Inadvertent Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources

Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Project, Eugene, Lane County

The City of Eugene is conducting two years of construction at the former EWEB site in downtown Eugene. The project includes extensive excavations for site improvements and utilities. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps indicate the potential of encountering archeological features from historical uses and evolution of the site for industrial purposes. The project will be conducted in two phases.

The Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) will be followed if cultural materials including human remains are encountered during construction.

<u>Protocol for coordination in the event of inadvertent discovery:</u>

- In the event of an inadvertent discovery of possible cultural materials, including human remains, all work will stop immediately in the vicinity of the find. A 30-meter buffer will be placed around the discovery with work being able to proceed outside of this buffered area unless additional cultural materials are encountered.

- The area will be secured and protected.

- The project manager/land manager will be notified. The project/land manager will notify the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). If possible human remains are encountered, the Oregon State Police, Commission on Indian Services (CIS), SHPO, and appropriate Tribes will also be notified.

  Oregon State Police: Chris Allori 503-731-4717
  CIS: Karen Quigley 503- 986-1067
  Appropriate Tribes: As designated by CIS
  SHPO: Dennis Griffin 503-986-0674 or John Pouley 503-986-0675.

- No work may resume until consultation with the SHPO has occurred and a professional archaeologist is able to assess the discovery.

- If human remains are encountered, do not disturb them in any way. *Do not call 911*. Do not speak with the media. Secure the location. Do not take Photos. The location will be secured and work will not resume in the area of discovery until all parties involved agree upon a course of action.

- A professional archaeologist may be needed to assess the discovery and they will consult with SHPO and appropriate Tribal Governments to determine an appropriate course of action.

- Archaeological excavations may be required. This is handled on a case by case basis by the professional archaeologist and project manager, in consultation with SHPO and appropriate Tribes.

When to stop work:

Human remains require special consideration. If human remains that are inadvertently discovered are not clearly modern, there is high probability that they are Native American and ORS 97.745(4) requires immediate notification of State Police, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (CIS), and all appropriate Native American Tribes as determined by CIS.

Human remains and associated objects ***will not be disturbed, manipulated, or transported from the original location until a plan is developed in consultation with the above named parties.*** The location will be secured and any ongoing work will not resume in the area of discovery until all parties involved agree upon a proper course of action.

If possible, human remains are encountered, the Oregon State Police, Commission on Indian Services (CIS), SHPO, and appropriate Tribes must also be notified.

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Construction work may uncover previously unidentified Native American or Euro-American artifacts. This may occur for a variety of reasons, but may be associated with deeply buried cultural material, access restrictions during project development, or if the area contains impervious surfaces throughout most of the project area which would have prevented standard archaeological site discovery methods. Historic archaeological material found on Federal land may be as recent as 50 years (75 years for State public land or private land). If the material discovered is not of a clearly modern manufacture date (i.e. most of the artifacts being made of plastic, or having UPC bar codes), work will be halted until a qualified historic archaeologist can be consulted.

It will be stressed that consistent identification of archaeological artifacts and features, especially historic archaeological material, requires considerable training and experience, and if there is any doubt about the age of any material uncovered, a professional archaeologist will be consulted. Work will be halted upon the discovery of any artifacts or features, and a qualified archaeologist will be consulted.

Native American artifacts may include (but are not limited to):

- Flaked stone tools or the
- Chipping debris from stone tool production;

- Ground stone tools such as mortars, bowl, and pestles;
- Remains of fire hearths generally observed as discolored (often black, red, or mottled) earth;
- Charcoal staining; broken discolored rocks or shell;
- Structural remains such as wooden beams, post holes, or fishing weirs.

Historical artifacts may include (but are not limited to):

- Glass artifacts (bottles, vessels, windows);
- Ceramics (tableware, storage vessels, etc.);
- Metal (cans or tins, industrial parts, nails);
- Building materials (brick, mortar, beams, shingles, etc.);
- Industrial or agricultural equipment or parts;
- Refuse piles may contain important archaeological evidence.
- Some plastics have manufacture dates before the 50-year threshold.
- Structural features such as foundations or basements, when found in areas where no buildings are known to have been present, will be investigated before further disturbance occurs.

In the event of an inadvertent discovery of possible archaeological cultural materials, including human remains, all work will be stopped immediately in the vicinity of the find until a qualified archaeologist can be consulted. A 10-meter buffer will be placed around the discovery with work being able to proceed outside of this buffered area unless additional cultural materials are encountered.

Proceeding with Construction

- Construction can only proceed after consultation has been concluded.

- Some areas may be specified for close monitoring or as “no-work-zones” within the larger project area.

- For any inadvertent discovery, a professional archeologist may need to assess the discovery and consult with SHPO and appropriate Tribal Governments to determine a course of action.