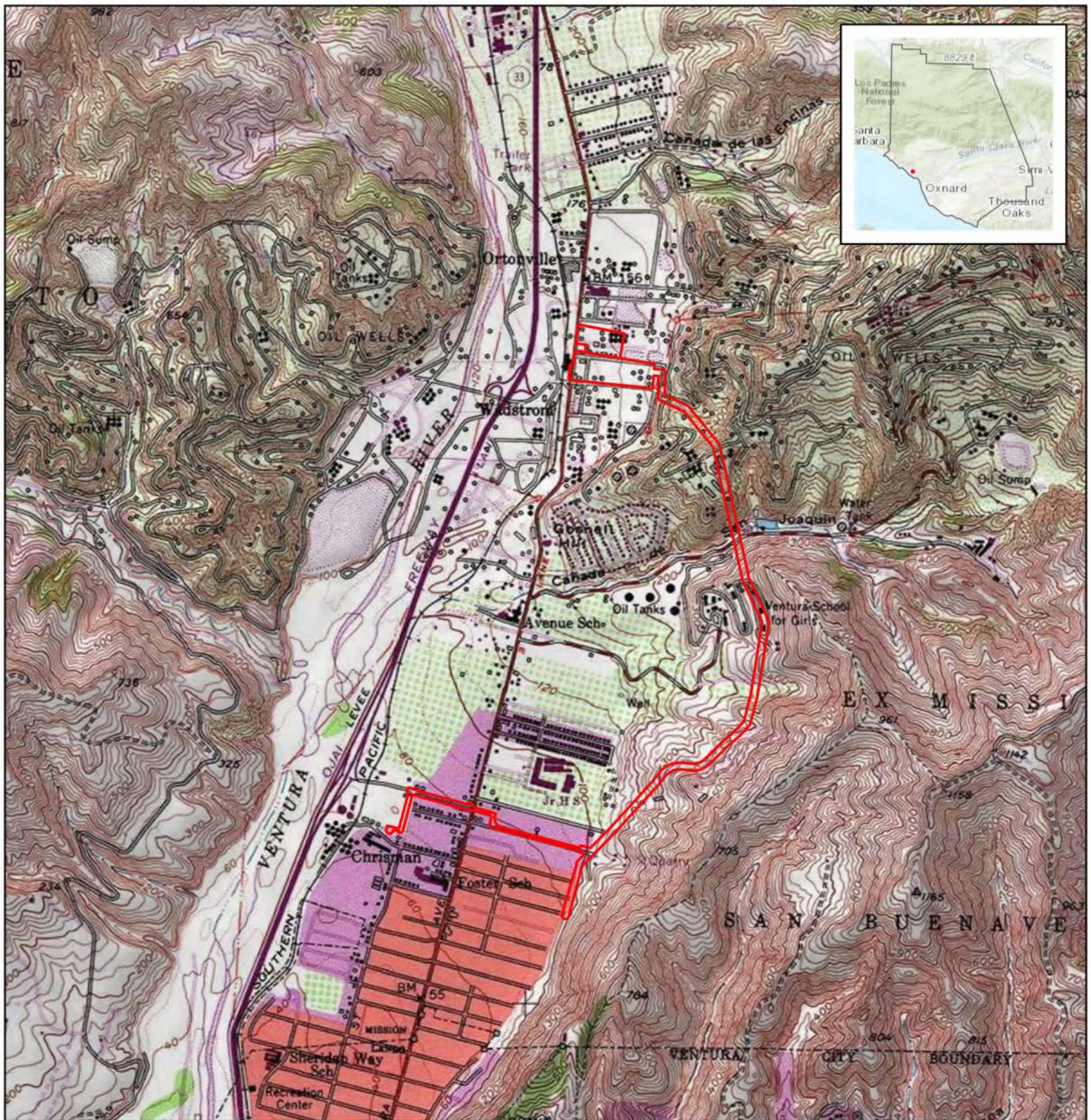
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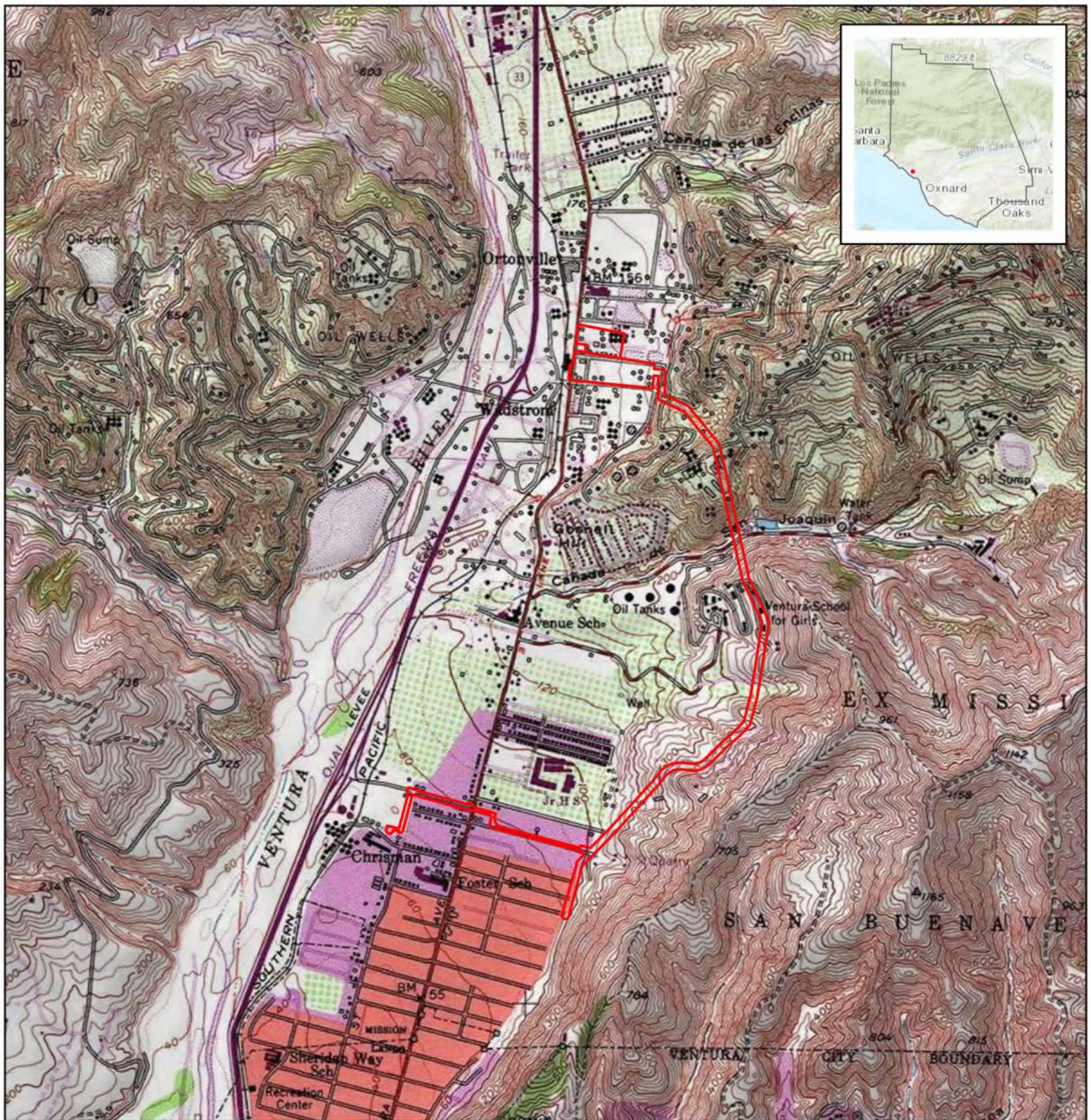
