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November 18, 2005

Ms. Debbie Pilas-Treadway
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Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: REQUEST FOR SACRED LANDS FILE SEARCH AND NATIVE AMERICAN REFERRALS –
BAHIA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT, CITY OF NOVATO, MARIN COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

Dear Ms. Pilas-Treadway:

The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address the potential impacts of Bahia Wetlands Restoration Project. Life Sciences! Inc. (LSI) has been contracted by DFG to prepare the EIR. The 654-acre project is located west of the Petaluma River and south of Black John Slough in the City of Novato, Marin County, California. Maps showing the location of the project are attached.

The site is currently undeveloped, but has been significantly altered in the twentieth century. In the early part of the century, levees were constructed to make the site suitable for agriculture and in the latter part of the century, extensive dredging operations took place and several land peninsulas were constructed largely from the dredged materials in order to prepare the site for proposed residential development. DFG and the Marin Audobon Society, which owns a portion of the Bahia site, are now proposing to lower and breach the constructed levees at the site and to implement additional grading and construction activities along the levees and peninsulas to restore important tidal wetlands habitat and to enhance existing seasonal wetlands and uplands habitat at the site.

I am contacting you to request a search of the Sacred Lands File for areas potentially impacted by this project, and also to request a list of Native American representatives who may have an interest in heritage lands or other resources potentially affected by the proposed project.

Please FAX this information to (530) 668-5675 (attention: Jennifer Nachmanoff) or mail it to:

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You can contact me at (530) 757-6249 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

