CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT
Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements
VA Project No. 914 CM3009
National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

BCR Consulting LLC (BCR Consulting) is under contract to Michael Baker International to conduct a Class III Cultural Resources Assessment of the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements Project, VA Project Number 914 CM3009 (the Project) in the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. The work is being performed pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Section 106 of the NHPA), according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements. A cultural resources records search, and field survey were conducted for the project.

The records search revealed that 16 cultural resource studies have taken place resulting in the recording of eight cultural resources within one mile of the Project Area of Potential Effect (APE). Of these resources, five were historic-period refuse scatters, one was a historic-period road, one was a historic-period canal, and one was a prehistoric artifact scatter. The nearest cultural resource is designated T:8:192, a 1940s refuse scatter ¼ mile north of the APE’s northern boundary. Of the 16 previous studies, none have assessed the APE and no cultural resources have been recorded within its boundaries.

During the field survey, BCR Consulting archaeologists did not discover any cultural resources (including prehistoric or historic archaeological sites or historic-period buildings) within the Project APE. As a result, BCR Consulting recommends a finding of no historic properties affected under Section 106 of the NHPA. BCR Consulting also recommends that no additional cultural resources work is necessary during proposed activities associated with the development of the APE. However, if previously undocumented cultural resources are identified during earthmoving activities, a qualified archaeologist should be contacted to assess the nature and significance of the find, diverting construction excavation if necessary.

If human remains are encountered during the undertaking, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. The County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. If the remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendant (MLD). With the permission of the landowner or his/her authorized representative, the MLD may inspect the site of the discovery. The MLD shall complete the inspection within 48 hours of notification by the NAHC.
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AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) is located in the North ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian in the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. It is depicted on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Union Hills, Arizona (1964) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (Figure 1). The APE is adjacent to the east of the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, south of East Pinnacle Peak Road, west of North Black Mountain Parkway, and north of an undeveloped lot.

NATURAL SETTING

The elevation of the APE ranges from approximately 1590 to 1615 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). It is located in the Paradise Valley of the Basin and Range physiographic province, bordered by the Union Hills and Phoenix Mountains to the west and by the McDowell Mountains to the east. Site sediments are dominated by alluvium derived from the McDowell Mountains, which have been deposited by southwest-trending washes that characterize much of the Paradise Valley (Phillips et al. 1999; USGS 1964). These washes are subject to flash flooding that can accompany winter storm fronts, or brief summer thunderstorms. In spite of recent and historical impacts by developments, remnants of the native Sonoran Desert Scrub community of the Lower Colorado River Valley remain locally intact (see Turner and Brown 1982). Saguaro, barrel cactus, cholla, creosote, and bursage are common on the flat portions of the APE, and paloverde and ironwood trees are common in the washes. Animals typically found include desert tortoises, javelinas, jackrabbits, coyotes, and a variety of birds and rodents (Christianson et al. 1978).

CULTURAL SETTING

The prehistory of Southern Arizona has been organized into defined eras in which local people have adapted to life in a changing environment. These are summarized below, based on a chronology developed by Kirvan et al. 2005.

The Paleoindian Era (ca. 12,000-8,000 B.C.). This is a generalized era most closely associated with entrance into the New World by nomadic hunters in search of large game species. Low populations, great age, and a highly mobile lifestyle account for a low number of sites that have been recorded for this group. None have been previously recorded in southern Arizona.

The Archaic Era (ca. 8000-1500 B.C.). This era is marked with continued desiccation commonly associated with transition from the Pleistocene epoch to warming/drying trends of the Holocene. Early archaic groups focused their energy in settlement patterns characterized by high residential mobility and seasonal procurement rounds that made use of a relatively wide area effectively maximizing access to a large variety of resources.
Figure 1
Gravesite Expansion/Cemetery Improvements
National Cemetery of Arizona
APE Location
From USGS Quads: Union Hills (1964), Currys Corner (1964)
Michael Baker International
Ontario, California
The Late Archaic/Early Agricultural Era (ca. 1500 B.C.-A.D. 650). Although the material culture of this era remained mostly unchanged for centuries, reduced residential mobility becomes more common than previously and appears related to early dependence on maize cultivation. Eventually, semi-permanent villages of circular pit houses appear along river flood planes, and diagnostic artifacts become diversified.

The Formative Era (ca. A.D. 650-1400). Formative Era-archaeological sites are common in the Phoenix Basin and are typically indicated by a relatively sedentary farming/ceramic vessel-producing culture traditionally known as “Hohokam”. Hohokam chronology can be split into four or five periods (depending on the reference) and then subdivided into phases based upon ceramic, artifact, and architecture styles, and mortuary practices.