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General CRM Consultation Account
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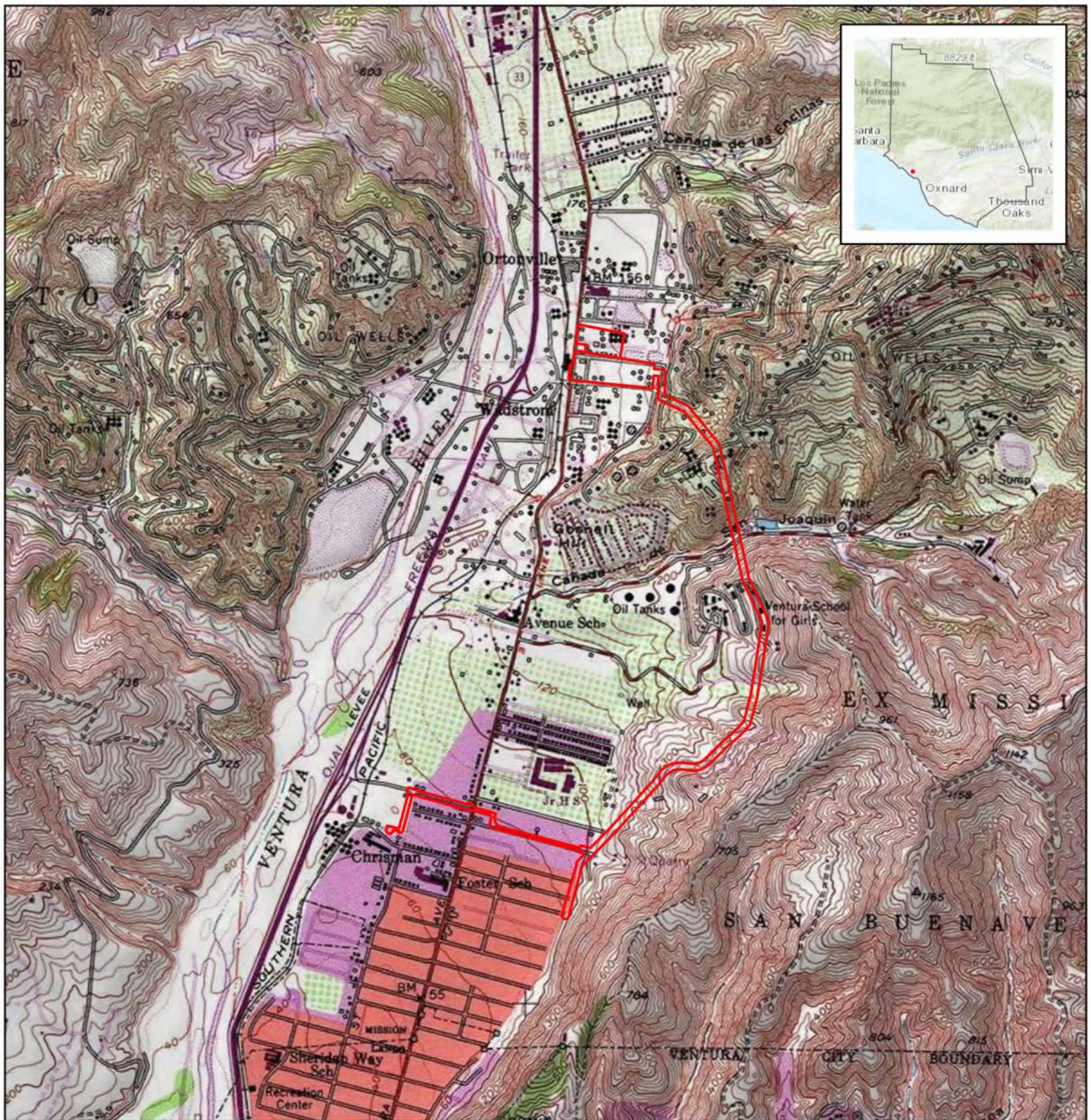
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Northern Chumash Tribal Council
