

# Alameda-Tesla Property Cultural Resource Summary Report

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## **Project Background**

The following report presents a summary of the archaeological work conducted for the Alameda-Tesla Classification Process and General Plan Project. Archaeologists from Sonoma State University Anthropological Studies Center were contracted to complete archaeological site condition assessments, archaeological site surveys, and archaeological site recording for the entire 3,100 acres.

California State Parks has completed two cultural inventories since the property was acquired in the 1990's. The first survey and cultural inventory were conducted in 2008 as part of the Carnegie SVRA General Plan survey and was the first survey of the Alameda-Tesla property. The 2008 survey attempted to find the totality of cultural sites inside the property boundary. The project was done using modern archeological methodology and involved surveying areas of high probability, using slopes and geographic features to delineate the property. The second survey for the Alameda-Tesla Classification Process and General Plan Project was done in 2024 by Sonoma State University Anthropological Studies Center. The project work included an extensive site records search, Native American consultation, and site-specific surveys.

This report summarizes the findings from the 2024 archaeological survey. The 2024 project updated the information from the site records from the previously identified sites where applicable. Additional surveys will be conducted for any project-level work once the General Plan is approved and the Environmental Impact Report is certified.

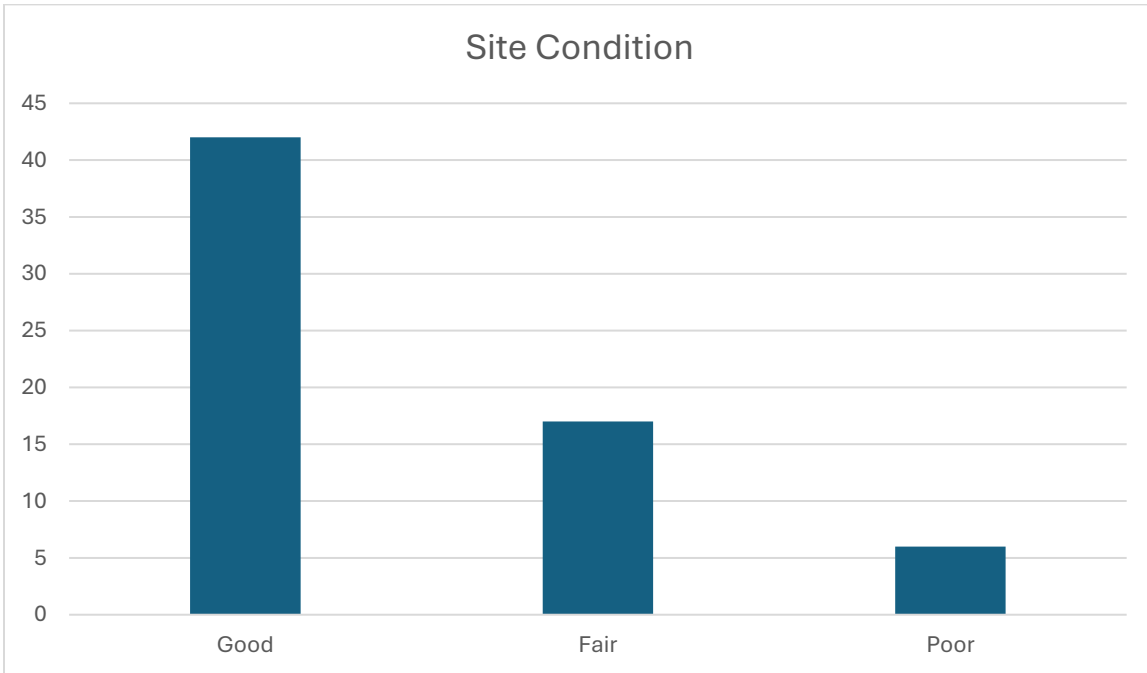
## **Summary of Findings**

In 2024, Sonoma State University Anthropological Studies Center (SSU) surveyed the entire 3,100-acre Alameda-Tesla Property. 65 total sites were identified and documented within the approximately 3,100 acres surveyed. This includes 53 previously identified sites and 12 newly recorded sites. Of the 12 newly recorded sites, three were identified as part of consultation and collaboration with the Northern Valley Yokut Tribe. Of the 65 sites identified in the property, 23 sites were updated to note any changes since the 2008 survey. This data suggests that there is a low likelihood of additional unrecorded sites being in the park. This is likely due to the steep terrain and environmental factors within the study area. These factors include a lack of a continual and available water supply, accessibility, and climate.