Ethnohistoric and Euro-American Historic Era (circa A.D. 1400-1950). This era includes the crossover from aboriginal protohistoric to historic lifeways, which effectively commences with the Niza and Coronados-led expeditions for Spain through Arizona in 1539 and 1540. European trade goods, animals, slavery, and disease began to impact native populations, although with the exception of a 17th century mission among Hopi villages, lasting Spanish settlements never extended far north of Tucson. Spanish presidios were built in Tucson, Santa Cruz de Terrenate, and Tubac, and Catholic missions were established at Tumacacori, Guevavi, and San Xavier del Bac. In spite of its efforts, the Spanish government was not equipped to maintain a New World empire, and their hegemony ended with Mexico’s independence in 1821. Mexico’s government did little to develop the region either, and turmoil among local Yuman-speakers resulted in unrest and ultimately expulsion of Gila River and Colorado River valley dwellers. Many of these groups later united in the Gila River valley to form the Pee Posh or Maricopa tribe. Subsequent influx of Euro-Americans in the 19th century into the area were received peacefully by the Pee Posh and Akimel O’odham tribes. At the end of the War with Mexico in 1848, the United States received much of the southwest, and acquired the Gadsden Purchase that included area south of the Gila River in 1854. A mining boom in 1860 caused local American settlements to proliferate further, and resulted in hostility toward Apaches in Arizona who had not been amenable to encroachment. The U.S. Army established local forts to control Apache raids, and the ensuing decade resulted in confrontations that ultimately led to relocation of the Apache to reservations.

Homesteading, land survey, and development of irrigation networks (many on the abandoned Hohokam system) and the railroad occurred in southern Arizona during the late 1800s. By 1878 Phoenix, which occupied a location central to these developments, had a bank and newspaper, and by 1889 it was the territorial capital. Arizona became a state in 1912, and growing improvements led to Phoenix becoming the state’s largest city by 1920. In spite of economic difficulties of the 1930s, government programs encouraged new infrastructure development and population increased from 48,150 to 65,450 during that decade. World War II brought military infrastructure and personnel, and after the war many ex-military returned to Phoenix to find jobs and start families. By 1950 Phoenix’s population grew to 100,000. Growth continued and during the 1970s and 1980s local industries diversified, resulting in robust growth and development of the Phoenix metropolitan area that continues to this day.
PERSONNEL

David Brunzell, M.A., RPA acted as the Project Manager and Principal Investigator for the current study. Mr. Brunzell performed the cultural resources records search at the Arizona State Museum, Arizona State University. He also completed the field survey and complied the technical report.

METHODS

Research

Prior to fieldwork, a cultural resources records search was conducted at the Arizona State Museum, Arizona State University. This included a review of all recorded historic and prehistoric cultural resources, as well as a review of known cultural resources, and survey and excavation reports generated from projects located within one mile of the APE.

Field Survey

An archaeological pedestrian field survey of the APE was conducted on July 1, 2015. The survey was conducted by walking parallel transects spaced approximately 15-20 meters apart across 100 percent of the APE. Soil exposures, including natural and artificial clearings were carefully inspected for evidence of cultural resources.

RESULTS

Research

Data from the Arizona State Museum revealed that 16 cultural resource studies have taken place resulting in the recording of eight cultural resources within one-mile of the APE. Of these resources, five were historic-period refuse scatters, one was a historic-period road, one was a historic-period canal, and one was a prehistoric artifact scatter. The nearest cultural resource is designated T:8:192, a 1940s refuse scatter 1/4 mile north of the APE’s northern boundary. Of the 16 previous studies, none have assessed the APE and no cultural resources have been recorded within its boundaries. The records search is summarized as follows:

Table A. Cultural Resources and Reports Located Within One Mile of the APE

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*Previously Assessed Portions of the APE.

Field Survey

During the field survey, BCR Consulting personnel carefully inspected the APE, and identified no cultural resources within its boundaries. Surface visibility of the APE ranged from 30-50 percent in the northwestern portion, due to sporadically dense grasses. In this area, vegetation was brushed aside at intervals to examine surface soils, and natural exposures were carefully examined for the presence of cultural resources. The southeastern portion of the APE exhibited much higher (70-100 percent) visibility, which afforded almost...
constant surface examination. Sparse modern trash was present throughout the APE. Sediments included sandy silts interspersed with some gravels and cobbles. Artificial disturbances were severe in the northwest portion of the APE and included modern grading to construct an earthen terrace and dirt road. The southwestern portion of the APE was less severely disturbed. The entire property has been subject to aeolian deflation and rilling related to several washes that cross the property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

BCR Consulting conducted a Class III Cultural Resources Assessment of the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements Project, VA Project Number 914 CM3009 in the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. This work was completed pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA, as amended. The records search and field survey did not identify any cultural resources (including prehistoric or historic archaeological sites or historic-period buildings) within the APE. Furthermore, research results combined with surface conditions have failed to indicate sensitivity for buried cultural resources. As a result, BCR Consulting recommends a finding of no historic properties affected under Section 106 of the NHPA. BCR Consulting also recommends that no additional cultural resources work is necessary during proposed activities associated with the development of the APE. However, in the event that previously unidentified cultural resources or human remains are found during development of the APE, work should stop immediately at that location and reasonable steps should be taken to secure the preservation of those resources. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as the responsible federal agency, should be notified so that the find can be addressed as a post-review discovery in accordance with Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800.13. If the discovery includes human remains, the landowner should also notify the director of the Arizona State Museum in accordance with the Arizona Burial Law (Arizona Revised Statutes 41-865).

