

**SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET
FOR
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. J09CA075200
ARBUCKLE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP**

SITE NAME: Arbuckle Prisoner of War Camp, California. Also known as Arbuckle Camp, Arbuckle and Emergency Rubber Project Housing Facility, Arbuckle, Colusa County, California.

LOCATION: The site is located in the town of Arbuckle, Colusa County, California, 45 miles northwest of Sacramento (Figures 1 and 2).

SITE HISTORY: Prior to DOD occupation the site was part of the Emergency Rubber Project of the Department of Agriculture. The Project attempted unsuccessfully to extract rubber from a shrub named guayule. The Project closed 15 September 1944. By memorandum of understanding dated 14 March 1945, 8.50 acres of the Project's labor housing facilities were transferred to the Army. The labor housing was converted to a German prisoner of war camp by construction of a prison fence and two guard towers. The prisoners worked in the almond groves of neighboring farms. What improvements the Army made, other than towers, and fence, is unknown. The prisoners were discharged after the end of the war and the site was reported excess on 29 April 1946. The site was retransferred to the Department of Agriculture, Emergency Rubber Project on 01 August 1946. The 37-acre rubber project camp, including the 8.50 acre former POW camp, was sold to the highest bidder, Mr. Floyd Alexander, Sr., in 1948. There were 24 sheetrocked buildings, 90 feet by 20 feet, with six rooms each, a 200-foot laundry/restrooms/showers building, an administration building, and a mess hall.

The site is currently owned by several private property owners and contains three residences, an abandoned building, a business establishment, concrete slab foundation remains, and vacant land. The three residences are renovated DOD barracks buildings. The business establishment is a renovated DOD mess hall building. The abandoned building is the former DOD laundry. All other DOD-built structures have been removed, except for their concrete slab foundations.

The Arbuckle Camp sewage processing tanks were used by private property owners after the military closed the site until 1981. In 1981, the sewage processing tanks were cleaned out, filled with dirt, and covered over. An apartment complex was constructed in 1981 over the former sewage processing tanks.

According to Mr. Robert Alexander, historian, numerous DOD-installed underground fuel oil storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the site property 25 to 30 years ago by the Alexander family. The number of USTs removed by the Alexander family is unknown. A 1,000-gallon UST (diesel heating oil) was removed by Mr. Alexander in January 1991. The site investigation team found one UST adjacent to CJ Lounge (southeast corner). The UST was DOD-installed and has not been used since DOD occupancy of the site. The UST has a 1,000-gallon capacity and was used by the DOD to store diesel oil for heating purposes. Crossland Partners, a residential development company, is currently planning to subdivide and develop the site.

SITE VISIT: A site visit was conducted on 25 March 1991. Those present were:

Gary Cox, Chief, Arbuckle Fire Department
Robert Alexander, Property Owner, Alexander Road at Market Road
Frances Martin, Property Owner, CJs Lounge, Market Road
Roger Norris, The Earth Technology Corporation
Jenn-Yih Peng, The Earth Technology Corporation

CATEGORY OF HAZARD: CON/HTW.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: CON/HTW. The proposed project consists of the removal of one, 1,000-gallon underground heating-oil storage tank, associated piping, soil testing, and backfilling.

AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS: Young, Helen D., 1978, Arbuckle and College City, Pioneer Publishing Co., Fresno, CA (Division of Book Publishers, Inc.).

PA POC: Ms. Sharon V. Bruno, CESP-K-ED-M/HTW, (916) 551-1049.

**DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES**

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

**ARBUCKLE PRISONER OF WAR CAMP
COLUSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SITE NO. J09CA075200**

FINDINGS OF FACT

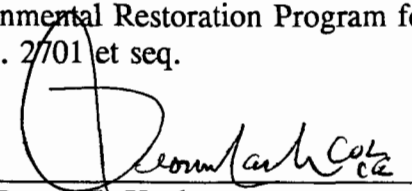
1. By Memorandum of Understanding on 14 March 1945, 8.50 acres were transferred from the United States Department of Agriculture, Emergency Rubber Project (ERP) to the Army.
2. This site was known as Arbuckle Camp, Arbuckle and Emergency Rubber Project Housing Facility, Arbuckle, Colusa County, California. The Army used the site as a Prisoner of War camp to house prisoners of war engaged in agricultural work. (Prior to acquisition, the camp had been used to house laborers for agricultural requirements). The improvements known to have been made to the ERP labor camp were the addition of a prison fence and two guard towers.
3. The site was reported excess on 29 April 1946. The 8.50 acres were reassumed by ERP on 1 August 1946. By Supplemental Agreement, ERP was willing to pay the Army a cash settlement in lieu of restoration providing the Army transferred certain Government improvements on the premises to ERP. The site is currently owned by several private property owners. They are, Mr. Robert Alexander, Mrs. Helen Alexander, Mr. Lee Goldie, Mr. Lester Holt, Mrs. Genevieve Holt, and Ms. Frances Martin.

