

9-4.162 Archaeological resources.

(a) In the event archaeological resources are unearthed or discovered during any construction activities, the following standards apply:

(1) Construction activities shall cease and the Planning Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with State and Federal law.

(2) In the event archaeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner is to be notified in addition to the Planning Department so proper disposition may be accomplished. (Ord. 68 § 9-4.162, 1983)

(b) The Planning Department shall retain maps on file with locations of known archaeologically sensitive areas. A Phase I archaeological study shall be completed and submitted to the City prior to construction or grading proposed within these mapped areas.

(1) If the Phase I archaeological study determines there is not potential to adversely affect archaeological resources pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project does not otherwise require a discretionary approval, or is not part of a project that requires discretionary approval pursuant to this Title 9 (including, but not limited to, Conditional Use Permits and Precise Plans), the project shall be processed as a ministerial approval (e.g., Plot Plan and/or Building/Grading Permit, as applicable).

(2) If the Phase I archaeological study determines that there is the potential to adversely affect archaeological resources pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, projects shall be subject to Precise Plan review consistent with Section 9-2.109.