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- December 15, 2015 -

To: Michelle Julene,
Senior Planner,
East Bay Regional Park District

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project to increase access to the Mission Peak Park complex. However, it is sad that the obvious intent is to justify the destruction of very important Ohlone cultural sites. Sadder still that the stated intent of East Bay Regional Park District is to “. . . preserve natural and cultural resources for all to enjoy now and into the future.” This can not be reconciled with the plans as currently presented.

First, I would like to share the perspective and experience that I have gained in my work that informs the below comments. I am both *t'rowt'raahl* Salinan and *rumsien* Ohlone. I have been involved in the preservation of both my cultural heritages for over two decades. I represents my late Mother's Ohlone family interests in protection of their heritage , often consulting with other Ohlone families and communities, as I am in this case with my East Bay Ohlone relatives. On my Father's side, I was a founding member of the contemporary Salinan Nation Tribal Council (serving as Tribal Chair for a number of years) and their non-profit organization, now known as Salinan *T'rowt'raahl*. I am a long time member of the Society for California Archaeology (SCA), a state organization of archaeologists, cultural resource professionals and others that work to preserve the history of California. I currently serve on SCA's Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) as Co-Chair. I was formerly a Central California native representative on the Archaeology Resources Committee (ARC) of the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC). This committee is an advisory body to the SHRC, which works in conjunction with the State Office of Historic Preservation, on issues of cultural resources management standards and practices across the state. I have been a writer and activist within the California indigenous community for more than two decades, on issues regarding cultural preservation, protection, education and traditional practices.

Let us be blunt: the plan as proposed is a direct contradiction to the stated purpose of both the EBRPD and the project intent. One of the defining heritage aspects of the area is the Ohlone cultural heritage area and the sites contained therein. The proposed “mitigation” of the proposed construction will result in the destruction of one or more sites - nothing less. The CEQA quotes

are seemingly inserted at random to justify that destruction, in a way that makes obvious that the EBRPD neither understands, cares or neither, about what should be their primary concern, the 'spirit' of CEQA (preservation and avoidance of damage) and their own mission to protect and preserve the heritage of the lands they are currently caretakers of.

Data recovery is not 'mitigation' and certainly is not in any way "protection and preservation". The two preferred alternatives and most of the listed other alternatives are focused on the eradication of Ohlone sites. The one listed alternative of "no project" is dismissed off handedly, and it seems that no effort was given to any other possibilities. It is hypocritical to put in such prominence the EBRPD creed "... preserves a rich heritage of natural and cultural resources ..." then totally ignore that preeminent statement to focus on the lesser objective of "... provides open space, parks, trails, safe and healthful recreation and environmental education..." Then, as if to dare anyone to challenge, the statement "An environmental ethic guides the District in all of its activities" is cruelly inserted as if to taunt the Ohlone community in the audacity of the EBRPD position of authority: 'we are going to justify doing whatever we wish.' What ethic leads the District to ignore both their founding intent and the express objections of the primary impacted community constituent, the Ohlones? Couching the document in flowery and technical language does not disguise the fact that the two preferred proposals will destroy cultural sites. The state preservation laws, professional archaeology and public interest demand a true avoidance of desecration and eradication of Ohlone cultural sites, as these two proposed parking construction efforts will inevitably do if they are implemented.

Of course, the most egregious aspect of the entire project is that these immediate sites are known to have a very high probability of remains within them, as they have been found in the area previously. There is no 'mitigation' conceivable, nor permission by any entity, whether governmental (at any level) nor descendant individual or group, that can justify the proposal that will likely lead to ancestral disturbances. Nor is it supported by law or preservation "ethics."

If EBRPD truly wanted to fulfill its duty and legal/moral/ ethical obligations to preserve, other alternatives, perhaps not as easy, economical, obvious or 'pretty' need be considered. The one that comes to mind for me is a suggestion to maintain all parking on the Ohlone College campus by agreement, then use environmentally advantageous vehicles (such as electric or hybrid shuttles) to the existing parking area that can be converted to a less impactful staging area. This

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would be for a nominal fee if at all, for those that need it; others can use existing trails from the college site. It is unimaginable that most people, that access the Mission Peak Park for 'recreation' (most of which consists of walking, hiking and similar means of access), would find this onerous. This will not require the building of parking structures that neither the Ohlone community nor the neighboring community desire. It will lessen the impact on the cultural sites (avoiding data recovery or any other misapplication of 'mitigation'), lessen parking issues in the immediate neighborhood, and perhaps even bypass the federal preservation issues that will inevitably arise when the appropriate public process for federal permits are sought (with the associated more complex and stricter requirements - including consultation, alternative development, avoidance of site damage, and other issues - that will arise with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, who will no doubt raise objection to willful site destruction, as well as the State Historic Preservation Office).

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It seems that East Bay Regional Park District continues to take two or three steps back with every halting step forward in its search for understanding and application of required legal obligations in heritage protection. This is an opportunity to take a different direction and align the EBRPD with the modern day ethic of cultural resource management that is embodied in their lofty mission statements. This organization can actually live out those concepts, if they have the open mind, heart and courage necessary to do so.

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Gregg Castro, *t'rowt'raahl* Salinan / *rumsien* Ohlone
Board member, Salinan *Layehm* - a Salinan advocacy group
Society for CA Archaeology -NAPC Member
State Hist. Resrcs Comm - Archeology Resources Committee
California Indian Storytelling Association - Advisor

Gregg Castro - for the people

"pkotse tok'a:wten tsep" - "act with good hearts"

LETTER C13

Castro, Greg
December 14, 2015

- Response C13-1: This introductory comment is noted. Specific concerns that are provided in subsequent comments are addressed below.
- Response C13-2: This comment, which summarizes the commenter's background and experience as an Ohlone tribal member, as a co-chair of the Society for California Archaeology Native American Programs Committee, as a member of the State's Archaeology Resources Committee, and as a writer and activist within the California indigenous community, is noted.
- Response C13-3: This comment expresses concerns related to the impacts to cultural resources identified in the Draft EIR and suggests that the proposed project may not reflect District policies related to preservation and protection of cultural resources. Please refer to Response C7-8 regarding consistency with the District's mission and policies related to cultural resources and Master Response 7, which addresses impacts to cultural resources and required mitigation measures as identified in the Draft EIR. Also refer to Master Response 8, which addresses alternatives to the proposed project.
- Response C13-4: This comment suggests that the District maintain Ohlone College for parking and implement the use of electric or hybrid shuttles to transport park users to and from the current Stanford Avenue Staging Area in lieu of the proposed project in order to lessen the impact on cultural resources from the proposed project. The comment is noted, and the District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project. Also refer to Master Response 8 regarding project alternatives.
- Response C13-5: This comment, which questions the District's "understanding and application of required legal obligations in heritage protection," is noted. The District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

Letter to East Bay Regional Parks Board of Directors from Ruth Orta and Ramona Garibay, September 2016

We're writing on behalf of the 67 members of our five-generation Jalquin/Saclan Ohlone/Bay Miwok family to tell you that we are deeply disappointed and saddened to learn that the Park District plans to build a parking lot at Mission Peak by disturbing the resting place of our ancestors and by digging up artifacts that our ancestors intended would always remain where they are right now.