Violet Walker, Chairperson
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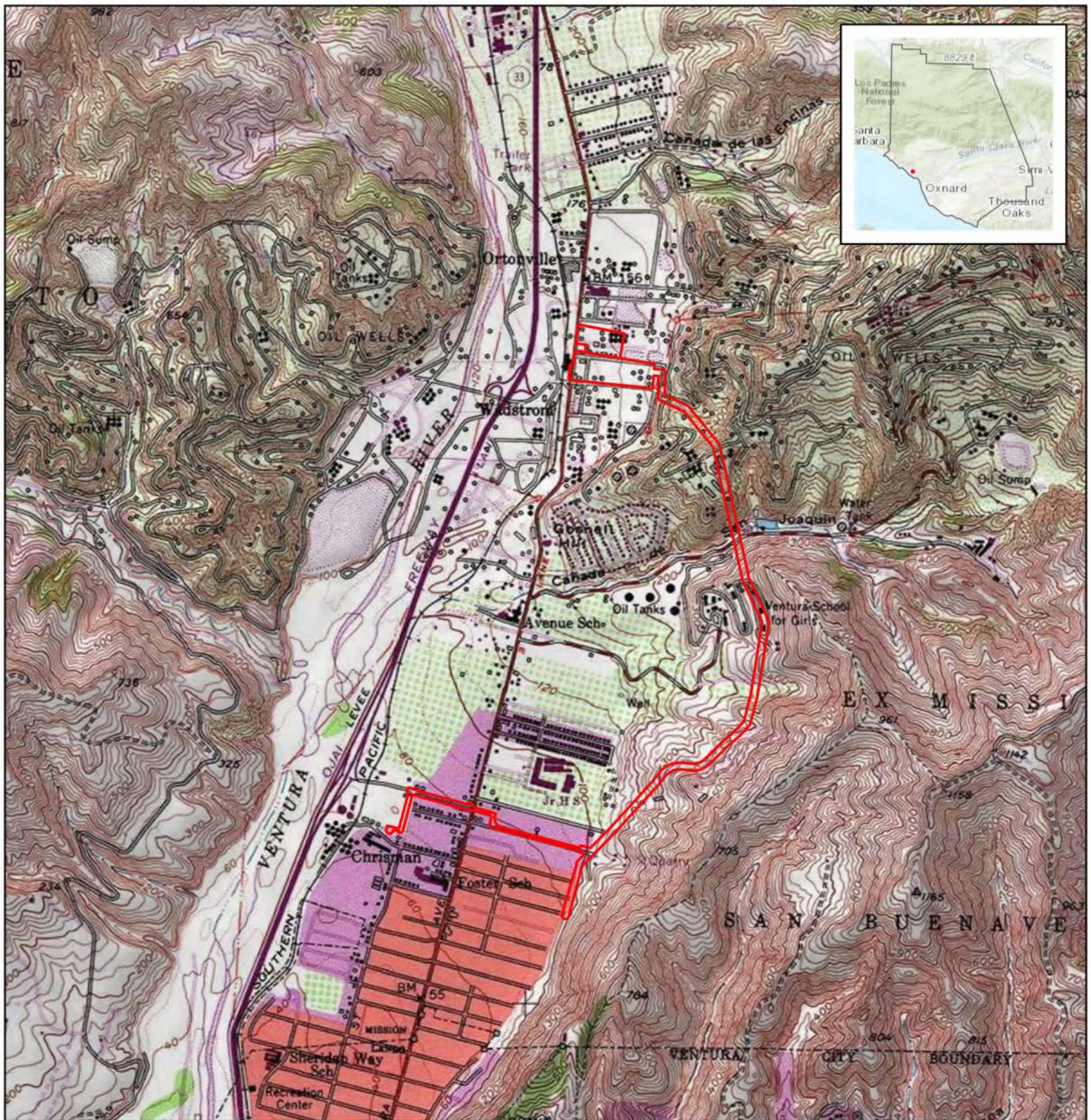
