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Attention: Tim Ruff - tim.ruff@comcast.net

Re: SUMMARY OF NISHI PROPERTY CULTURAL RESOURCE INVESTIGATION

A records search was conducted at the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) of the California Historical Resources Information Center system located at California State University, Sonoma on September 13, 2013. Records of known archaeological and historical sites as well as previous cultural resource studies within ¼ mile of the project parcel were examined.

Two significant archaeological sites are located on the UC Davis campus core, within ¼ mile to the west of the Nishi Property, just across the railroad tracks. One of these is CA-SOL-397/H, a late prehistoric-historic era resource (A.D. 1500 to 1800), located about 50 meters west of the Nishi Property. This site was unexpectedly discovered during subsurface construction activities within the Solano Park Housing Complex. The other is CA-YOL-197/H, a prehistoric-historic site located within 190 meters of the Nishi Property. This site was unexpectedly discovered during land-altering activities associated with the construction of the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. Prehistoric and historic period cultural materials including Native American human remains (burials) have been identified and recorded at both of these archaeological sites.

On September 13, 2013, a letter was sent to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a search of the Sacred Lands File and a current list of Native American individuals and groups with potential interests in the proposed project. A record search of the sacred land file failed to indicate the presence of Native American traditional cultural properties in the immediate project area. The NAHC letter identified five individuals/groups as current contacts with potential interests in the project and stated that these individuals/groups may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. On December 16th, 2013 Mr. Marshall McKay, Tribal Chairman for the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, responded that they have a cultural interest in the proposed project area.

A complete surface survey of the proposed project property, (within the blue highlighted area in Figure 2 of the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report), was conducted on December 11, 2013 by Pacific Legacy supervisory archaeologists Will Shapiro, M.A. and Patricia Welsh, M.A. The survey crew walked systematic transects across the property spaced at no more than 15 meters apart. No significant prehistoric or historic cultural resources were identified. The only materials present were the remains of contemporary structures which appeared to have been recently leveled and cleared.

Pacific Legacy recommends preemptive testing in the project area near the known sites on the UCD Campus. UCD is very proactive and usually has us perform auger testing prior to any construction in sensitive areas such as this. In doing so, they eliminate construction delays due to inadvertent discoveries of cultural resource (s) during construction monitoring. If you wish this auger testing, we will need to include that in our revised scope and budget. The alternative would be for us to recommend archaeological monitoring of ground disturbing construction. However, if archaeological materials are found, construction

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may be held up until the resource (s) is evaluated and dealt with.

Please let us know how you would like us to proceed, as the original contract time frame has elapsed and we will need a contract extension for any additional work and reporting.

Sincerely,

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