We had hoped that when we met with Park District representatives at the proposed parking lot locations months ago that the Park District would take to heart our strong objections to the building of a parking lot on our ancestral site, and that the District would decide not to build a new parking lot. We hoped instead that you would continue to encourage hikers to use public transportation and to park at Ohlone College, even if the parking garage could not be built that some of us asked you to consider building instead of a new parking lot. In other words, we hoped that the Park District would respect our wishes, and would honor and respect our ancestors by not disturbing their final resting place.

It's so sad to us that you do things like this, because we thought you were supposed to be devoted to preserving nature and the environment, as well as devoted to protecting our ancestral sites on your parklands. But once this parking lot is built, people who hike onto our sacred mountain will instead look down on an ugly parking lot and a once open parkland bulldozed and reshaped. Non-Indians took the land from our ancestors and now you own it. So now you are responsible for our ancestors, too. For this reason, we are deeply disappointed, and, we are in fact devastated, that despite the responsibility you now have for our ancestors, you plan to disturb their final resting place anyway.

We don't think you would dig up your own ancestors to build a parking lot, so why is it OK to do this to ours? During the many years that I (Ramona) have been an MLD and Monitor, I've seen what people do to our ancestors and the land. They take mountains and flatten them to build houses. They take the creeks and move them wherever they feel like moving them. They bulldoze through our ancestors bones. Please, we beg you not to do this at Mission Peak. For the world to continue, this type of destruction must end.

You say you will follow the law, and we believe that. But unfortunately, the law has never been on our ancestors' side. The law may say that it's OK for you to recover "scientific data" from our bones and artifacts, but it's not OK with us.

Your plan says that you are going to scientifically study the artifacts that you dig up and that you are going to share these artifacts with the public as part of educational programs. We want you to know that we have been sharing our culture and history for 22 years at Coyote Hills and other Regional Parks, and we are completely baffled, confused, and upset that the Park District still does not seem to understand that we don't want to be treated as a science lesson. We aren't objects. Our ancestors aren't objects. We don't want you to focus your programs on artifacts and on the past. We want you to teach people about who we are today, what we care about today, how we continue to make these kinds of things, how we continue to keep our cultural values alive, and how we continue to practice our culture. If you want to share artifacts with the public, share copies or, better yet, objects we've made.

Given how we feel, if you do decide to dig our artifacts and use them for public education anyway, will you also tell the people you show these artifacts to that we asked you not to dig them up? That we asked you not to study them? That we asked you instead to keep them where they are meant to be? That we asked you to keep them where they are now?

We want to end by pointing out that in the FEIR you describe Ramona as a member of the "Ohlone Tribe." Yet there is no such tribe. If your consultants who met and worked with her can't get that right, how can we trust the other things that they've written? How can we trust any other promises being made?

Please, we implore you. Respect our ancestors by leaving them where they are meant to be forever.

Sincerely,

Ruth Orta and Ramona Garibay
Jalquin/Saclan Ohlone/Bay Miwok

Michelle Julene

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2015 12:14 PM
To: StanfordAveProject
Cc: Whitney Dotson; John Sutter; Dennis Waespi; Douglas Siden; Ayn Wieskamp; Beverly Lane; Diane Burgis; Robert E. Doyle
Subject: Mission Peak parking lots

Attn: Michelle Julene and EBRPD Board Members,

I am writing to protest the building of either parking lot (A or B) at Mission Peak. Both of the proposed sites are located on "archaeological resources". These are not archaeological resources but rather ancestral cultural sites/sacred places to the Ohlone people. Building on these sites would have a huge, negative impact, regardless of the "mitigation process".

Mitigation through data recovery is and will always be destructive and cannot be reversed once begun. From a Native perspective any and all disturbance is unacceptable! Fortunately archaeologists have found alternative ways to study various sites and are no longer as eager to dig for artifacts, etc. This approach is welcomed by those of us who are in the field.

Burials have been found on Mission Peak and should not be disturbed at any cost. There is no way of knowing what, if anything, including more burials, is below the surface of the two proposed parking lot sites, without further study. Once digging has begun it is too late!

A great deal of earth will have to be moved in preparation for the lot(s), at a tremendous cost (both monetarily and culturally) and by then the area will be permanently destroyed, after which it will be capped with concrete. There is no backing up that point. Ohlone College has a perfectly good parking lot, within a short walk of Mission Peak and is available at little or no additional cost to EBRPD and/or the taxpayers. The money saved would be available to be put to a far better use and at no disruption of Native cultural sites.

In reading over the brief biographies of the EBRPD Board of Directors I see a wide variety of educational backgrounds, experiences, and activities that indicate a concern for the environment and its resources. That concern should extend to the impact that building an unneeded parking lot will have on a valuable and irreplaceable ancestral, cultural and archaeological site. Cultural sites are non-renewable resources and cannot be restored once they are disturbed/destroyed/excavated.

Please give serious consideration to stopping this project and using the Ohlone College parking lot instead. No one disputes the need for additional parking but building an unneeded and destructive parking lot is not the answer.

And yes, I have been to Mission Peak and have seen the current, small parking lot.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Barbara Reichardt
Retired Educator and Archaeologist

LETTER C57

Reichardt, Barbara
December 12, 2015

Response C57-1: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project based the project's potential to impact cultural resources as identified in the Draft EIR, is noted. This comment, which identifies the project site as a sacred area and expresses opposition to the proposed project and impacts to Ohlone tribal resources based on the potential disturbance of Ohlone ancestral remains, is noted. Please refer to Master Response 7 for a discussion of cultural resource mitigation measures including the requirement to consult with the Ohlone People to ensure that Native American perspectives associated with the known Ohlone cultural resources are considered while developing a Treatment Plan prior to project implementation.

Also refer to Master Response 7 regarding cultural resources including potentially significant impacts to cultural resources and recommended mitigation measures to offset potential impacts.