## Site Condition Assessment

All 65 sites within the 3,100 acres of the property were looked at during the 2024 cultural survey and assessed for condition, as summarized in Figure 1. Site Condition.

FIGURE 1. SITE CONDITION

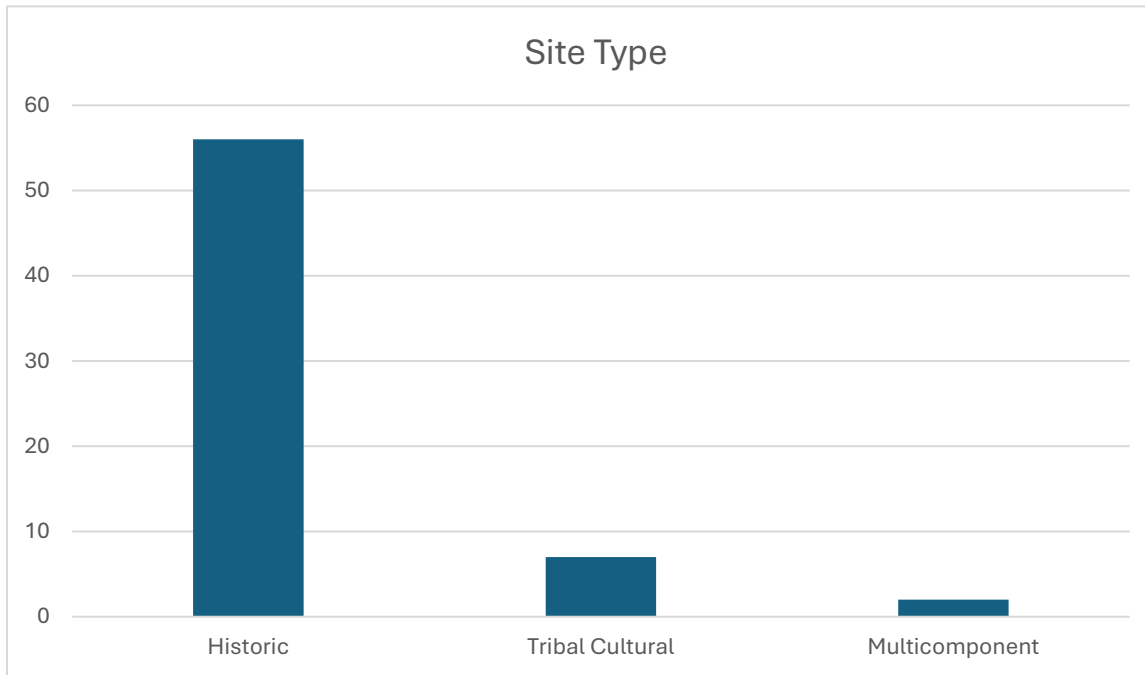


Throughout the project area, sites are overwhelmingly in “good” condition. This means they retain their significance and integrity and are easily distinguishable as a resource in the landscape. Good condition sites make up 65% of the total landscape. This data suggests that there have not been many impacts to sites outside of the period of significance.

## Site Context

Identified sites were recorded and categorized into one of three site types, as shown in Figure 2. Site Type.

FIGURE 2. SITE CONDITION



Of the total 65 sites identified in the Alameda-Tesla Property, 56 are historic. These includes sites from the Tesla Coal Mine to 1950's era cattle ranching. The data suggests that the presence of so many historic sites is directly related to the lesser amount of recorded tribal cultural resources. The evidence suggests that the earlier tribal cultural resources were either destroyed completely or incorporated into historic sites. Evidence of these subsuming events can be seen in the two multicomponent sites located in the project area.