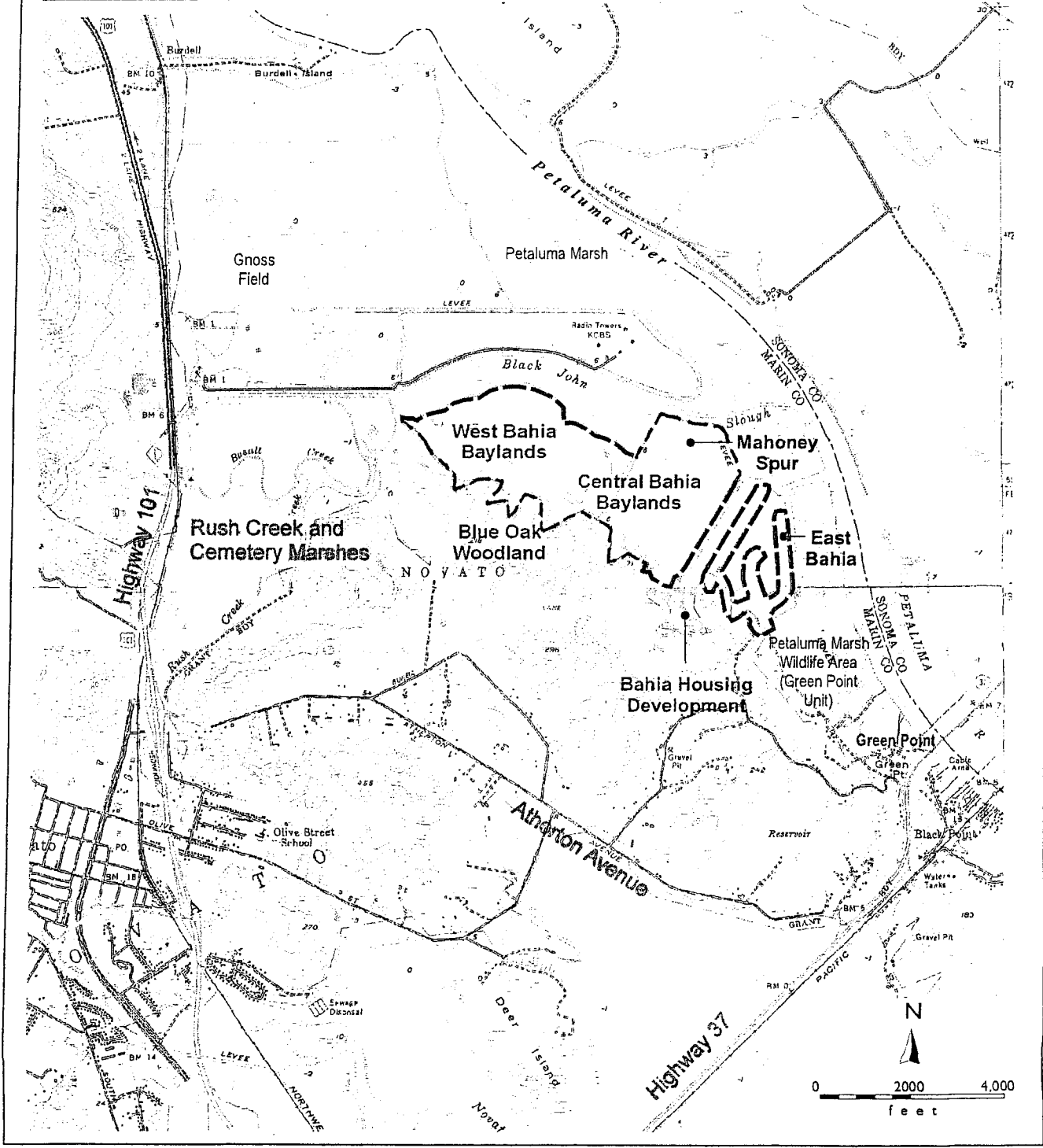
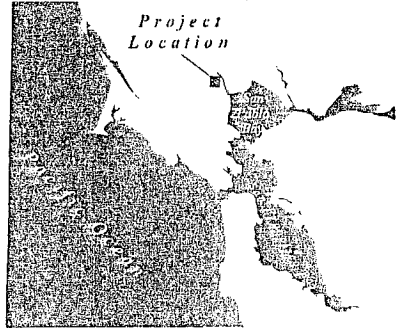
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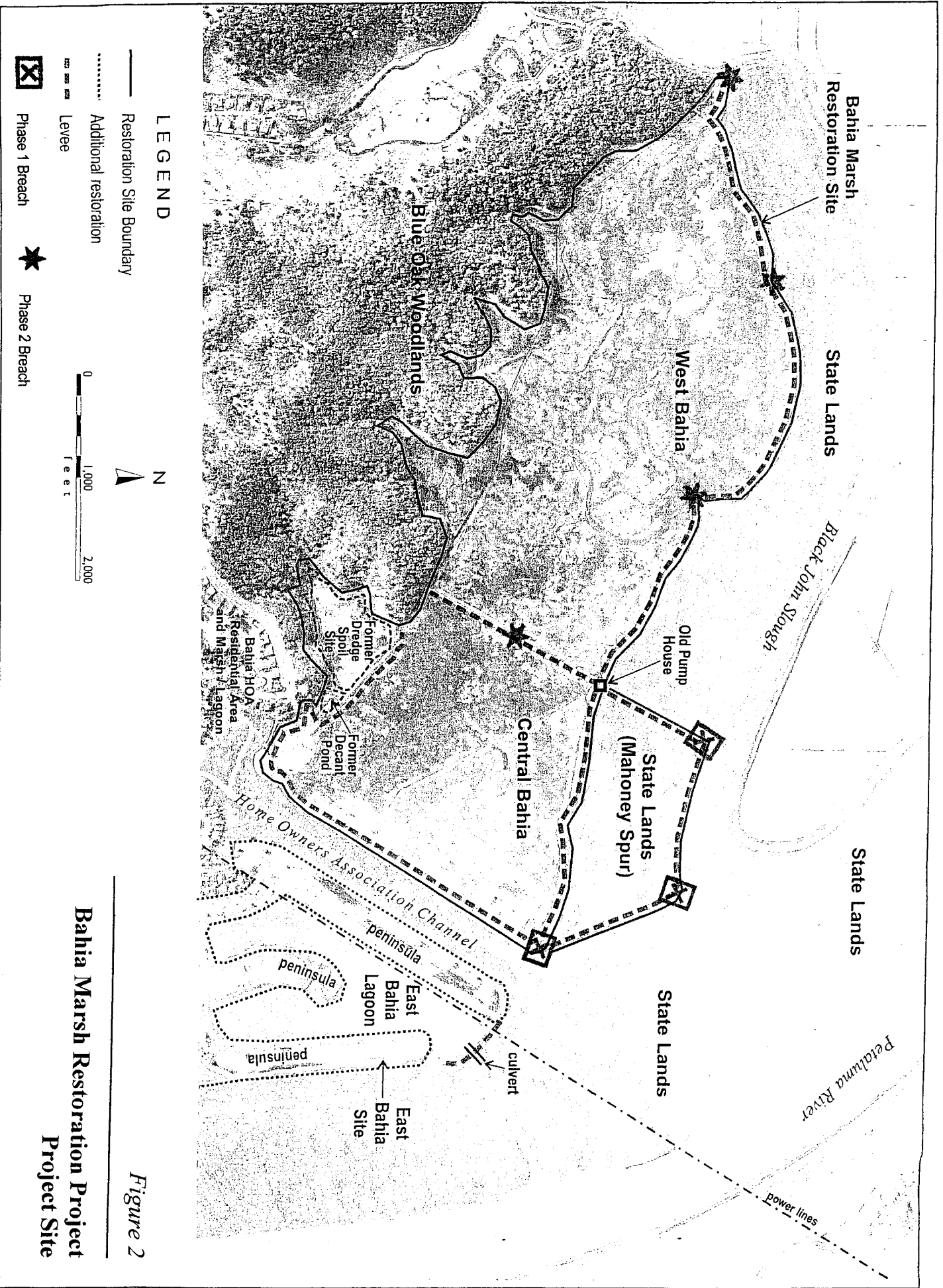
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cc: Lisa Stallings, LSI

Figure 1

Bahia Marsh Restoration Project Project Vicinity Map





LEGEND

- Restoration Site Boundary
- Additional restoration
- - - - - Levee
- ☒ Phase 1 Breach
- ★ Phase 2 Breach

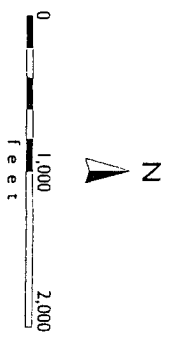


Figure 2

**Bahia Marsh Restoration Project
Project Site**

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January 13, 2006

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Subject: REQUEST FOR SACRED LANDS FILE SEARCH AND NATIVE AMERICAN
REFERRALS -BAHIA MARSHLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT, CITY OF NOVATO,
MARIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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The site is currently undeveloped, but has been significantly altered by levee building and dredging and fill operations in the 20th century. DFG and the Marin Audubon Society, which each own a portion of the site, are proposing to lower and breach site levees and to undertake other grading and construction activities to restore important tidal marshlands and to enhance existing seasonal wetlands and uplands.

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January 24, 2006

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RE: Proposed Bahia Marshlands and Restoration project, Marin County

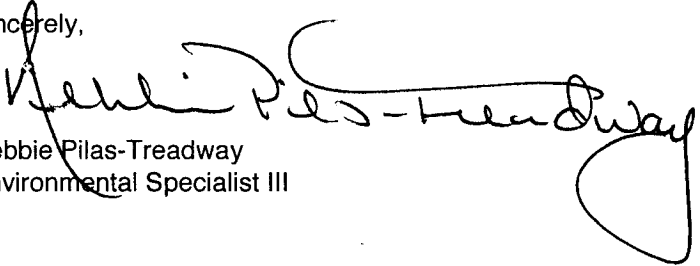
Dear Ms. Nachmanoff:

A record search of the sacred land file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,


Debbie Pilas-Treadway
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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 contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resource assessment for proposed Bahia Marshlands and Restoration project, Marin County.

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March 2, 2006

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Dear Ms. Smith,

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I am writing to request any information that you may have regarding cultural resources within the project area of potential effect, as well as any concerns you may wish addressed in the EIR. If you cannot supply information regarding cultural resources, but can recommend others who might, that information would also be helpful. Please note that reconnaissance cultural resource surveys of the project area of potential effects have already been conducted and the Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park has already been contacted for data pertaining to recorded and listed cultural resource sites.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at the number listed above. Thank you.

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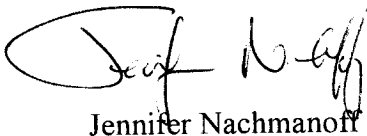
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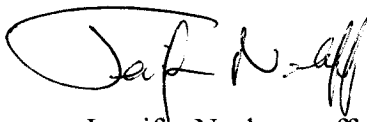
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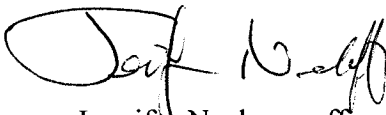
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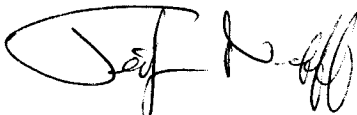
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