

APPENDIX H

Paleontological Resources Inventory



February 23, 2021

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Subject: Paleontological Resources Records Search for the 9160-9176 Sunset Boulevard Mix Commercial Project, City of West Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California. UltraSystems Project # 7036.

Dear Alyssa and Staff,

UltraSystems Environmental Inc. (UEI) is requesting a record search of paleontological resources regarding the project site location described below and shown on the accompanying map. UEI is undertaking a paleontological resources survey in support of the proposed development. The Project consists of the proposed development of a five-story, approximately 53,029-square foot building with retail, food and beverage, and office uses on the first floor and office uses on floors two through five, on an approximately 0.43-acre site in downtown West Hollywood, Los Angeles County.

The Project is located in the city of West Hollywood, and is specifically located at 9160-9176 Sunset Boulevard, on the *Beverly Hills, Calif.*, USGS topographical quadrangle, R 14 W, T 01 N, in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18. The Project site is located in a fully urbanized area with retail and commercial development to the west, north and east, and multi-family residential buildings to the south. This is shown on the enclosed map and the Project area is depicted with a half-mile buffer zone.

Please address the invoice for this work to UEI at the email and street address below, and note that the work was conducted for 9160-9176 Sunset Boulevard Mix Commercial Project.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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UltraSystems Environmental

Attn: Stephen O'Neil

re: Paleontological resources for the 9160-9176 Sunset Boulevard Mix Commercial Project (#7036)

Dear Tom:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for proposed development at the 9160-9176 Sunset Boulevard Mix Commercial project area as outlined on the portion of the Beverly Hills USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me via e-mail on February 23, 2021. We do not have any fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area, but we do have fossil localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur in the proposed project area, either at the surface or at depth.

The following table shows the closest known localities in the collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

Locality Number	Location	Formation	Taxa	Depth
LACM VP 7673	Intersection of Rosewood Ave. & Westbourne Dr	Undetermined (claystone; Pleistocene)	Horse (<i>Equus</i>)	Unrecorded (collected during Hollyhills Drain project)
LACM VP 7966	375 North La Cienega Blvd.	Unknown formation (Pleistocene, gray; coarse-grained alluvial / riparian sand with layers of gravel & gray green / brown silty clay deposits)	150 specimens of plant; invertebrate & vertebrate material, including multiple Mastodon (<i>Mammut</i>) elements; fossils concentrated in 9 distinct deposits	Unrecorded, 144 feet above mean sea level (collected during excavations for the Luxe)
LACM VP 3371	Intersection of Sierra Bonita & Oakwood Ave	Unknown formation (Pleistocene; green clay)	Bison (<i>Bison</i>)	12 ft bgs (sewer replacement project)
LACM VP 3261	Intersection of Kilkea Blvd. & Beverly Blvd.	Unknown formation (pebbly silt medium to coarse grained)	Elephant family (Proboscidea)	Unrecorded (collected during construction of the North Outfall Sewer)

LACM VP 7672	Intersection of 3rd St. & San Vincente Blvd	Undetermined (claystone; Pleistocene)	?Deer family (Cervidae); elephant family (Proboscidea)	Unrecorded (collected during Hollyhills Drain project)
LACM VP 7495	600 Ft north of the corner of Fairfax Ave. & 3rd St	Older alluvium (siltstone & claystone that overlies unconsolidated sand)	Camel (<i>Camelops hesternus</i>), bison (<i>Bison antiquus</i>), horse (<i>Equus occidentalis</i>), mammoth (<i>Mammuthus columbi</i> , rabbit (<i>Sylvilagus</i>), kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys</i>), vole (<i>Microtus</i>), pocket gopher (<i>Thomomys</i>), turtle (<i>Clemmys</i>)	Unrecorded; 171- 174 Ft above mean sea level (collected during construction of Bldg. A for the Grove at Farmers Market)

VP, Vertebrate Paleontology; IP, Invertebrate Paleontology; bgs, below ground surface

This records search covers only the records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (“NHMLA”). It is not intended as a paleontological assessment of the project area for the purposes of CEQA or NEPA. Potentially fossil-bearing units are present in the project area, either at the surface or in the subsurface. As such, NHMLA recommends that a full paleontological assessment of the project area be conducted by a paleontologist meeting Bureau of Land Management or Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Bell, Ph.D.
Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

enclosure: invoice