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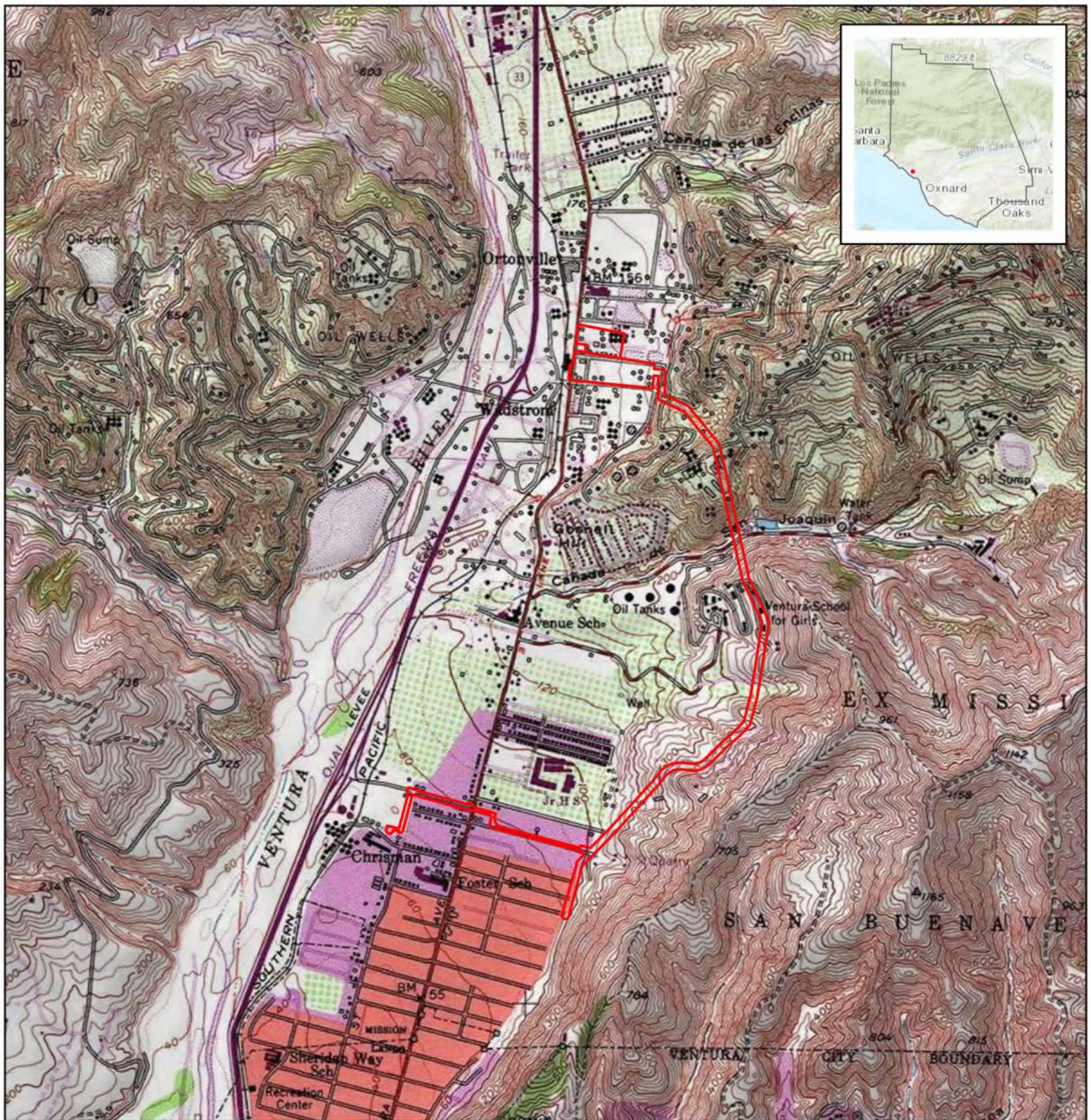
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