

14. Archaeological Resources

Overview

This section provides guidelines for evaluating a project's potential impacts on archaeological resources and human remains. The impact analysis guidelines include requirements for consultation with Native American tribes, assessing the likelihood of encountering archaeological artifacts or remains, determining the significance of the resource, and determining measures to avoid or reduce significant impacts, including the use of archaeological and/or Native American monitors during project activities.

This topic section is updated from **Section 8a, Cultural Resources – Archaeological** in the existing ISAGs.

Thresholds of Significance

Impact analysis guidelines (formerly referred to as “Methodology”) are provided accordingly for the following updated thresholds.

A project may have a significant impact if it would:

ARC-1 Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource.

ARC-2 Result in the disturbance of human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

Legend:

 Derived from Appendix G of CEQA

 Derived from a combination of specific County standards and Appendix G of CEQA

Related Technical Terms

The following technical terms related to this topic section have been updated or incorporated:

- Archaeological resources
- Unique archaeological resource
- Nonunique archaeological resource