## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

## **National Park Service**

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: San Diego Archaeological Center, San Diego, CA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior. **ACTION:** Notice.

Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the San Diego Archaeological Center, San Diego, CA, that meet the definitions of "unassociated funerary objects" or "sacred objects" under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the cultural items. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

In 1973 and 1974, cultural items were removed from archeological site CA-SDI-681 in the County of San Diego, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed by an avocational archeological group. In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The 378 cultural items are 1 piece of hematite, 1 piece of ochre, 16 pieces of ceramic pipe fragments, 1 ceramic effigy, 1 ceramic effigy fragment, 2 quartz crystals, and 356 shell disc beads.

Site CA-SDI-681 is located in the unincorporated City of Bonsall about 11 miles northeast of the San Luis Rev River. This site falls within traditional Luiseno territory. Hematite, ochre, ceramic pipes, ceramic effigies and crystals are known to be used by the Luiseno Nation in sacred rites. Therefore, 22 of the cultural items removed from site CA-SDI-681 are considered sacred objects. Disc shell beads are known to be used as funerary objects. Therefore, the 356 shell disc beads removed from site CA-SDI-681 are considered unassociated funerary objects.

In 1981, cultural items were removed from CA-SDI–8629 and CA-SDI–8639H near Warner Springs, in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On May 10, 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The two cultural items are one quartz crystal and one ceramic pipe fragment.

Cyrstals and pipes are known to be used the Luiseno Nation in sacred rites, and are considered sacred objects.

Sites CA-SDI-8629 and CA-SDI-8639H are located on the U.S. Geographical Survey topographic map of Warner Springs. The Warner Springs Ranch is located in the eastern part of San Diego County. These sites fall within traditional Cupeno territory and are considered to be part of the ethnohistoric village of Cupa. The reporting archeologist determined that artifacts from the test units gave a clear impression that the deposits relate to Late Prehistoric and historic times. Descendants of the Cupeno Nation (Cupa, Kuupangaxwichem) reside on the Pala reservation. The Pala reservation is also home to the Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, California, which is a member of the Luiseno Nation.

The Luiseno Nation is represented by the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Iolla Reservation. California; Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, California; Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation, California; Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, California; Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, California; Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, California; Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of California; and San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, a non-federally recognized Indian group.

Officials of the San Diego Archaeological Center have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(B), the 356 cultural items described above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual. Officials of the San Diego Archaeological Center also have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(C), the 24 cultural items described above are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Lastly, officials of the San Diego Archaeological Center have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the sacred objects and unassociated funerary objects to the Luiseno Nation, which is represented by the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California; Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, California; Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation, California; Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, California; Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, California; Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, California; Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of California; and San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, a non-federally recognized Indian group.

Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the unassociated funerary objects and/or sacred objects should contact Cindy Stankowski, San Diego Archaeological Center, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido, CA 92027-7001, telephone (760) 291-0370, before November 10, 2008. Repatriation of the unassociated funerary objects and/or sacred objects to the Luiseno Nation, which is represented by the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California; Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, California; Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation, California; Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, California; Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, California; Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, California; Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of California; and San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, a nonfederally recognized Indian group, may proceed after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

The San Diego Archaeological Center is responsible for notifying the Cupeno (Cupa, Kuupangaxwichem) Nation of the Pala Reservation, California; La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the La Jolla Reservation, California; Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation, California; Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation, California; Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation, California; Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon

Reservation, California; Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, California; and Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of California; and San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians, a non-federally recognized Indian group, that this notice has been published.

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In 1982, one cultural item was removed from archeological site CA-SDI–4616 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The one cultural item is a quartz crystal.

CA-SDI-4616 is located on the U.S. Geographical Survey topographic map of Del Mar north of Carmel Valley Road. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and the reporting archeologists determined it to be of the "Late Prehistoric Period." Crystals are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

In 1980, 21 cultural items were removed from archeological site CA-SDI–1057 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The 21 cultural items are 3 quartz crystals, 3 shell beads, 3 pieces of ochre, 2 pieces of tourmaline, 2 shell pendants, 7 ceramic spheres, and 1 carved ceramic sherd.

Site CA-SDI–1057 is located in the City of Escondido. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and the reporting archeologists determined it to be of the "Late Prehistoric Period." Crystals, shell beads, ochre, pendants, ceramic spheres, and carved ceramic pieces are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

In 1979, one cultural item was removed from archeological site CA-SDI-5505, San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The one cultural item is a quartz crystal.

Site CA-SDI-5505 is located in the northern part of the City of Escondido, south of the San Luis Rey River. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory. Crystals are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

In 1978 through 1981, 32 cultural items were removed from archeological site CA-SDI-5669 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The 32 cultural items are 23 ceramic pipe fragments, 8 pieces of ochre, and 1 quartz crystal.

Site CA-SDÎ-5669 is located in the City of Santee. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and the reporting archeologists determined it to be of the "Late Prehistoric Period." Ceramic pipes, ochre and crystals are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

At an unknown date, one cultural item was removed from archeological site CA-SDI–6704 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San

Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The one cultural item is a quartz crystal.

Site CÅ-SDI–6704 is located in the U.S. Geographical Survey topographic map of Rodriquez Mountain, east of the junction of Valley Parkway and Woods Valley Road, and south of the San Luis Ray River. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and the reporting archeologists determined it to be of the "Late Prehistoric Period." Crystals are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

In 1979, fragments of one ceramic pipe were removed from archeological site CA-SDI–6874 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA.

Site CA-SDI–6874 is located in the U.S. Geographical Survey quadrangle of Agua Caliente. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and the reporting archeologists determined it to be of the "Late Prehistoric Period." Ceramic pipes are known to be used by the Kumeyaay Nation in sacred rites.

In 1982, 93 cultural items were removed from archeological site CA-SDI–6669 in San Diego County, CA, as part of an archeological excavation performed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In 2006, the collection was accessioned by the San Diego Archaeological Center, and assessed for objects eligible for repatriation in accordance with NAGPRA. The 93 cultural items are 1 ceramic bead, 14 ceramic pipe pieces, 1 rim sherd, 1 chalcedony knife, 1 stone bead, 1 stone pendant, 1 quartzite palette, 1 shaft straightener, 1 small pestle, 48 quartz crystals, 7 tourmaline crystals, 15 mineral specimens, and 1 shell bead.

Site CA-SDI–6669 (SDM-W–230) is located on the U.S. Geographical Survey topographic map of Poway, at the intersection of Sabre Springs Parkway and Poway Road near the City of Poway. This site falls within traditional Kumeyaay territory, and based on radiocarbon date had two periods of occupation. Locus A, B, and C were occupied from A.D. 1120 to A.D. 1750. Feature 4, locus B had radiocarbon dates establishing occupation at 1000 B.C. Ceramic beads, ceramic pipes, pottery, stone knives, stone beads, stone pendants, stone palettes, shaft