

## **Appendix I**

Agency Consultation



Mr. Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst  
Native American Heritage Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

April 20, 2010

**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation  
Expansion Project, Kern County, California**

Dear Mr. Singleton:

Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to upgrade and expand the current 33/12 kilovolt (kV) Downs substation to a 115/12 kV substation in order to meet projected electrical demand requirements and to improve reliability in the city of Ridgecrest and surrounding area. The project will require the acquisition of an adjacent parcel of land to facilitate conversion from 33 kV to 115 kV. A proposed alternative to the project will involve the construction of a new 33 kV distribution circuit between Downs substation and Inyokern substation. The locations of Downs substation, the adjacent parcel of land and the Alternate 33 kV route are shown in Figure 1. SCE requests a review of the Sacred Lands File for the siting of the proposed Downs Substation Expansion Project in Kern County, California.

The project area is located on portions of Sections 28, 29, 33 and 34 of Township 26 South, Range 39 East, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Township 27 South, Range 39 East, and Sections 5 and 6 of Township 27 South, Range 40 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDBM), as shown on the US Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute Inyokern SE, Inyokern and Ridgecrest South topographic quadrangle maps. A portion of the project area is bordered by Highway 395.

SCE would appreciate any information you may have regarding Native American cultural resources located in or near the proposed project location that could be affected by the proposed project. Any information concerning the identity, location, character, and traditional use of cultural places identified during consultation will be considered confidential.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (626) 302-5548 or via e-mail at [natasha.tabares@sce.com](mailto:natasha.tabares@sce.com). Thank you for your assistance and participation in this project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Figure 1, Project Location

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May 3, 2010

Ms. Natasha Tabares, RPA, Archaeologist

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON**

P.O. Box 800; 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue  
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Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts List for the proposed "Downs Substation Expansion Project" located near the communities of Inyokern and Ridgecrest; Kern County, California

Dear Ms. Tabares:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), the State of California 'Trustee Agency' for the protection and preservation of Native American cultural resources (c.f. CA Public Resources Code §21070; also c.f. *Environmental Protection Information Center v. Johnson* [198]) 170 Cal App. 3<sup>rd</sup> 604), was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area (APE) requested. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; CA Public Resources Code Section 21000 – 21177) requires that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, that includes archaeological resources, is a 'significant effect' requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) per the California Code of Regulations §15064.5(b)(c)(f) CEQA guidelines). Section 15382 of the 2007 CEQA Guidelines defines a significant impact on the environment as "a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of physical conditions within an area affected by the proposed project, including ...objects of historic or aesthetic significance." The NAHC SLF search did not Indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources within one-half mile of the proposed project site (APE).. However, there are Native American cultural resources in close proximity to the APE.

Also, this letter includes state and federal statutes relating to Native American historic properties of religious and cultural significance to American Indian tribes and interested Native American individuals as 'consulting parties' under both state and federal law.

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway., Culturally-affiliated tribes and individuals may have knowledge of the religious and cultural significance of the historic properties in the project area (e.g. APE). We recommend that you contact persons on the attached list of Native American contacts. Furthermore we suggest that you contact the California Historic Resources Information System (CHRIS) at the Office of Historic Preservation Coordinator's office (at (916) 653-7278, for referral to the nearest Information Center of which there are 10.

Consultation with tribes and interested Native American consulting parties, on the NAHC list ,should be conducted in compliance with the requirements of federal NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321-43351) and Section 106 and 4(f) of federal NHPA (16 U.S.C. 470 [f])*et seq*,

36 CFR Part 800.3 (f) (2), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CSQ; 42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and NAGPRA (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013), as appropriate. The 1992 *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* were revised so that they could be applied to all historic resource types included in the National Register of Historic Places and including *cultural landscapes*.

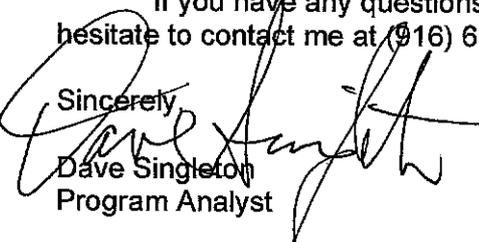
Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery.

Although tribal consultation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; CA Public Resources Code Section 21000 – 21177) is 'advisory' rather than mandated, the NAHC does request 'lead agencies' to work with tribes and interested Native American individuals as 'consulting parties.' However, the 2006 SB 1059 the state enabling legislation to the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, does mandate tribal consultation for the 'electric transmission corridors. This is codified in the California Public Resources Code, Chapter 4.3, and §25330 to Division 15, requires consultation with California Native American tribes, and identifies both federally recognized and non-federally recognized on a list maintained by the NAHC. Consultation on specific projects must be the result of an on-going relationship between Native American tribes and lead agencies, project proponents and their contractors, in the opinion of the NAHC. Regarding tribal consultation, a relationship built around regular meetings and informal involvement with local tribes will lead to more qualitative consultation tribal input on specific projects.