Response C57-2: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project, and support for use of the Ohlone College parking lot instead, is noted. Please refer to Master Response 8 regarding project alternatives. The commenter is not questioning the adequacy of the information or analysis within the Draft EIR. However, the District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

Michelle Julene

From: Alfonso Ramirez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 8:00 PM
To: StanfordAveProject
Subject: Draft EIR Mission Peak parking lot

Hello Michelle,

I am an Ohlone descendant and culture bearer for my tribe. I am writing to express my concern regarding the project to place a parking lot at Mission Peak. As the EIR states, there is a considerable impact on the cultural artifacts located within the park. These artifacts are too close to the options being considered to not be impacted in spite of the mitigations outlined in the impact assessment. Please note that these cultural sites cannot be cleansed when they are contaminated nor do they replenish themselves when destroyed. The known locations of artifacts are too close to earth moving, equipment transport and traffic to properly be protected from damage and contamination both during and after the construction. In addition, there is evidence that undiscovered artifacts and possible human remains are still in the area and may be exposed due to the construction. These sites must be treated with respect beyond the mitigations outlined in the EIR. These sites must remain undisturbed. The history of this site and the people who tended Mission Peak before it was the current tourist attraction deserve to be treated as an important part of California history. These peoples contribution to Fremont's landscape must not be exchanged for a place to park our cars. I propose against both options due to the impact these options will have on the known and undiscovered artifacts in the area.

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Please do not continue with these proposed options and do not ratify the EIR.

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Regards,

Alfonso Ramirez

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LETTER C58

Ramirez, Alfonso
November 17, 2015

Response C58-1: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project based on the project's potential to impact cultural resources, including areas sacred to the Ohlone People, is noted. The District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

Also refer to Master Response 7 regarding cultural resources, including potentially significant impacts and recommended mitigation measures to reduce cultural resource impacts. Recommended mitigation measures require the District to consult with the Ohlone People to ensure that Native American perspectives associated with Mission Peak are considered during development of the Treatment Plan required prior to project implementation.

Response C58-2: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project, is noted. Please refer to Master Response 9 regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The commenter is not questioning the adequacy of the information or analysis within the Draft EIR. However, the District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

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Confederation of Ohlone People

Recipient: Michelle Julene, Senior Planner, East Bay Regional Park District

Letter: Greetings,

Michelle Julene
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East Bay Regional Park District
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Dear Ms. Julene;

This letter is in response to the Stanford Avenue Staging Area Expansion Project, Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR"). On behalf of the Confederation of Ohlone People ("Confederation"), and Confederation Allies, we are sending this letter and petition because we are directly opposed to any plan that would disturb sites known to include Ohlone family remains and cultural artifacts. The fact is that the Draft EIR does well to concede that human remains and evidence that would support the existence of an Ohlone village site would be destroyed through the proposed site development plan.

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Our understanding of the Mission Peaks Park is that it is dedicated as a "preserve" for the enjoyment of the public and we support such a mission. Additionally, over time the East Bay Regional Park District has included a strong educational component to community programming, and we also support such efforts. Finally, the park system has a dedicated cultural liaison, who must legitimately be able to advocate for the historical and cultural aspects of natural treasures, such as historical Native sites. That being said, destroying a known Ohlone cultural site is in complete conflict with the Park District's goals and aspirations. It is absolutely perplexing that a system, touting programs meant to educate children and community members about local tribes through hands-on cultural programs and other educational activities, would remove the essence of Ohlone existence from the site. One action clearly contradicts the other.

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At this time, the Confederation of Ohlone People and their allies must demonstrate opposition to both Plan A and Plan B, as drafted in the Draft EIR. Many parks across the country are able to accommodate visitors with minimal impact to surface areas. The expansion of parking lots, as proposed, lacks creativity and is

simply short-sited. We implore you to consider other options.

With respect,

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The Confederation of Ohlone People and Community Allies

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Charlene Sul	Gilroy, CA	2015-11-24	Cultural genocide must stop. Many parks across the country are able to accommodate visitors with minimal impact to surface areas. The expansion of parking lots, as proposed, lacks creativity and is simply short-sited. We implore the East Bay Regional Park District to consider other options.
Misa joo	Eugene, OR	2015-11-24	Preserve Sacred Sites! Stop the desecration!!
manny moreno	four corners, CA	2015-11-24	I believe in the protection of sacred sites
Pennie Opal Plant	San Pablo, CA	2015-11-24	It is profoundly wrong to develop a known Ohlone burial site. And to move the Ohlone ancestors to the University just adds insult to deep injury. Don't do it. Protect the site.
Corrina Gould	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	I am signing because as an Ohlone woman who's directly impacted by the land that is disturbed by EBRPD mismanagement and lack of listening to other options must stop. The consideration of building up rather than the disturbance of yet another cultural sacred site must happen. Its bad enough that this sacred place is even open to the public rather than honored and left undisturbed. Work with the original stewards of this land and halt any development plans
Brenda Salgado	San Leandro, CA	2015-11-24	The Ohlone people have faced so much theft of land and disrespect for culture and ancestors. I believe if this were your ancestors, you would not want them moved or disturbed or disrespected this way. My husband and I encouraged folks to donate to EBRPD on our wedding day, and I find myself saddened to know you are even considering this action. I am completely opposed to constructing restrooms and parking atop sacred graves of the Ohlone people. Do the right thing here, and find another solution.
Teresa Alderete	San Jose, CA	2015-11-24	I care
John Anderson	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-24	Modern industrial culture needs to become sustainable, and we don't have the vaguest idea how to do that. One first step would be to respect and learn from the Native cultures who have been doing that for millennia. And a first step to that is to respect their heritage and ancestors.
Joanna Hill	Forest Lake, MN	2015-11-24	I oppose the construction of restrooms, and parking over known Ohlone burial and village site.
Armida Cervantez	Nevada City, CA	2015-11-24	I believe in the protection and acknowledgement of sacred sites. Please respect them and seek out alternatives which so many parks have done before.
Rupa Marya	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-24	The destruction of native people's cultural heritage MUST stop.
Vivian fang	Duarte, CA	2015-11-24	It's important to keep heritage and traditions.
Joan Kresich	Livingston, MT	2015-11-24	I am a Bay Area native (white) and I want the few existing sacred sites protected. No more cultural genocide!
Taaj Marty	Burnsville, MN	2015-11-24	This is disrespectful and cruel. Let them rest and stay away from Our sacred sites!
Megan Roberts	Richmond, CA	2015-11-24	As an ally of the Ohlone people, I implore Mission Peak Regional Park to live up to its name as a "Preserve" and to leave the remains of Ohlone ancestors untouched.
Charlie Toledo	Napa, CA	2015-11-24	Time to stop business as usual leave Indigenous remains sacred and in place. No desecration of human. Ancestors!
Aimee Durfee	Martinez, CA	2015-11-24	Enough stolen land and culture! Do the right thing.

