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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Fowler Museum at University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Fowler Museum at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to Allison Fischer-Olson, Fowler Museum at UCLA, Box 951549, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1549, email *afischerolson@arts.ucla.edu*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Fowler Museum at UCLA, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of information available

A total of 24,624 lots of cultural items have been requested for repatriation.

The 28 lots of objects of cultural patrimony are chipped and groundstone artifacts, lithic flakes, and shell fragments. These cultural items were removed from the surface during survey of CA-LAN-240 and CA-LAN-241, located in Beatty Canyon, Los Angeles County, CA, in October 1962, by Keith Johnson and Robert Crabtree as part of the San Gabriel Watershed Project. They

were received by the Fowler Museum at UCLA on October 28, 1962, and comprise Accession 368. Treatment history of these items is unknown. In consultation with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California), these items were identified as culturally affiliated with the Serrano peoples and were taken from a site known to be within Serrano ancestral territory.

The 13 lots of objects of cultural patrimony are groundstone artifacts and hammerstones. These cultural items were removed from the surface of the Hellwig Site, located near the Big Tujunga Site (CA-LAN-167) in Los Angeles County, CA, on December 29, 1963, by Jay Ruby, George Kritzman, and Desautels. They were received by the Fowler Museum at UCLA in September 1964 and comprise Accession 504. Treatment history of these items is unknown. In consultation with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California), these items were identified as culturally affiliated with the Serrano peoples based on Tribal traditional knowledge, ethnographic, historical, and archaeological records. Consultation with non-federally recognized California Indian groups including the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians also occurred, who identified these items as culturally affiliated with their group.

The 72 lots of objects of cultural patrimony are historic materials, chipped and groundstone artifacts. These cultural items were excavated from CA-LAN-4336, west of the San Gabriel Mission Site and adjacent to San Gabriel High School, located in Los Angeles County, CA during archaeological monitoring for the Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority's (ACE) San Gabriel Trench Grade Separation Project in 2012-2013 by SWCA. They were received by the Fowler Museum at UCLA on August 22, 2017, and comprise Accession 976. Treatment history of these items is unknown. In consultation with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California) these items were identified as culturally affiliated with the Serrano peoples based on Tribal traditional knowledge, ethnographic, historical, and archaeological records. Consultation with non-federally recognized California Indian groups including the Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, also occurred, who identified these items as culturally affiliated with their group.

The 24,492 lots of objects of cultural patrimony are charcoal, ceramic sherds, historic materials, faunal bone, shell, chipped and groundstone artifacts, fire-affected rock, sediment samples, and stone debitage. These cultural items were excavated from CA-LAN-184H, the Mission San Gabriel Site, Los Angeles County, CA, in April of 2012. They were received by the Fowler Museum at UCLA on July 11, 2016, and comprise Accession 977. Treatment history of these items is unknown. In consultation with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California) these items were identified as culturally affiliated with the Serrano peoples based on Tribal traditional knowledge, ethnographic, historical, and archaeological records. Consultation with non-federally recognized California Indian groups including the Gabrieleno San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, also occurred, who identified these items as culturally affiliated with their group.

The 19 lots of objects of cultural patrimony are chipped and groundstone, ceramic sherds and shell beads. These cultural items were removed from CA-LAN-192, located in Lovejoy Springs, Los Angeles County, CA, in 1968. They were received by the Fowler Museum at UCLA in May 1968 and comprise Accession 534. Ancestors and Associated Funerary Objects were repatriated to Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California) in December 2024. Treatment history of these items is unknown. In consultation with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California), these items were identified as culturally affiliated with the Serrano peoples based on Tribal traditional knowledge, ethnographic, historical, and archaeological records. Consultation with non-federally recognized California Indian groups including the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians also occurred, who identified these items as culturally affiliated with their group.

Determinations

The Fowler Museum at UCLA has determined that:

- The 24,624 lots of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other

subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (previously listed as San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, California).

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under ADDRESSES. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**]. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Fowler Museum at UCLA must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Fowler Museum at UCLA is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: November 13, 2026.

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