

**A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND  
EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES WITHIN  
THE CLOVER VALLEY LAKES PROJECT AREA**

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## INTRODUCTION

The proposed development (Project) occupies a 622 acre portion of Clover Valley in the northern portion of the City of Rocklin, Placer County, California (Map 1). The 622 acre parcel is located within portions of sections 31 and 32, Township 12 North, Range 7 East, and sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, Township 11 North, Range 7 East. The boundary of the Project has been delineated on a copy of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Rocklin 7.5 minute series topographic quadrangle (Map 2).

The Project has been slated for residential development, and has been further divided into 22 Villages. A small amount of the Project area (4.8 acres) adjacent to Sierra College Boulevard is slated for commercial development. A large percentage of the Project will be left as open space or will be developed into parks.

The Project requires compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended (1980).

In early 1980, a cultural resource survey of the entire Project, and some adjacent areas currently excluded from the Project, was conducted (Claytor 1980). Ten cultural resources were identified during the 1980 reconnaissance, three of which are outside the boundaries of the current Project. In 1990 archeologists resurveyed the Project, identifying two new cultural resources in an additional tract of land added to the original Project area. (Foothill Archaeological Services 1990). In 1998, a resurvey of the Project was conducted, and twenty-five previously unknown resources were identified (Peak & Associates 1999). A total of 34 resources are present in the Project.

Shovel test pit excavations were conducted during late 1998/ early 1999 at the previously and newly identified cultural resources to determine whether or not a deposit of cultural material was present, and, furthermore, the extent of such a deposit. Thirteen of the thirty-four cultural resources were found to be isolated features (bedrock mortar stations) without an associated cultural deposit. One of the resources was exclusively historic. Table 1 lists the 34 resources located within the project, by type and constituents present.

Test excavations were conducted at 19 cultural resources located within the Project during the summer of 1999. Of the 19 cultural resources, or portions of the cultural resources slated to receive development impacts by the Project, extensive test excavations were completed at four of the resources.

All of the 34 cultural resources have been evaluated for their eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places (Table 4). An archeological district, the Clover Valley Lakes Archeological District, has been proposed for 33 of the 34 cultural resources.