



GSA Pacific Rim Region

January 6, 2009

Chairman Richard Milanovich
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
600 East Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Re: San Ysidro Port of Entry Expansion Project, Section 106 Consultation

Attn: Mr. Richard M. Began, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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Chairman John James
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
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Campo, CA 91906

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Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians
4054 Willows Road
Alpine, CA 91903-2250

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Jamul Band of Mission Indians
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Jamul, CA 91935

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Chairwoman Gwendolyn Parada
La Posta Band of Mission Indians
1048 Crestwood Road
Boulevard, CA 92905

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Spokeswoman Catherine Saubel
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January 6, 2009

Spokesman Johnny Hernandez
Santa Ysabel Band of Mission Indians
HWY 79-Schoolhouse Canyon Rd
Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Re: San Ysidro Port of Entry Expansion Project, Section 106 Consultation

Dear Spokesman Hernandez,

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Sincerely,

Betsy Frederick Rothwell

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Alpine, CA 91903

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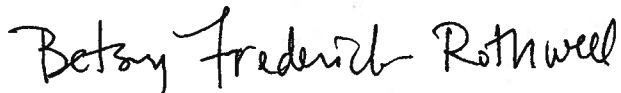
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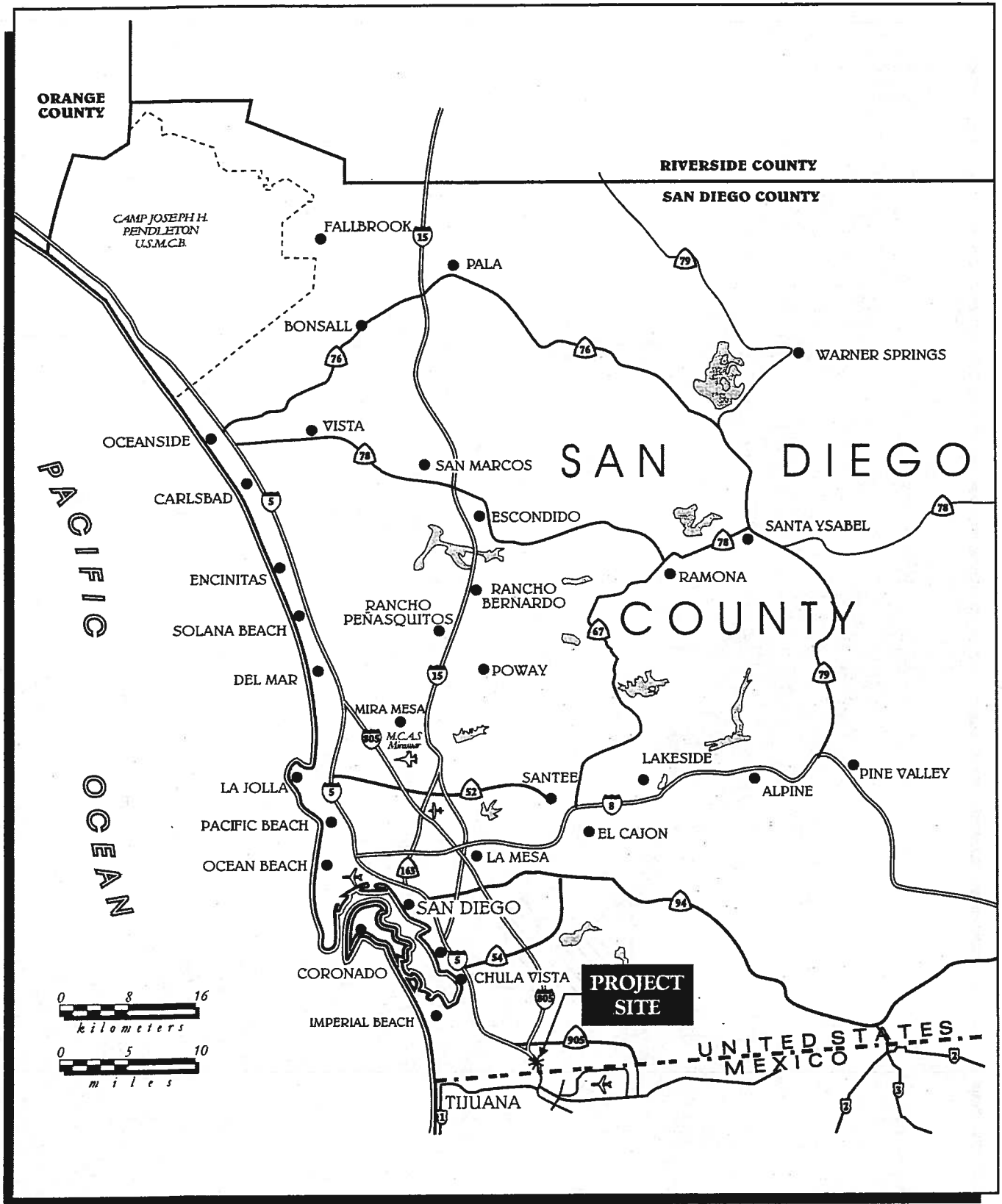
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Figure 1