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Valerie Lopez	San Jose, CA	2015-11-24	Bones need to be left alone.
joseph arthur	El Dorado, CA	2015-11-24	Signed.. a place where I grew up as a kid. I would rather not have any of it changed at all.
chris avelino	ukiah, CA	2015-11-24	Red lives matters rezdog we mobb in the name of crazy horse
Sally Alderete	Madera, CA	2015-11-24	I oppose,the removal of my ancestor remains. I am native,American .
Amanda Bloom	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	Native burial grounds should not be desecrated.
johanna clark	Deroche, Canada	2015-11-24	nobody wants their ancestors in a museum instead of their grave. The graves are people not artifacts.
Hank Herrera	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	The land is sacred and we must preserve it.
Daniel Foor	Asheville, NC	2015-11-24	I have a great love for the land and people in the Bay Area and I visit and teach there often. I want to see park administrators do the right thing here and prioritize healthy relationships with living Native peoples, the rich cultural history of the land, the ancestors, and just common decency over a stubborn attachment to building a new parking lot in that particular location. Please.
Nancy Rieser	Crockett, CA	2015-11-24	The University of California not only needs to end its academic hoarding of Ohlone skeletal remains. It needs to return the over 12,000 remains stored in cardboard boxes under the old gym...not add them. As a park district your mission is to preserve, not disturb. Your agency has NO business encouraging this University's academic arrogance. The LAST thing you should do? Not preserve the burial sites. Hands off. http://articles.latimes.com/2008/jan/13/local/me-bones13
Rebecca Clark	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	Preserving Native lands is important to me, especially when there is a living contingency of Native people supporting this preservation. I hope California (and the Bay Area) does the right thing.
Luna Pantera	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	I understand what sacred land means...
KIMBERLY STEVENOT	MODESTO, CA	2015-11-24	I'm signing because we've looked the other way for way too long, our ancestors were put to rest there long before any European...when was the last time white European ancestors were dug up and 'studied'? It's time the Native peoples of California and our ancestors are shown respect.
Tabitha Didrickson	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-24	I am signing because the very idea of unearthing and relocating ANY remains is horrifying. Can you imagine the uproar if it were a Christian or Catholic burial site they were planning on relocating to a lab to be studied?
Marcus Arana	Hollister, CA	2015-11-24	I am shocked that the university would even consider building over our graveyards. Please help save the heritage of my ancestors, the Ohlone people.
Mickey Ellinger	Oakland, CA	2015-11-24	we have an obligation to respect the sacred sites of the Native people.
Janet Johnson	Richmond, CA	2015-11-24	This proposal is wrong in so many ways.
Shalahnia Kimberling	Rancho Cordova, CA	2015-11-24	I support saving Sacred Sites.
Kelli McConnell	Athens, GA	2015-11-24	Do what is right...The Ohlone people do not want their ancestors removed, studied or otherwise disturbed as suggested by the Environmental Impact Report.
Vicki C. Solomon	Piedmong, CA	2015-11-24	Do the right thing, please. Ask the Ohlones, and follow their requests.
Justine Ferguson	Wayland, MA	2015-11-24	I'm signing because as a former resident in a state full of 'missions' - continues its mission to blatantly disregard sacred burial grounds of the natives to that area. Show decency and respect and do what's right: preserve the sacred burial grounds.

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Megan Baer	Athens, GA	2015-11-24	It's clearly the right thing to do. We must treat others (and others' dead relatives) the way we would like to be treated. Would you like a bathroom and parking lot put on top of your relatives graves?
Julie Hernandez	Concord, CA	2015-11-24	We MUST show respect to those who came before us. Do not commit more crimes against the Ohlone Peoples.
Stef Arbor - Free	albany, CA	2015-11-24	Ms. Julene, As a local park-goer, I can honestly say that I would prefer to have the burial grounds left without any further disturbances as a matter of natural respect. There have been many international instances of remains being removed and then later needing to be repatriated or returned to their people / descendants. To me it doesn't make sense to start a process that is morally wrong and that will need to be undone in the future. Please, think outside the usual box and treat this site as you would a place where your ancestors were buried. Thank you for your consideration.
Fred Velasquez	Valley Springs, CA	2015-11-24	Eternal rest is for Native American Ancestors too.
Reshawn Goods	oakland, CA	2015-11-24	its the right thing to do. Save sacred land period.
Mignon Geli	Garden Valley, CA	2015-11-24	respect for the Ohlone, their ancestors and sacred burial sites....
Jennifer Robinette	Citrus Heights, CA	2015-11-24	Grave sites should not be desecrated period!
Guarionex Delgado	Nevada City, CA 95959 United States, CA	2015-11-24	The earth is sacred. Where we bury our people and hold our ceremonies are sacred places. Profaning a sacred site is a sign of deep spiritual illness in the community or society which considers, promotes or condones it.
Ms Michael Allen	Petaluma, CA	2015-11-24	White people are so, so disrespectful! I am embarrassed to be one!
Valerie Stanley	Willits, CA	2015-11-24	Native Californian's exist - WE ARE NOT GONE. Leave our ancestor's alone, they do not belong in a drawer for someone to examine. Mission Peak Park - you know & have DOCUMENTATION about remains, yet, you want to move them.
Valerie Stanley	Willits, CA	2015-11-24	EBRPD your DOCUMENTATION shows there are items of Ohlone Cultural significance there. Leave them alone. You will be digging up people's family's. Surely, there is a better mitigation measure than putting a toilet on cultural sites. Mutually agreed mitigation measures can & do happen, work with the local Ohlone people. You have no reason not too.
Cher Truax	Portage Lakes, OH, OH	2015-11-24	I am signing this because my gut feeling is it's wrong thing to do. It shows a total lack of respect for the Ohlone People and their ancestors. Shame on you!
Bryer Keane	Grass valley, CA	2015-11-24	a Preserve should be just that; to preserve what is there, not pave it over with a parking lot!
Petra Pino	San Jose, CA	2015-11-25	I'm signing because it's disrespectful to uninter someone's remains over the expressed protests of their relatives. Something to consider: Would you dig up the Centerville Pioneer Cemetery for restrooms and a parking lot? If the answer is "no," then...how can we do this?
Kaela Nathan	Gilroy, CA	2015-11-25	I want native burial grounds saved
paula brown	Santa Cruz, CA	2015-11-25	Im signing because I am Native but it is disrespectful - no matter what religion to destroy sacred places of burial.

