

*Southern California Edison*  
**San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project A.08-05-039**

**DATA REQUEST SET SJXVL CPUC-ED-03**

**To:** ENERGY DIVISION

**Prepared by:** Thomas T. Taylor

**Title:** Manager, Biological and Archaeological Resources Group, CEH&S

**Dated:** 08/07/2008

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**Question 12:**

**Alternatives**

Please provide all correspondence between Native Americans, NAHC and other interested parties that has taken place since the PEA was published.

**Response to Question 12:**

Correspondence between SCE and Native Americans, NAHC, and other interested parties that took place between April 30, 2008 and August 13, 2008 is attached below.



April 30, 2008

Susan Weese, c/o Lalo Franco  
Wukchumni Tribe  
2504 West Beech Street  
Visalia, CA 93277

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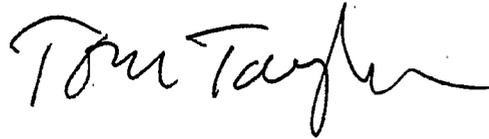
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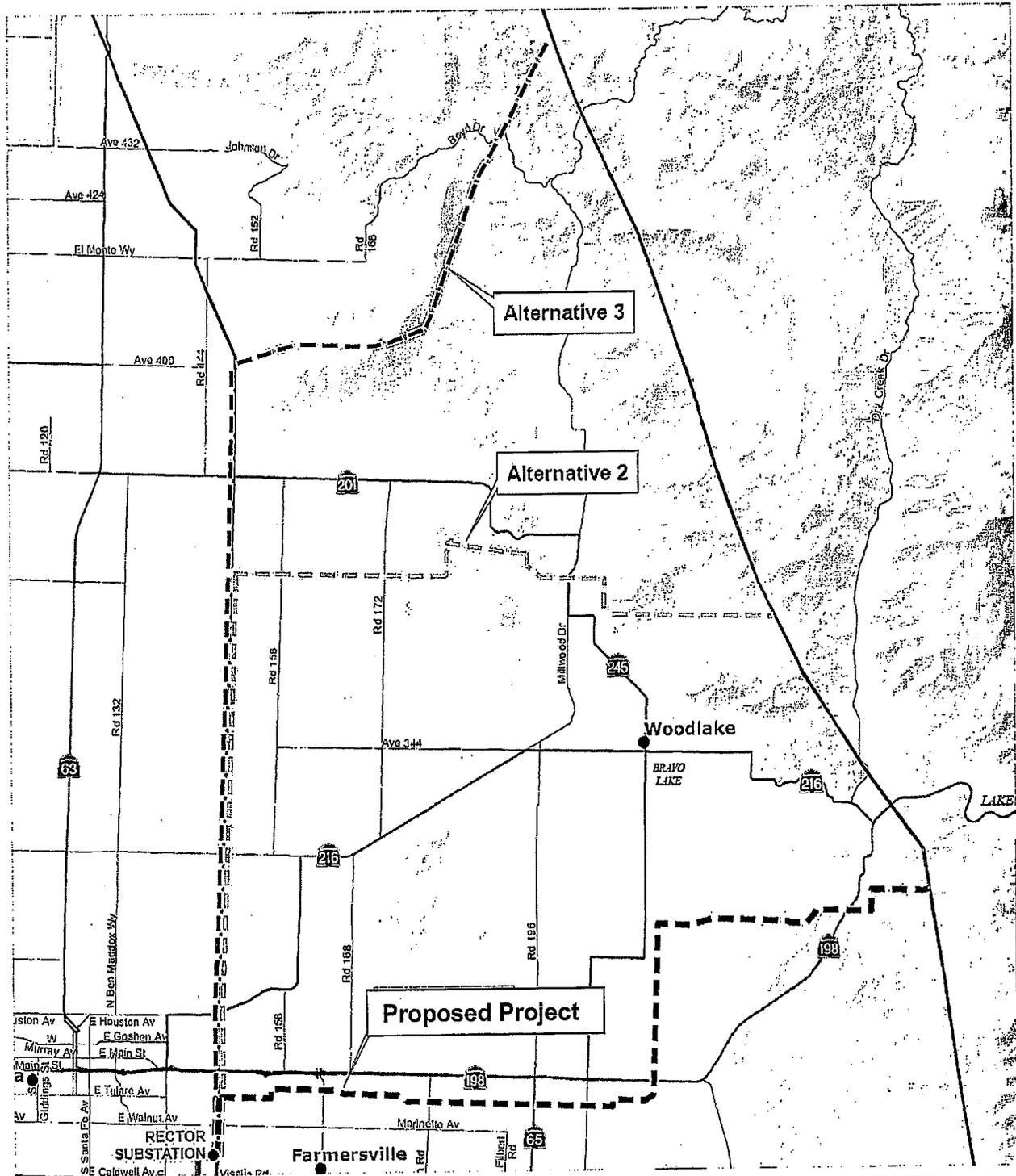