The response to this search for Native American cultural resources is conducted in the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory, established by the California Legislature (CA Public Resources Code §5097.94(a) and is exempt from the CA Public Records Act (c.f. California Government Code §6254.10) although Native Americans on the attached contact list may wish to reveal the nature of identified cultural resources/historic properties. Confidentiality of "historic properties of religious and cultural significance" may also be protected the under Section 304 of the NHPA or at the Secretary of the Interior' discretion if not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Secretary may also be advised by the federal Indian Religious Freedom Act (cf. 42 U.S.C, 1996) in issuing a decision on whether or not to disclose items of religious and/or cultural significance identified in or near the APE and possibly threatened by proposed project activity.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,

  
Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contacts

Native American Contacts  
May 3, 2010  
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Yokuts

Kawaiisu Tribe of Tejon Reservation  
David Laughinghorse Robinson  
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Kawaiisu

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Koso  
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Wasco , CA 93280  
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Kitanemuk

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Tubatulabal

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 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code. Also, federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and federal NAGPRA. And 36 CFR Part 800.3.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Downs Substation Expansion Project; located in the Inyokern and Redgecrest area of Kern County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.



Ms. Donna Begay  
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley  
PO Box 226  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

May 7, 2010

**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation Project, Kern County, California.**

Dear Ms. Begay:

Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to expand the existing 33/12 kV Downs Substation to a 115/12 kV Substation in order to meet projected demand requirements and to improve reliability in the city of Ridgecrest and the surrounding area. The project will require the acquisition of an adjacent parcel of land to facilitate conversion from 33 kV to 115 kV. A proposed alternative to the project will involve the construction of a new 33 kV distribution circuit between Downs Substation and Inyokern Substation. The location of Downs Substation, the adjacent property, and the alternative project are shown in Figure 1. At the recommendation of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), SCE requests your input regarding the identification of potential effects to cultural resources, sacred lands or other heritage sites located within the project area.

The project area is located on portions of Sections 5 and 6, Township 27 South, Range 40 East, Sections 1, 2 and 3, Township 27 South, Range 39 East and Sections 28, 29 and 33, Township 26 South, Range 39 East, Mt. Diablo Base Meridian as depicted in the Inyokern, Inyokern SE and Ridgecrest South USGS 7.5 Minute Series Topographic Quadrangles.

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Ms. Delia Dominguez  
Kitanemuk and Yowlumne Tejon Indians  
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**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation Project, Kern County, California.**

Dear Ms. Dominguez:

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Mr. Ryan Garfield  
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**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation Project, Kern County, California.**

Dear Mr. Garfield:

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May 7, 2010

**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation Project, Kern County, California.**

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May 7, 2010

**SUBJECT: Native American Consultation Regarding the Proposed Downs Substation Project, Kern County, California.**

Dear Ms. Morgan:

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APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND  
UTILITY SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES  
ON FEDERAL LANDS

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 0596-0082

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Dwight L. Barnes, Land Services Agent  
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3. Telephone (area code)

Applicant  
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Authorized Agent  
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4. As applicant are you? (check one)
- a.  Individual
  - b.  Corporation\*
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- a.  New authorization
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  - d.  Assign existing authorization No.
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  - f.  Other\*

*Consolidate this row grant*

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Federal Building Annex  
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. Articles of Incorporation		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
. Corporation Bylaws		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
. A certification from the State showing the corporation is in good standing and is entitled to operate within the State		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
. Copy of resolution authorizing filing		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
. The name and address of each shareholder owning 3 percent or more of the shares, together with the number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote and the name and address of each affiliate of the entity together with, in the case of an affiliate controlled by the entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that affiliate owned, directly or indirectly, by that entity, and in the case of an affiliate which controls that entity, the number of shares and the percentage of any class of voting stock of that entity owned, directly or indirectly, by the affiliate.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the required information is already filed with the agency processing this application and is current, check block entitled "Filed." Provide the file identification information (e.g., number, date, code, name). If not on file or current, attach the requested information.

#### NOTICE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate the requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations or the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for issuing those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service.

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*- add 1 pole to be removed*

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. Articles of association, if any	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. If one partner is authorized to sign, resolution authorizing action is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
. Name and address of each participant, partner, association, or other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If the required information is already filed with the agency processing this application and is current, check block entitled "Filed." Provide the file identification information (e.g., number, date, code, name). If not on file or current, attach the requested information.		

**NOTICE**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate the requests to use National Forest System lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, which authorize the secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing National Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archeological Resources Protection Act, and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations or the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for issuing those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

*Letterhead*

Captain Jeffrey Dodson  
Commanding Officer  
Naval Air Weapons Station  
1 Administration Circle, Stop 1003  
China Lake, CA 93555-6100

August 24, 2010

Subject: Request for authorization  
Downs Substation Project  
Installation of Fiber Optic Cable

Southern California Edison (SCE) is currently designing a project to upgrade and expand our existing Downs Substation to safely meet the expanding electrical needs of the city of Ridgecrest and surrounding unincorporated areas of northeast Kern County.