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Mimi Gellman	Toronto, Canada	2015-11-25	As an Indigenous person, or perhaps I should just say as an ethical moral human being and citizen of this world, I take great umbrage at the indignity and disrespect settler governments have for the sacred graves of the first peoples of this land!
David Martinez	Ukiah, CA	2015-11-25	Stop the desecration, we would never build on your relatives, why is it okay to do that to ours?
Alan Ernesto Phillips	Redding, CA	2015-11-25	There is NEVER a "Right-way" to do a wrong thing! Let's dig up Arlington National Cemetery and build a high rise parking lot!
Gregg Castro	San Jose, CA	2015-11-25	is is no longer acceptable to just "go through the motions" of the cultural resource laws. If EBRPD is to live up to it's creed of protecting, preserving and caretaking of the lands that they are currently responsible for, they must hold to the SPIRIT of that promise, not just the words and technicalities. The lack of vision for other options is sadly a common occurrence with EBRPD, which has a long history of ignoring if not damaging cultural sites while claiming to be champions of the environment and land. The indigenous cultural heritage is clearly -and even legally - part of the environment and needs to be protected as much as the biological and geological values.
Wendy Kenin	Berkeley, CA	2015-11-25	Respect Humanity
Jim Littlefield, West Coast/North Director Surfers' Environmental Alliance (SEA)	Aptos, CA	2015-11-25	Our ancestors should always be honored, not moved or paved over!
Tiona Bostick	Orinda, CA	2015-11-25	This is patently wrong and the very thing that is wrong with the world. These sites are not replaceable and one you take it away it can't be gotten back.
Jeanette Stratton	henderson, NV	2015-11-25	One day my children will ask why I didn't fight for the earth they inherited. One day your children or your children's children will ask you the same. What will you tell them?
Jennifet Bowles	Petaluma, CA	2015-11-25	Keep sacred lands undisturbed!
Maritza Ruiz-Kim	Pleasant Hill, CA	2015-11-25	Recreational land use doesn't give us the right to desecrate burial sites.
Barbara Derry	Long Beach, CA	2015-11-25	Sacred is sacred. What if YOUR family was buried there?
Melissa Reading	Livermore, CA	2015-11-25	Surely there's space to preserve and respect these remains, and do the "improvements" in another location. It would be the right thing to do.
Amy Doocha	Oakland, CA	2015-11-25	We need to respect sacred lands.
Lauren Benetua	Mountain View, CA	2015-11-25	Stay off sacred sites. Respect the spirits and peoples of this land.
Emily Noel Showers	Appleton, WI	2015-11-25	I am from Wisconsin and this sort of thing happens here too. Let the dead rest and please do not further harm the environment. What do we need more buildings for anyway?
Nancy Wells-Georgia	Colorado Springs, CO	2015-11-25	I'm signing because we owe the Ohlone burial and village site the same respect as any other sacred space.
Phoebe Sorgen	Berkeley, CA	2015-11-25	have a heart
Vivian Jacobs	Glendale, AZ	2015-11-25	Graves should be left in peace!
mitch fullstop	Australia	2015-11-25	becoz i care about Aboriginal people and there land
Ariel Cherbowsky	Berkeley, CA	2015-11-25	No sacred sites should ever be destroyed! Stop this horrible development, listen to the voices of the people, and respect the ancestors of this land. Power to the Ohlone people.

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Abel Macias	San Diego, CA	2015-11-25	We need to stop disturbing the burial remains of indigenous people. Can't they build their bathrooms and parking lot somewhere else?
david marley	waratah, Australia	2015-11-25	As a visitor to the USA I became aware how important these cultural sites are. They must be protected.
tobey crockett	Morro Bay, CA	2015-11-25	These are important cultural issues and social justice matters to me.
Denise Bogle	Delta, Canada	2015-11-25	It is offensive.
Robert Johnson	Napa, CA	2015-11-25	I care.
Elise Nordlund	oakland, CA	2015-11-25	As an indigenous persyn occupying my Ohlone relatives' land, I must speak strongly against the continued genocide of their sovereignty, the trampling of their rights as accorded by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well the continued enslavement of their ancestors remains for purposes of "science." In most every culture globally there are ceremonies for putting to rest those departed. Yet I don't find many for digging them up again (perhaps the Catholic Church is the big exception)! This violation of sacredness must stop! Cultural conservancy is one of the functions of the East Bay regional park district. What you propose to do is exactly the opposite of your mission statement and job function!
Rebecca Rosen	Princeton, NJ	2015-11-25	Indigenous sacred sites should be respected and left alone.
deborah miranda	Lexington, VA	2015-11-25	I'm signing because communication with local tribal peoples about ancestral remains is crucial, respectful, and above all, ethically responsible. Dehumanizing our ancestors is dehumanizing Indigenous people - and that is dangerous for everyone.
Brian Barbier	Santa Barbara, CA	2015-11-25	I am a professional archaeologist and I am aware that there are both strong regulatory incentives and an ethical imperative to avoid disturbing such sensitive sites. Certainly a restroom does not warrant its disturbance. Please put more effort into avoidance.
Linda Rosewood	Santa Cruz, CA	2015-11-25	The plan needs to be changed. This should have been discovered before the plan was executed.
Karen Flittie	Walnut Creek, CA	2015-11-25	It is profoundly wrong to dig up known burial sites.
Alyssa Senczyszyn	Vancouver, Canada	2015-11-25	Burial sites should be respected. Surely alternative designs for the location of washrooms and parking can be found. Use more creativity!
Marsha Small	Ashland, OR	2015-11-25	I believe in protection of sacred sites and sacred places.
Tuneka Tucker	San Jose, CA	2015-11-25	I stand with the Ohlone people who ask for dignity and respect for their ancestors. Dignity and respect are more important than restrooms.
Rubinna Shander	Santa Cruz, CA	2015-11-25	I support the Confederation to preserve ancient burial grounds!
Donna Gillette	Nipomo, CA	2015-11-25	It is time we start respecting Native Americans and their ancestors.
Jeanine Pfeiffer	San Jose, CA	2015-11-25	As an ethnoecologist who supports the conservation of both biological and cultural diversity, I support efforts to respect ancestral sites.
Paetra Tauchert	Sebastopol, CA	2015-11-26	This is unacceptable.
laura harrison	Santa Cruz, CA	2015-11-26	The Ohlone people deserve a place to live and to rest.

