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RE: Supplement to Report for TT 20674

Dear Mr. Benites,

I understand from your email that the City of Hesperia has asked for additional information regarding the Joshua trees found on lands adjacent to your property (TT 20674). The attached map shows the locations of the trees detected during CMBC's 2023 survey of the site and adjacent areas. All trees within a 300-foot buffer were mapped, per the previous standards. At that time, we had not begun using the current standard of census for Western Joshua Tree recommended under the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act of 2023 (WJTCA) [Fish and Game Code section 1927.3, subdivision (a)(1)], and fewer details about the trees detected during the survey were obtained than would be if the census was carried out today. Current standards include counting each trunk (even pups) as individual trees, and each tree is photographed and measured. The current WJTCA protocol includes census of Joshua trees within only a 50-foot buffer.

Based on the maps produced in the 2023 report, only one tree (#19) is located within 50 feet of the property boundary. UTM coordinates are 465823 E, 3808378 N. The distance to the western boundary is 39 feet (12 m).

Susan Seville of CMBC visited the site on 25 April 2025. She measured and photographed JT#19. This tree has three main branches, all sprouted from a fallen Joshua tree with a still living root system. The vertical height of the tallest of the three branches from the ground is 3 feet (0.9 m, Class A). The length of the fallen trunk is 8.5 feet (2.6 m, Class B) Photos are included below.



Exhibit 1: Joshua tree #19, showing original trunk



Exhibit 2. Joshua tree #19, showing three branches

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Dougherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Dougherty, President
Circle Mountain Biological Consultants, Inc.

Figure 1. TT20674: Site Map

