

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: Mr. Steve Beazley

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SUBJECT: OCFEC Historical Buildings

During preparation of the Cultural Resources section (attached) of the Orange County Fair and Exposition Center (OCFEC) Master Plan 2003 Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a records search through the South Central Coastal Information Center of the California Historical Resource Information System conducted for the Fairgrounds property resulted in findings of “no known archaeological or historic resource sites within the study area.” In addition, a field survey of the existing buildings was conducted in September 2002. The results of this field visit did not identify any historic properties as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In addition, “Based on expert opinion provided by Steven Conkling, Director of Cultural and Paleontological Resources, LSA Associates, Inc., it has been concluded that while several buildings on the Fairgrounds date from the historic Santa Ana Army Air Base (SAAAB), none of the buildings retain their integrity or ability to convey historical significance. Comparison of the existing building locations to aerial photographs taken during operation of the SAAAB indicate that none of the buildings are in their original location. Field surveys establish that all the buildings have been substantially altered from their original design. Buildings of this type and period are relatively common on military bases, including at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station and Camp Pendleton. Therefore, these buildings have not retained their historic integrity and do not represent unique examples of their type.”

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at (949) 553-0666.

Attachment: OCFEC Master Plan 2003 EIR Cultural Resources section