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Leslie Lopez	Santa Cruz, CA	2015-11-26	I'm signing as a PhD in anthropology who has read this report, as well as an ally to First Peoples. This EIR clearly states that the planned project does not meet the codes and policies at state, district, and park levels which were put in place to preserve and protect cultural resources, as well as wilderness ecologies. The proposed project intends to build new public access (parking, roads, restrooms) into and on top of land that is sacred, somewhat intact, and so far somewhat protected by these codes. The authors of the report make a clear recommendation: DON'T GO FORWARD with this plan.
Richard Wright	Oakland, CA	2015-11-26	stop desecrating Ohlone land. you would never build bathrooms over a designated cemetery. have some respect.
John Mifsud	Oakland, CA	2015-11-26	This is heinous and will wear on your conscious for a lifetime. Just don't do it. You'll be glad.
Holly Fogleboch	Oakland, CA	2015-11-26	We have done enough damage. Stop stop stop. Leave the remains untouched.
Kristen Prather	Oakland, CA	2015-11-27	Sacred is sacred!
Monica Navarro	Martinez, CA	2015-11-27	Please sign this petition to protect the remains of Ohlone peoples in the Bay Area xoxo
Susan Lowet-Aubert	Mill Valley, CA	2015-11-27	This shouldnot happen
Valerie Becker	Beaverton, OR	2015-11-27	From my Heart I mourn the loss that will occur to my Ancestors if this project is to be completed. Thank you for the time to look objectively and in your Hearts at what will happen if you destroy the burail right and removal of my Ancestors if you move forward on this project.
Genesis Quiroz	San Bruno, CA	2015-11-27	This is completely unacceptable and disgraceful!
Gweneth Dietrich	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-27	The sacred dead must have peace.
Charlotte Allen	Fremont, CA	2015-11-27	Instead of building more parking, EBPRD needs to implement a reservation system for this trailhead to prevent overuse from destroying Mission Peak's biological and cultural resources.
Ira Jones	Emeryville, CA	2015-11-28	I love and respect mother earth and those that came before us.
Robin Kaiser	san bruno, CA	2015-11-28	this Indian site should remain untouched.
Catherine Herrera	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-28	No more loss of sacred sites!
Kate Gibson	Oakland, CA	2015-11-28	Please respect the remains of the ohlone culture that are being unearthed on this land, let them rest where they have been ad should continue tostay
Joe Navarro	Hollister, CA	2015-11-28	I believe that we should honor and respect the histories, traditions and cultures of Native people.
julia mason	los angeles, CA	2015-11-28	Respect the rights of indigenous people.
elaine magree	berkeley, CA	2015-11-28	Do the right thing. Respect native sacred sites. There is a way if there is the political will.
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Virginia Anderson	Atherton, CA	2015-11-29	identity is preserved in part by the land our ancestors occupied. This is a rare opportunity to honor a ravaged people.

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Tomasita Medál	San Francisco, CA	2015-11-29	In the year 2015 it is unbelievable that you would even consider putting restrooms and a parking lot over a known Ohlone village and burial ground. Leave the land untouched. Let the Ohlone ancestors rest in peace, just as you want your ancestors to rest in peace. Place signage describing the ancient uses for the site and put the restrooms and parking somewhere else. Have basic human respect for the humans who are communicating their horror and grief to you. Have empathy. Have human respect.
michelle aranda	Watsonville, CA	2015-11-29	It is wrong to decrate any burial ground!!! hello!!!
Sheila Sullivan	Fremont, CA	2015-11-29	I am an immigrant of Irish extraction. My fellow Irish have a permanent resting place at Mission Peak and yet no one is digging them up. If you have no respect for your ancestors/the dead...then you have nothing here on earth. What will happen to you when you die? I am ashamed at the lack of interest in living history and respect for the dead of Native Peoples. It is not a done deal if you have opposition to your plans. They are not written in stone. I kindly ask you to reconsidered and find another way for these good plans to find a place to build that honors those that went before us and gave us this land for the future generations to live and learn. An interested and following concerned citizen of this great country who loves history! Please respect the forefathers of the Ohlone people. It's the right thing to do. I'm counting on you!
Julie Paszkowski	Graham, NC	2015-11-29	They need to do the right thing, respect the sacred.
Ashley Gregory	Oakland, CA	2015-11-29	The wishes of indigenous people have very rarely been acknowledged and respected. East Bay Regional Parks has the opportunity to do so. With integrity and humility, EBRP can change the tide on this project.
Stephen Shaw	Berkeley, CA	2015-11-30	So much has already been taken from the ohlone people, we owe it to them to preserve their sacred sites.
Marcela Veron	Alameda, CA	2015-11-30	It's imperative to save these sacred sites
Jene L. McCovey	Arcata, CA	2015-11-30	There is enough research done that removed ground and defiled burials. The Ohlone people do not want their ancestors removed, studied or otherwise disturbed as suggested by the Environmental Impact Report.
miki lee	midpines, CA	2015-11-30	I pray that you will step back from want you are considering here. It's very important to respect the what has come before and not simply cover up this burial ground. please ask your own heart what is truly important here. thank you for re-considering. blessings for a heart felt choice~ Miki
maureen roche	petrolia, CA	2015-11-30	No more "take"
Norma Murphy	La Mirada, CA	2015-11-30	I believe that Ohlone burial ground is a very sacred place that should be protected.
Karen Button	Anchorage, AK	2015-11-30	I stand with the Ohlone, who do not want their sacred burial site disturbed. I'm shocked the Park would even advocate such a disrespectful action.

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Shannon Willis	Athens, GA, United States	2015-11-24
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cher truax	Akron, OH, United States	2015-11-24
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Marisa Kaneshiro	Olympia, WA, United States	2015-11-25
Maria Waller	Vallejo, CA, United States	2015-11-25
Rebecca Greenblatt	Syracuse, NY, United States	2015-11-25
Emily Noël Showers	Appleton, WI, United States	2015-11-25
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Alma mainz	Santa Barbara, CA, United States	2015-11-25
Jane Mauchly	San Francisco, CA, United States	2015-11-25
Debbie vasquez	Gilroy, CA, United States	2015-11-25
Nancy Wells-Georgia	Colorado Springs, CO, United States	2015-11-25
Stephanie Schaudel	Oakland, CA, United States	2015-11-25
Loretta Binder-Wheeler	Sebastopol, CA, United States	2015-11-25
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LETTER B3

Confederation of Ohlone People and Community Allies
November 25, 2015

- Response B3-1: This comment provided by the Confederation of Ohlone People and Community Allies, representing approximately 416 individuals, which expresses opposition to any plan that would disturb sites known to include Ohlone family remains, is noted. This comment also correctly indicates that the proposed project, consisting of either Option A or Option B, would disturb, either in whole or in part, archaeological deposits that qualify as “historical resources” under CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)). Please refer to Master Response 7, which addresses potential impacts to cultural resources and mitigation measures recommended in the Draft EIR, including the requirement that the District consult with the Ohlone People to ensure that Native American perspectives associated with the known Ohlone cultural resources are considered while developing a Treatment Plan prior to project implementation.
- Response B3-2: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project, is noted. The District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project. This comment expresses concerns related to the disturbance of Native American archaeological deposits and human remains during project construction. Specifically, this comment suggests that the EIR does not satisfactorily address treatment options that would minimize disturbance to the surface area. The EIR evaluated several different design scenarios for location of the staging area. None of the feasible options would accommodate capping the site and building on top of the soil cap, thus minimizing disturbance to the soil surface. Please refer to Master Response 7 for a discussion of cultural resource mitigation measures including the need to consult with the Ohlone People to ensure that Native American perspectives associated with the known Ohlone cultural resources are considered while developing a Treatment Plan prior to project implementation.
- Response B3-3: This comment is comprised of a petition of approximately 125 signatories attached to the November 25, 2015 letter submitted by the Confederation of Ohlone People and Community Allies. In general the comments provided by the signatories expressed general opposition to the proposed project. For more specific responses to comments related to cultural resources included in the petition refer to Responses B3-1 and B3-2 and Master Response 7.