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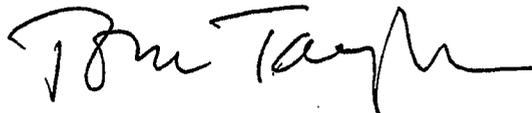
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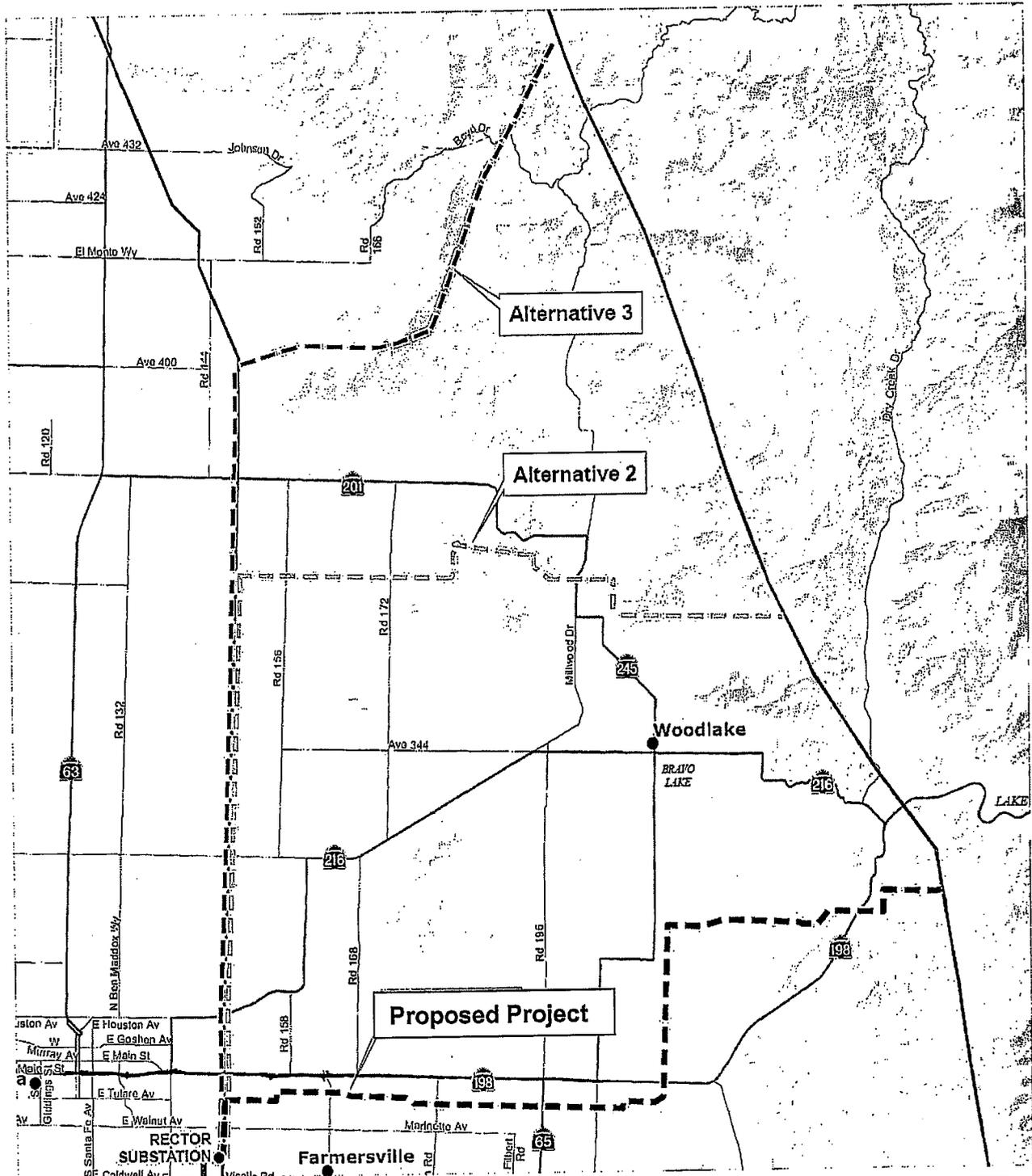
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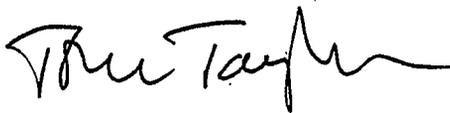
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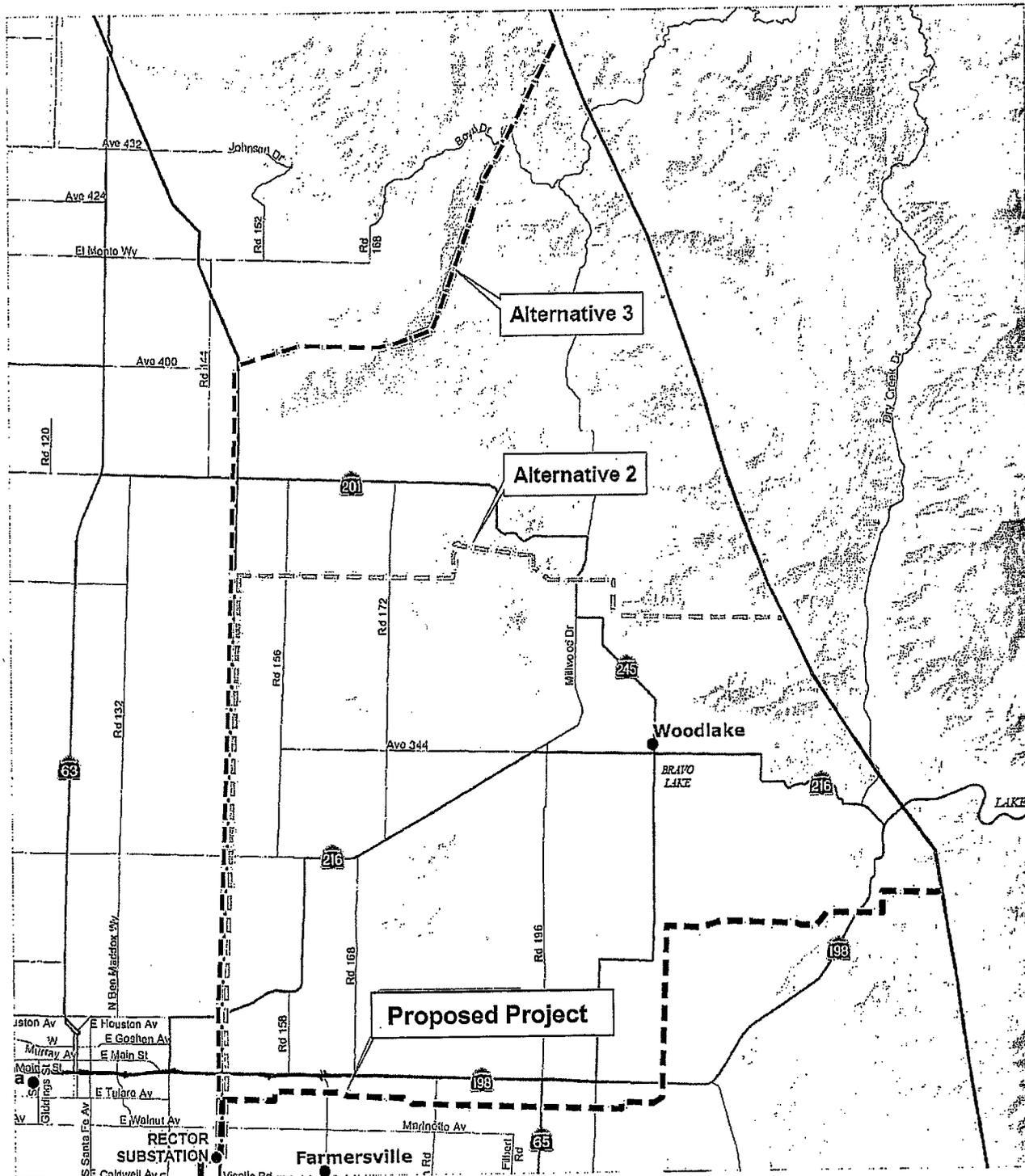
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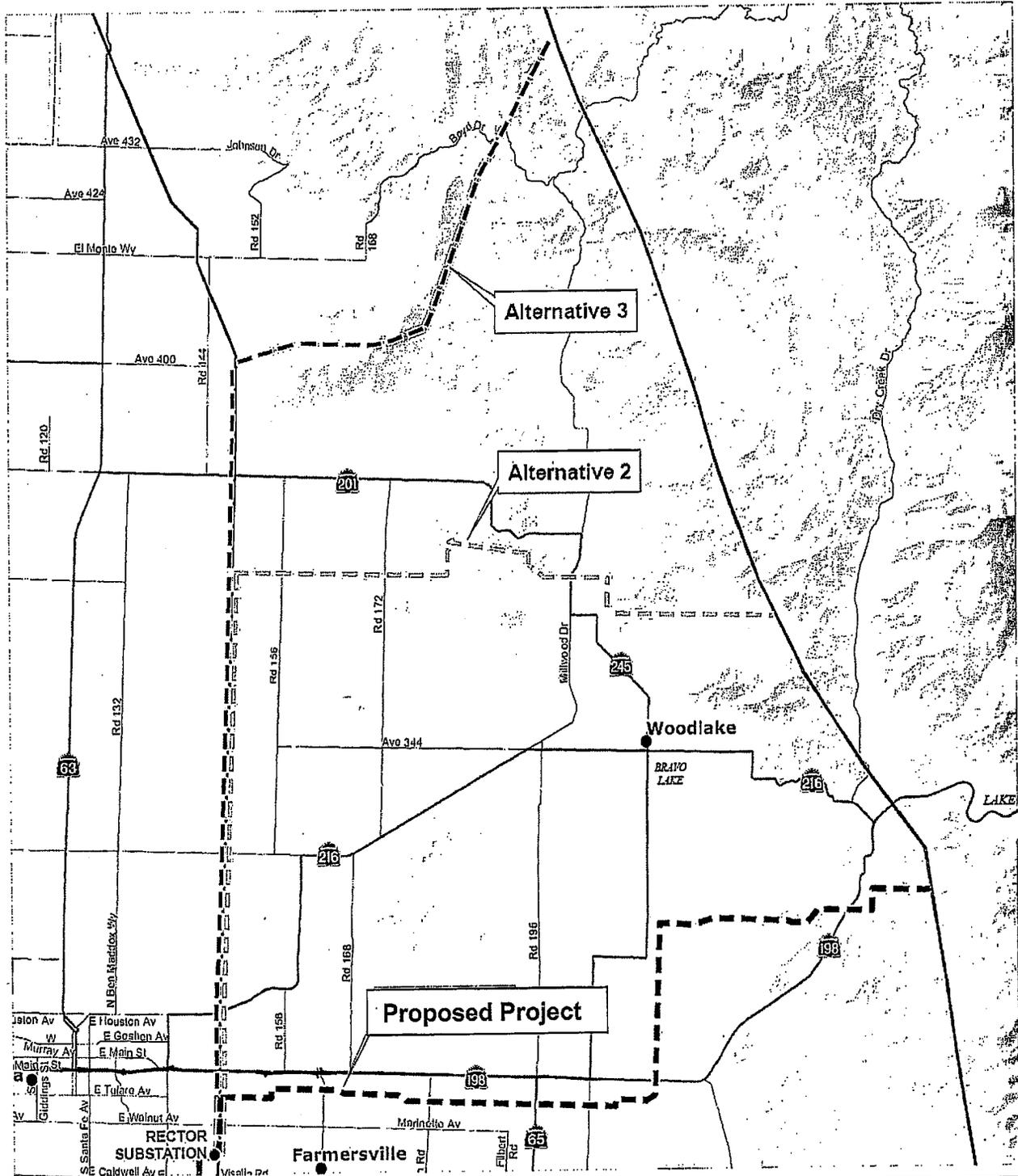
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Hello Mr. Taylor