Figure 2 – Existing San Ysidro Port of Entry, c. 2000

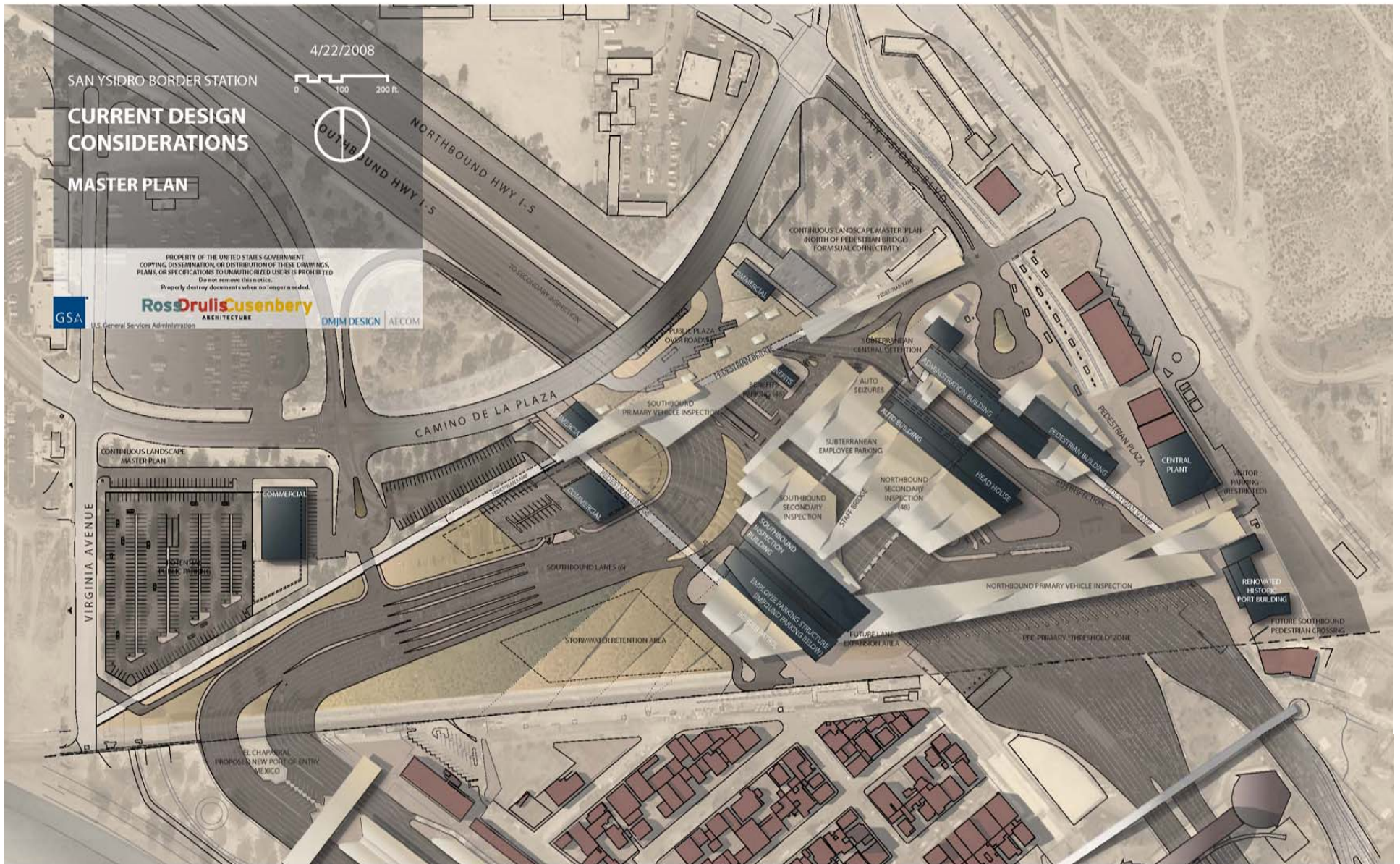


Figure 3 – San Ysidro expansion project, preferred master plan



Figure 4 – Area of Potential Effect, aerial view



Area of Potential Effect (APE)

Figure 5 – Area of Potential Effect, oblique view