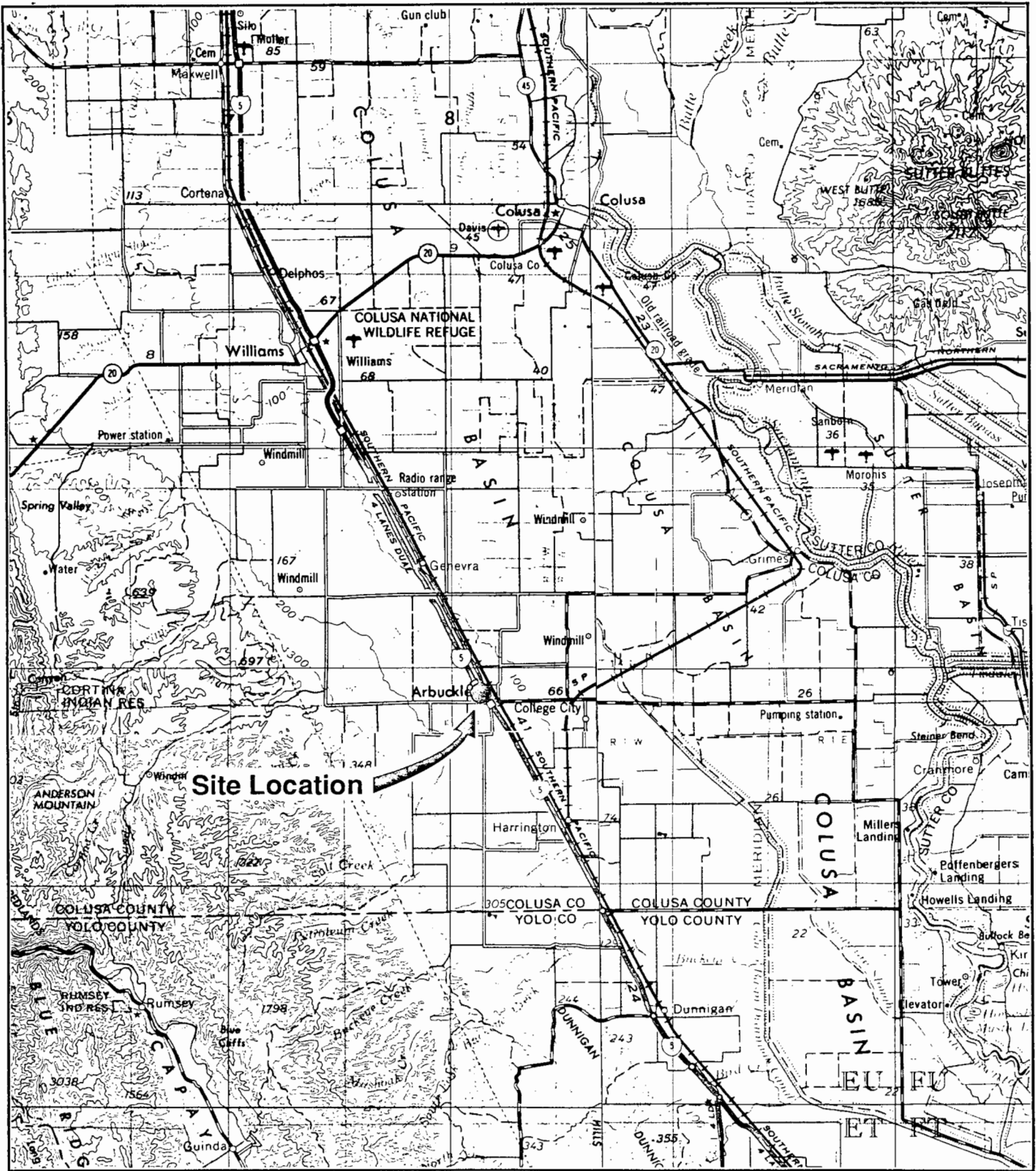
DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the site has been determined to be formerly used by the DOD. Therefore, it is eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites, established under 10 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.

