

From: [Janis Offermann](#)
To: [Alicia Forsythe](#)
Cc: [Kevin Spesert](#); [Laurie Warner Herson](#)
Subject: RE: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report
Date: Wednesday, February 02, 2022 3:08:04 PM

Hi, Ali

It was nice of Laverne to offer to reach out and I think that was a good resolution, as the Authority doesn't have to seem to be denying UAIC information. The Tribes often work together and appreciate the need for confidentiality even among themselves. We'll see how UAIC responds.

Thanks

janis

From: Alicia Forsythe <aforsythe@sitesproject.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2022 12:33 PM
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Subject: RE: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

Hi Janis – I read this on Monday and forgot to respond. This is wonderful. I do want to make sure that we don't put Laverne in an awkward position. So if you get the feeling that he is nervous about this at all or things don't go well, I am happy to jump in as I don't want him to be put in a difficult position with UAIC.

Thanks for checking with him on this. Much appreciated!

I am happy for us to send as much as we can to UAIC – and would be comfortable taking a look at these items and how we can get some items to them.

Ali

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From: Janis Offermann <janis@horizonh2o.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 4:09 PM
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Subject: FW: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

Hi, Ali

Per the email chain below, I reached out to Laverne about sending the cultural report to UAIC. I just got off the phone with him. He is fine with providing UAIC with info about their ancestral territory, but he was very clear that their lands are on east side of the river while the Patwin (Yocha Dehe) controlled the west side of the river. (UAIC disagrees with that scenario, especially in the area around West Sacramento, but that is another story.) However, after exploring some ways the report might be redacted to eliminate information not pertinent to UAIC, we decided that it would not really be possible to redact the information and still provide a document that was very informative. Laverne decided that he will call UAIC and ask them to respect the confidentiality of the document and rescind their request for the report. He thought that they would be receptive to this suggestion, just as he would be if they asked it of him. He emphasized that the two tribes have a very good working relationship, so he felt comfortable in making this request. He will try to do that this week, as he has a few other things to talk with them about.

Should UAIC rescind their request for the report, we could still offer to send them the section on the built environment resources, and perhaps figure out a way to send information on the historic era archaeological resources, if they want those data.

I will, of course, keep you posted.

Thanks

Janis

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From: Janis Offermann <janis@horizonh2o.com>

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 8:44 AM

To: 'Laverne Bill' <LBill@yochadehe-nsn.gov>

Subject: RE: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

Hi, Laverne

Do you have time to talk about this today? I will be out of the office Tues/Wednesday, so it would be nice to get your guidance on this today. Just give me a call anytime you have free; I should be around.

Thanks

janis

From: Janis Offermann <janis@horizonh2o.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 2:48 PM
To: 'Laverne Bill' <LBill@yochadehe-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

Hi, Laverne

I am heading to the PO to mail some AB 52 letters, but I can give you a call when I get back, if you think you will be available. I am trying to take tomorrow off, but I am happy to chat with you, and I am free all day on Monday.

Let me know what works for you.

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly

Janis

From: Laverne Bill <LBill@yochadehe-nsn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:52 PM
To: 'Janis Offermann' <janis@horizonh2o.com>
Subject: RE: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

Good afternoon, Janis. Thank you for reaching out about this request and providing some recommendations. We have been working with UAIC on several other projects and they have been a great partner. But I agree that the Tribe does not want to share confidential information (ie., maps, site records, other sensitive documentation), and would recommend redacting documentation prior to sending out. Lets talk further about this issue to make sure we are both on the same page. Let me know when we can talk. Have a great day.

Laverne Bill

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Subject: Sites reservoir confidential cultural resources report

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Good morning, Laverne

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As part of the broader tribal outreach conducted by the Authority last summer, UAIC responded that they did not want to consult and would defer to local tribes.?? However, they requested to be kept

informed about the project and also wanted to receive any cultural reports prepared.?? They recently reminded us about their request for the cultural resources report. The Authority is concerned that the report prepared in support of the Revised EIR (which I sent to you on December 10, 2021) likely contains confidential information that you would not want shared with other (or at least non-local) tribes. The report includes information on Native American archaeological sites, historic era archaeological sites, and built environment resources.?? It also provides general descriptions of all of the known recorded archaeological sites and contains maps with confidential site locational information.

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We would like your thoughts on providing the report to UAIC. I think we are obligated to send them something, but we could remove the maps and redact all other information that you consider confidential, such as the descriptions of the Native American sites. Or it could be some other version of the report, based on your input.

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Thanks for giving this your consideration.?? Please feel free to give me a call to discuss.

Thanks

janis

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