

## **Appendix H**

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### **Paleontological Resources Letter**

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EcoTierra Consulting  
Attn: Jennifer Johnson

re: Paleontological resources for the 6728 Sepulveda Boulevard Project

Dear Jennifer:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for proposed development at the 6728 Sepulveda Boulevard project area as outlined on the portion of the Van Nuys USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me via e-mail on September 22, 2022. We do not have any fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area, but we do have fossil localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur in the proposed project area, either at the surface or at depth.

The following table shows the closest known localities in the collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHMLA).

Locality Number	Location	Formation	Taxa	Depth
LACM VP 3822	Calvert St, S of Sylvan Park School, Van Nuys	Unnamed lacustrine deposit (Pleistocene)	Bison ( <i>Bison</i> )	75-100 feet bgs
LACM VP 6208	Burbank Blvd. & Kester Ave. in Van Nuys	Unknown formation (Pleistocene)	Bison ( <i>Bison</i> )	20 feet bgs
LACM VP 3263	5112 Kester Ave	Unknown (Pleistocene)	Horse family (Equidae)	11-20 feet bgs (sewer excavations)
LACM VP 7152	Lower Van Norman Reservoir	Pleistocene terrace deposit	Mammoth ( <i>Mammuthus</i> )	Unknown
LACM VP 1146	11670 Wicks St, Sun Valley	Unknown formation (Pleistocene)	Horse ( <i>Equus</i> )	160-170 feet bgs
LACM VP 6970	Lankershim Blvd & Bloomfield St	Old alluvium (pebble - gravel; sand; silt & clay)	Ground Sloth ( <i>Glossotherium</i> ); Camel ( <i>Camelops</i> ); Bison ( <i>Bison</i> )	60-80 feet bgs (tunnel for Metrorail Redline)

*VP, Vertebrate Paleontology; IP, Invertebrate Paleontology; bgs, below ground surface*

This records search covers only the records of the NHMLA. It is not intended as a paleontological assessment of the project area for the purposes of CEQA or NEPA. Potentially fossil-bearing units are present in the project area, either at the surface or in the subsurface. As

such, NHMLA recommends that a full paleontological assessment of the project area be conducted by a paleontologist meeting Bureau of Land Management or Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light beige rectangular background.

Alyssa Bell, Ph.D.  
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enclosure: invoice