Appendix 5. Responses from the Native American Heritage Commission and Native American Contacts
August 17, 2005

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RE: Proposed Antelope to Pardee 500 Kv Transmission Project, from Antelope Substation near Lancaster to Pardee Substation near Santa Clarita; Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Mason:

A record search of the sacred land file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4040.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7056.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Antelope to Pardee 500 KV Transmission Project, from Antelope Substation near Lancaster to Pardee Substation near Santa Clarita; Los Angeles County.
SUBJECT: Proposed Transmission Line, Los Angeles County

Dear

ECORP Consulting, Inc., was retained by Aspen Environmental Group and the California Public Utilities Commission to provide cultural resources services for a proposed Southern California Edison 500 kV transmission line project in Los Angeles County, California. The 25.6 mile transmission line will run from Antelope Substation near Lancaster to Pardee Substation near Santa Clarita. It is shown as the red line on the enclosed set of maps based on reduced USGS quad portions. Townships, Ranges, and Sections through which the route will pass (from north to south) are as follows:

T7N, R13W, Section 19     Del Sur Quad
T7N, R14 W, Sections 24, 25, 26, 35     Del Sur Quad
T6N, R14W, Sections 2, 3, 10     Del Sur Quad
T6N, R14W, Sections 9, 10, 16, 21     Sleepy Valley Quad
T6N, R14W, Sections 20, 29, 30     Green Valley Quad
T6N, R15 W, unsectioned (would be 25, 35, 36)     Green Valley Quad
T5N, R15W, Sections 3, 4, 9, 16, 17, 19, 20     Green Valley Quad
T5N, R15W, Section 30     Mint Canyon Quad
T5N, R16W, Sections 25, 34, 35, 36     Newhall Quad
T4N, R16W, unsectioned San Francisco land grant     Newhall Quad

Cultural resources investigations for this project were performed to identify cultural resources that could be affected by the proposed project, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Investigations included an archaeological records search, literature review, a search of the Native American Heritage Commission’s Sacred Lands File and a field survey of a 200 foot wide corridor along the transmission line route.

I wish to be informed about any concerns you may have regarding sacred lands or other cultural resources that you have knowledge of in or near the transmission line route. If there are specific sacred lands or other cultural resources in or near these locations that should be avoided by the proposed project, please contact me in writing at our Santa Ana address.

In the absence of any contact from you within two weeks from this date, I will assume that you do not wish to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

ECORP Consulting, Inc.

Roger D. Mason, Ph.D., RPA
Project Archaeologist
From: Britt Wilson [britt_wilson@morongo.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 4:07 PM
To: Roger Mason
Subject: FW: Native American Info - ECORP Consulting/R. Mason; Transmission Line, Los Angeles County

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Wayta' Yawa'

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From: Britt Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2005 4:04 PM
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Cc: Britt Wilson
Subject: Native American Info - ECORP Consulting/R. Mason; Transmission Line, Los Angeles County

Thank you for contacting the Morongo Band of Mission Indians concerning cultural resource information relative to the above referenced project(s). Due to the high number of information requests the Tribe has been receiving, we are only able to respond via email.

The project(s) is outside of the Tribe’s current reservation boundaries and traditionally affiliated lands (e.g. Cahuilla/Serrano territory). The Tribe, therefore, has no comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project.

Sincerely,

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: August 24, 2005

Roger Mason of ECORP Consulting, Inc. spoke with

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Regarding: Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Line Project

Summary of Conversation:

He called in response to my letter. He said he knows of no sacred or sensitive sites along the Proposed Project route. He recommended monitoring by Native Americans.

Signature: Date:
RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Date: August 29, 2005

Roger Mason of ECORP Consulting, Inc. spoke with

Name: John Valenzuela
Title: Chair
Affiliation: San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

Phone: (661) 753-9833
Address: P.O. Box 221838
Newhall, CA 91322

Regarding: Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Line Project

Summary of Conversation:

He called in response to my letter. He said he knows of no sacred lands or cultural resources along the Proposed Project route. He wishes to be kept informed if anything is found.

Signature: Date:
September 9, 2005

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RE: Proposed Transmission Line, Los Angeles County
(2005-183-001)

Dear Mr. Mason,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for complying with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR part 800. The San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians shares your concern over the treatment of Native American artifacts, including funerary objects, ceremonial items, and items of cultural patrimony.

In order to preview these types of projects, I appreciate your efforts in providing the U.S.G.S. topographic maps, sketches/photos of site and letters of recommendations. In the future, please continue to provide these essential documents.

I am certain that you and I can agree that completing the project in a timely manner is of the utmost importance to all stakeholders. I am therefore advising you that the Tribe is unaware of any culturally sensitive areas regarding the proposed project.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to call me at (909) 864-8933, extension 2203.

Sincerely,

Ann Brierty
GIS Coordinator / Cultural Awareness Committee