The proposed project will replace the existing transformers at Downs Substation and increase the capacity of the substation from a 33/12kV substation to a 115/12kV substation. In addition to increasing the capacity of Downs Substation, approximately 70 miles of new fiber optic cable will be installed along the existing overhead structures. A portion of these new facilities will be on poles currently installed on the lands shown as a withdrawal from BLM fee owned lands. SCE will use existing roads to access the project area. In the event that the existing structures are not accessible by existing roads, SCE crews will access these structures on foot.

Enclosed is SCE's application to the BLM to amend the authorization which covers the existing poles described above. SCE is respectfully requesting the proposed project to add fiber optic cable to the existing poles be reviewed and approved by the Navy.

A field authorization permit was required and obtained to conduct a non-collection and non-excavation cultural resources survey on BLM lands. Permission to survey on lands within the Navy withdrawal was granted by Command Archeologist Mike Baskerville. No other permits were required to survey lands within the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake withdrawal.

Should there be any questions regarding this proposed project or if you desire additional information please give me a call.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D.L. Barnes'.

Dwight L. Barnes  
Land Services Agent

Encl.

cc: Paul Rodriguez  
BLM Ridgecrest

November 3, 2010

Mr. Kurt Wilson  
City Manager  
City of Ridgecrest  
100 W. California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Dear Mr. Wilson,

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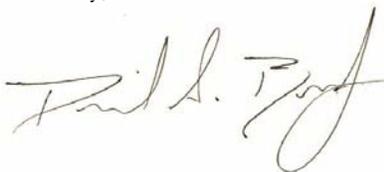
CPUC General Order 131-D, which governs this approval process, requires SCE to request a written position statement from the cities and counties in which the proposed project will be located, and to include those position statements in the application. The purpose of this letter is to request from you a written position statement regarding this project.

The Downs Substation Project is Southern California Edison's (SCE) proposal to upgrade and expand an existing electrical substation in the city of Ridgecrest in order to meet the region's current and future energy needs. The enclosed educational brochure was mailed to residents and businesses within a one-mile radius of the proposed project location to educate neighboring stakeholders about the project.

We would appreciate it if you could send us a position letter from the City of Ridgecrest regarding the project by December 1, 2010 for inclusion in the CPUC application. I am available to discuss this project further and to answer any questions you may have beforehand, if you wish.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Brady

Enclosures: 1 (Example of position letter)

cc: Hon. Steven Morgan, Mayor  
Hon. Ron Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Hon. Thomas Wiknich, Vice-Mayor  
Hon. Chip Holloway, Council Member  
Hon. Jerry Taylor, Council Member

November 3, 2010

Hon. Jon McQuiston  
First District Supervisor  
Kern County  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 5th Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Supervisor McQuiston,

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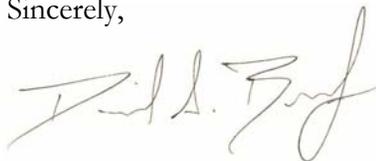
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As the County Supervisor in whose district this project is to be located, we would appreciate it if you could send us a position letter regarding the project by December 1, 2010 for inclusion in the CPUC application. I am available to discuss this project further and to answer any questions you may have beforehand, if you wish.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Brady  
Region Manager, Local Public Affairs  
Southern California Edison

Enclosures: 1



## CITY OF RIDGECREST

Telephone 760 499-5000

FAX 499-1500

100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California 93555-4054

November 9, 2010

California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for Southern California Edison Downs Substation Project

Dear Commission Members:

The City of Ridgecrest is delighted to support Southern California Edison's (SCE) Downs Substation Project.

A recent outage at the existing facility highlighted the need for an expanded capacity, in order to adequately meet the growing electricity need of our community. It will meet the long term projected needs for the area and the project requirements will be met while minimizing environmental impact.

We appreciate SCE's public outreach and communication regarding the planning process for this project and their commitment to keeping our community informed on the progress of this infrastructure upgrade project.

For these reasons, we support the Downs Substation Project.

Sincerely,

Kurt O. Wilson  
City Manager

December 10, 2010

Hon. Brad Mitzelfelt  
First District Supervisor  
San Bernardino County  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Fl.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110

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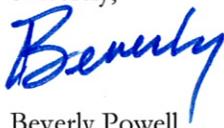
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We would appreciate it if you could send us a position letter from the County of San Bernardino regarding the project at your earliest convenience. I am available to discuss this project further and to answer any questions you may have beforehand, if you wish.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Beverly Powell  
Local Public Affairs Region Manager  
Southern California Edison

Enclosures: 1 (Position letter from City of Ridgecrest)

cc: David Zook, Office of Supervisor Mitzelfelt