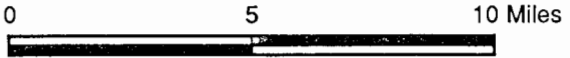
10 Sept 1991

Date


For Roger F. Yankoupe
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Commanding



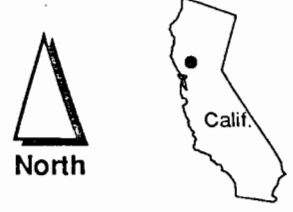
Site Location



Scale

Source: Base map from U.S.G.S., 1:250,000
 Ukiah, Chico, Santa Rosa and
 Sacramento Quadrangles

Figure 1
Location Map
Arbuckle POW Camp



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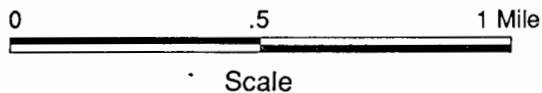
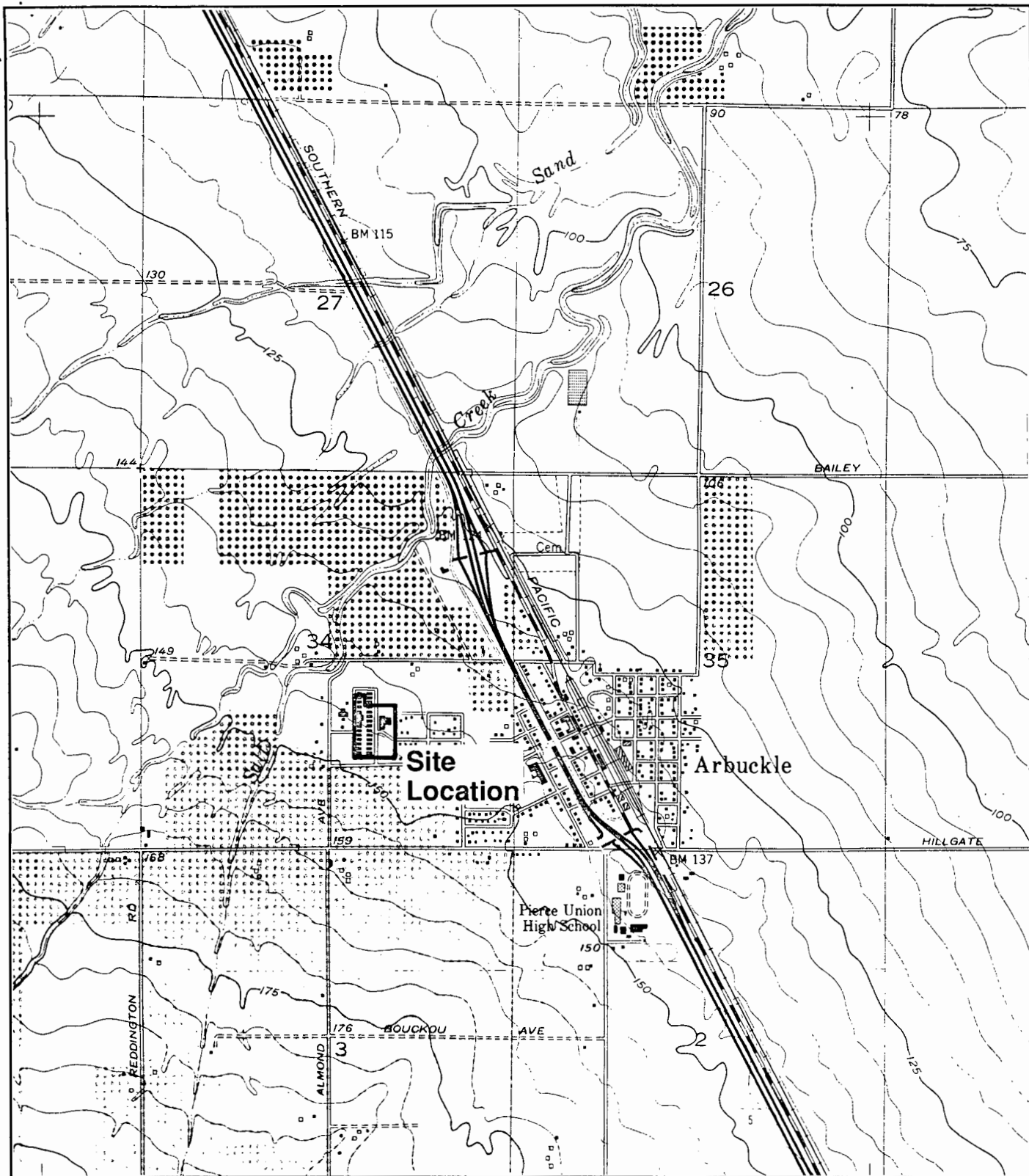


Figure 2
Site Map
Arbuckle POW Camp



Source: Base map from U.S.G.S., 1:24,000
Arbuckle Quadrangle

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