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached appendices present the data and information required for this archaeological report, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: November 20, 2015

David Brunzell
Authorized Signature

Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA)
REFERENCES

Christianson, Gary E., Dennis G. Welsh, and Troy L. Pewe

Kirvan, Chad V., M.A. Windsor, Eric S. Cox, Kate A. Compton-Gore, A.E. (Gene) Rogge

Phillips, Bruce G., Gregory E. Berg, and Barbara S. Macnider

Turner, Raymond M., and David E. Brown

United States Geological Survey
1964 Curry’s Corner, Arizona 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map.

1964 Union Hills, Arizona 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Map.
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PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS
Photo 1: Overview of APE Disturbances in Northwest Corner (S)

Photo 2: Overview of APE Disturbances in Northwest Corner (SE)
Photo 3: Overview in Central Portion of APE (S)

Photo 4: Overview in Northeastern of APE (N)
APPENDIX B

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS
Native American Consultation Summary, VA Project 914 CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona. Native American Consultation invitation letters and maps (see report Figure 1) were sent via email and Certified U.S. Mail to all entities listed on the Native American Consultation Database maintained by the National Park Service on November 20, 2015. All communications are summarized below, and individual letters and U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail Receipts are attached. Thirty days response time will be allowed, and any responses will be forwarded as received.

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Query input:

State = Arizona
County = Maricopa

The following 8 records for Federally recognized Indian tribe(s), Native Hawaiian organization(s), and/or their designated NAGPRA contact(s) have been identified:

- Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Arizona
- Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona
- San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona
- Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona
- White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona
- Yavapai-Apache Nation of the Camp Verde Indian Reservation, Arizona

The following 4 related records have been identified:

- Maricopa-Ak Chin Indian Reservation
- Papago Tribe of Arizona
- Western Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Community

There are 12 total records

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Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona
November 20, 2015

Louis J. Manuel Jr.
Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin) Indian Reservation, Arizona
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Subject: Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Chairperson:

This is an invitation to consult on a proposed development project at locations with which you have tribal cultural affiliation. This letter is sent on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in partial fulfillment of its requirement to consult with any Native American/Indian tribe that attaches religious and cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by the above undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The purpose of the consultation is to ensure the protection of Native American cultural resources on which the proposed undertaking may have an impact. In the tribal consultation process, early consultation is encouraged in order to provide for full and reasonable public input from Native American Groups and Individuals, as consulting parties, on potential effect of the development project and to avoid costly delays. Further, we understand that much of the content of the consultation will be confidential and will include, but not be limited to, the relationship of proposed project details to Native American Cultural Historic Properties, such as burial sites, known or unknown, architectural features and artifacts, ceremonial sites, sacred shrines, and cultural landscapes. The undertaking proposes to expand the National Cemetery of Arizona to an adjacent property to the east located in the North ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 3 East, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian in the City of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. The property is depicted on the Union Hills (1964), Arizona 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle, (see attached map).

If you know of any cultural resources in the vicinity that may be of religious and/or cultural significance to your community or if you would like more information, please contact David Brunzell of BCR Consulting LLC at 909-525-7078 or david.brunzell@yahoo.com. Correspondence can also be sent to BCR Consulting LLC, Attn: David Brunzell, 1420 Guadalajara Place, Claremont, California 91711. I request a response by December 23, 2015. If you require more time, please let me know. Thank you for your involvement in this process.

Sincerely,

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Fountain Hills, Arizona 85269-7779

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November 20, 2015

Stephen Roe Lewis  
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona  
P.O. Box 97  
Sacaton, Arizona 85147

Subject: Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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Reylynne Williams
Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona
Cultural Resources Office
P.O. Box 2140
Sacaton, AZ 85147

Subject: Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation
10005 East Osborn Road
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Matthew Garza
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation, Arizona
Cultural Resources Department
10005 East Osborn
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256

Subject: Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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Vernalda Grant  
San Carlos Apache Tribe of the San Carlos Reservation, Arizona  
P.O. Box 0  
San Carlos, New Mexico 85550

Subject: Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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Ned Norris Jr.
Tohono O’odham Nation of Arizona
P.O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85634

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Joseph Juaquin
Tohono O’Odham Nation of Arizona
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P.O. Box 837
Sells, Arizona 85643

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Ramon Riley  
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation, Arizona  
Apache Cultural Center/Office of Cultural Resources  
P.O. Box 507  
Fort Apache, Arizona 85926

Subject:  Tribal Consultation for the Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements VA Project 914CM3009, National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona

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Vincent Randall
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