Michelle Julene

From: Barbara J. Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 8:35 AM
To: StanfordAveProject
Subject: stop the digging

Enough is enough, no more digging up our ancestors human remains. We strongly oppose building parking lots on known archaeological sites at Mission Peak Regional Preserve which is on ancestral cultural sites. It would be the same as turning a cemetery like Forrest lawn into a parking lot with all the bodies still buried there and digging up the departed here and there.

As you would respect any other cemetery respect the land where our ancestors are. The only difference is our land don't have headstones. Fact is fact. Put the shoe on the other foot. Would you want your loved one's resting place trampled over or dug up or worse yet covered over?

Ohlone Tribal member

Barbara Lopez

LETTER C39

Lopez, Barbara

December 15, 2015

Response C39-1: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project and potential impacts to Ohlone ancestral remains, is noted. See Master Response 7 regarding cultural resources, including the project's potential impact on cultural resources and recommended mitigation to reduce such impacts. The commenter is not questioning the adequacy of the information or analysis within the Draft EIR. However, the District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

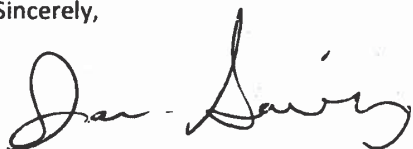
December 14, 2015

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am an Ohlone advocate for the full protection of the ancestral site at Mission Peak. I am not in favor for any digging or excavating. I am against the proposal for the 300 car parking lot. We need to protect our native cultural site as an Ohlone descendant I am asking that you please do not disturb that site.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sabrina Garibay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sabrina" being more prominent than the last name "Garibay".

Sabrina Garibay

LETTER C25

Garibay, Sabrina

December 14, 2015

- Response C25-1: This introductory comment referencing the attached letter is noted.
- Response C25-2: This comment, which expresses opposition to the proposed project due to the excavation required to construct the staging area, is noted. See Master Response 7 regarding cultural resources, including the project's potentially significant impacts and the recommended mitigation measures to reduce these potentially significant impacts. The commenter is not questioning the adequacy of the information or analysis within the Draft EIR. However, the District will consider this input on the project merits prior to taking action on the EIR and the proposed project.

are shallow over nearly impervious material. These soils have a very slow rate of water transmission.”

Based on this lack of anticipated infiltration, the pond sizes were designed assuming no infiltration. However, due to the concerns of the commenters on the Draft EIR, the District engineering staff has provided additional design elements of the proposed stormwater treatment systems and detention ponds to clarify how they would be constructed. As stated above, these design elements are clarifications that provide additional detail about pond hydraulic function and do not represent a change in the project. For clarification, the text of the project description on page 70 of the Draft EIR is revised as follows:

New storm drainage facilities would consist of bioretention areas within the parking area and a detention pond at the north side of the parking area. After rainfall infiltrates through the filter medium in the bioretention area, the treated runoff would be conveyed in perforated pipes that would be buried near the bottom of the bioretention area to the detention pond. The bioretention planters and detention ponds would be lined to prevent water infiltration into the soils below. The system would be equipped with overflow piping to convey water directly to the detention pond if the capacity of the bioretention area were to be exceeded during intense runoff events. These facilities are designed to treat 80 percent of the annual runoff from the paved areas and to restrict flows above critical erosive flows to preconstruction conditions. The controlled outflow of the detention pond would be located just north of the site (see Figure III-2a).

Since the ponds were designed (at a preliminary level) assuming no infiltration, lining the ponds would have no effect on pond sizing. Lining the bioretention planters and detention ponds would essentially eliminate infiltration and the potential that the project could increase seepage and spring activity. Implementation of the proposed project may result in a beneficial effect related to nuisance seepage and springs that was reported by some of the commenters in the vicinity of their residences by incrementally reducing the amount surface water that enters the subsurface.

Master Response 7: Cultural Resources Analysis

This response addresses comments that express concerns related to the disturbance of Native American archaeological deposits and the potential for human remains during project construction. Several of the comments indicate the sacredness with which the Ohlone view these cultural resources and express a preference for preservation in place. This response addresses the possibility for preservation in place of cultural resources and mitigation of potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level. Potential impacts to these resources are discussed on pages 210 through 219 of the Draft EIR. As described in the Draft EIR, potential impacts to these resources would be less than significant for both Option A and Option B with implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

Several of the comments addressed in this response correctly indicate that the proposed project (consisting of either Options A or B) would disturb—either in whole or in part—archaeological deposits that qualify as “historical resources,” a type of cultural resource, under CEQA (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)). Several of the comments also raised concerns that the proposed project could potentially unearth ancestral Ohlone human remains. On the Option A site, archaeologists found shell fragments during their excavation in May 2015. The Option B site is a known archaeological site on which archaeologists have identified three developed midden areas and

various artifacts (see pages 206 through 207 of the Draft EIR). Because of the potential ability of these items to yield information important in prehistory, the Draft EIR took a conservative approach and assumed these items were historical resources due to their eligibility for listing in the California Register and National Register of Historic Places, including the shell fragments found at the Option A site (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)). Some of the comments also indicate that the project is inconsistent with the District's goals "to preserve the heritage of people who occupied this land before the District was established" (District Master Plan Policy CRM 1) due to the potential impacts to archaeological deposits and human remains. The project's relationship to this policy is addressed on page 102 of the Draft EIR. Implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR would ensure that Native American archaeological deposits and human remains are recovered and treated in accordance with applicable laws, District contract provisions, District Resolution No. 198-4-124, and in consultation with Native American representatives.

As previously noted, the Draft EIR acknowledges that the project could have a potentially significant impact on Native American archaeological deposits and human remains (Impacts Option A and Option B CUL-1 and CUL-3). The Draft EIR considered a number of mitigation measures to address these potentially significant cultural resources impacts. Per CEQA requirements, preservation in place is the preferred manner of mitigating impacts to archaeological sites (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(A)), and the District considered such preservation in the Draft EIR (refer to pages 209, 211, and 213). Ultimately, the District concluded that capping the potentially impacted archaeological deposits with clean fill soil to avoid their disturbance—one possible method of preservation and the method suggested by many commenters—would not be feasible because the project site is not level and would require more extensive grading and excavation than proposed by the project which, in turn, could result in additional environmental impacts (refer to pages 211 and 213 of the Draft EIR where this preservation method is also discussed). In other words, the topography of the project site is such that preservation in place mitigation could have more significant impacts on the known archaeological deposits than the project itself.

In addition, the District concluded that none of the other methods of preservation in place are feasible (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(B)). Incorporating the site of the historical resources within open space or placing the site under conservation easement, for example, would preclude development of the project altogether, thereby achieving none of the project objectives. The District must balance preserving cultural and natural resources with achieving the primary purpose of the project, which is to better accommodate park visitor demand for trail access from the existing Stanford Avenue Staging Area. Thus, these other measures for preservation are also infeasible for this project.

While controlled archaeological excavation (see Mitigation Measures Option A and Option B CUL-1a and CUL-1b) disturbs and removes historic resources, CEQA permits the use of excavation as part of data recovery mitigation. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.4(b)(3)(C)). Data recovery mitigation is accomplished by collecting information about local prehistory through the study of artifacts, ecofacts,⁹ and features. When an archaeological deposit's eligibility for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources (California Register) is due to the important prehistoric or historic information it has yielded or can yield, data recovery can offer appropriate mitigation in terms of

⁹ Ecofacts are organic materials found at archaeological sites that carry archaeological significance. These may be natural objects found with artifacts or features such as bones, charcoal, plants etc.

CEQA (see California Register Criterion 4, described on pages 204 through 205 of the Draft EIR; CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a)(3)(D)). The analysis in the Draft EIR determined that the archaeological deposits that may be impacted by the project are eligible under California Register Criterion 4 and do not appear to be eligible under any other criteria; therefore, data recovery can serve as an effective mitigation under CEQA since preservation in place is infeasible for the proposed project and therefore cannot be achieved in this case.

It should be emphasized that the District's mitigation of potential archaeological impacts from the project is not limited to data recovery. In an effort to ensure that Native American perspectives are considered and respected, the mitigation measures require consultation with members of the Ohlone community regarding development of a Treatment Plan prior to construction including, the appropriate means for public outreach to communicate the significance of Native American traditions and ways of life at Mission Peak, providing input to the District regarding the treatment of resources discovered during construction of the project, and Native American monitoring of ground disturbance (Mitigation Measures Option A and Option B CUL-1a and CUL-1b). The mitigation measures also provide for the possibility of reburial of the historical resources at the location of their discovery or in a location near the project site, in accordance with the Treatment Plan (Mitigation Measure Option A CUL-1a). In this manner, data recovery, in consultation with members of the descendant community, provides a means of respecting Ohlone perspectives to the greatest degree possible while implementing the proposed project and meeting the mitigation requirements of CEQA.

The District initiated tribal outreach with Ohlone representatives before the Draft EIR was published for public comment. The District provided information about the project in 2013 and invited Ohlone representatives to meet with District staff on-site to discuss the project and Ohlone concerns. This effort was revisited in 2015 and the District conducted two on-site meetings with Ohlone representatives. At the site meetings, Ohlone representatives generally indicated a preference that neither option be built so that cultural resources would not be impacted. The District explained that the Option A and Option B sites are the only locations where a new staging area could be developed due to topography and available public access to Mission Peak. Ohlone representatives then generally indicated a preference for Option A because the known resources at Option B are considered valuable to their culture, though one Ohlone representative indicated a preference for Option B because those resources are already known.

Ohlone representatives suggested that the District consider a green-building parking structure at the existing Stanford Avenue Staging Area as an alternative to developing either of the conceptual design options. The suggestion included a living roof and living walls to mitigate visual impacts of the structure for the neighbors and attenuate noise. As a result, the District included analysis of a parking structure in Chapter VI, Alternatives of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR concluded that this alternative would achieve some of the District's project objectives but would not meet the objectives relating to minimizing costs and reducing environmental impacts and therefore, it was ultimately not identified as a feasible alternative to the project. The District also analyzed a Reduced Size alternative at Option A, sized to avoid the known areas containing sensitive cultural resources that were identified by archaeologists in 2015. The Draft EIR concluded that this alternative would meet some of the project objectives but due to the reduced amount of additional parking spaces that would be provided, it would not meet the basic project purpose to the same extent as the proposed project.

Ohlone representatives also expressed concern regarding how Ohlone cultural items would be used by the District should any be discovered during project construction. Some representatives shared a

preference to not have these items displayed or interpreted. As a result of this input, the proposed mitigation measures require that the District consult with Ohlone representatives during preparation of the Treatment Plan to interpret resources discovered during project construction and to provide input regarding the treatment of these resources, including public interpretive displays and curation of these resources. The District is also required to consult with Ohlone representatives during development of the Treatment Plan regarding archaeological and Native American monitoring procedures to be used during construction of the project.

Some comments raise a concern that the project would disturb a burial ground. The archaeological investigations did not identify any burial grounds at either the Option A or the Option B site. However, given the artifacts and midden found at the Option B site, human remains could be discovered during excavation activities. The mitigation requirements include that should human remains be discovered during construction of the project, the District is required to halt work within a certain distance (50 feet) of the discovery and contact the County Coroner, consistent with State law and the District's contract provisions (please note that the Draft EIR indicated that work should be halted within 25 feet of a discovery; however, the District's contract provisions indicate a distance of 50 feet. The Draft EIR has been revised to indicate a distance of 50 feet; refer to Chapter IV, Draft EIR Text Revisions of this RTC Document). If the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the County Coroner is required to notify the Native American Heritage Commission who, in turn, will notify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD) to inspect the site and provide recommendations for the proper treatment of the remains and associated grave goods. These requirements ensure that all project work surrounding the remains will stop until the MLD has inspected the site, made recommendations, and supervised the removal of the remains and associated grave goods by a qualified archaeologist. As indicated in the mitigation measures, the Treatment Plan, which will be prepared in consultation with Ohlone representatives, may provide for reburial of historical resources at the location of their discovery or in a location near the project site. The District acknowledges the preferences and concerns of Ohlone representatives and members of the public regarding the possibility of the project to disturb Native American cultural items and human remains and is committed to maintaining an on-going consultation with Ohlone representatives to address these concerns to the greatest degree possible.

The Draft EIR concluded that collectively, these mitigations would reduce the project's potential impacts to archaeological deposits that qualify as historical resources, and human remains, to a less-than-significant level.

Master Response 8: Project Alternatives

A number of commenters expressed disagreement with the discussion in Chapter VI, Alternatives in the Draft EIR, and in particular with the discussion of alternatives that were considered but not selected for further evaluation in the Draft EIR, starting on page 450.

In accordance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15126.6), an EIR must describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the project, or to the location of the project, that would "feasibly attain most of the project's basic objectives, while avoiding or substantially lessening any of the significantly adverse environmental effects of the project." An EIR does not need to consider every conceivable alternative to a project; rather it must consider a reasonable range of potentially feasible alternatives that will foster informed decision-making and public participation. The range of alternatives required in an EIR is governed by a "rule of reason" (see Draft EIR page 425).

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS