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Subject Re: Burial Agreement 



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Mr. Franco,

Thank you for the copy of your Inergy Propane human remains treatment plan (which I will review and feed you back my comments), and for your interest in our Cross Valley Loop Project. I will keep you apprised of any further project developments and look forward to meeting with you in the near future. I will contact you the first week in June to arrange a field visit to the project area. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this project.

Tom

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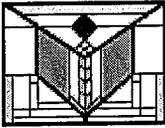
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The Eshow Valley Band of Michahai and Wuksachi Indian request a meeting with S.C.E concerning the Village and Burial site within the project areas .

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07/09/2008 10:20 AM

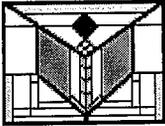
To Thomas.T.Taylor@sce.com  
cc  
bcc  
Subject set meeting time and date

I ken woodrow with attend with a couple of tribal member .  
monday tuesday are good for Wukaschi tribe

thank ken woodrow chair

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07/25/2008 03:26 PM

To "Lalo Franco" <historic@tachi-yokut.com>,  
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Erika Wilder/SCE/EIX@SCE, Jessica  
cc Jackson/SCE/EIX@SCE, Dana Bullock/SCE/EIX@SCE,  
mmarken@esassoc.com  
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Subject SCE San Joaquin Cross Valley Project Native American  
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07/26/2008 08:19 AM

To: Thomas.T.Taylor@sce.com  
cc  
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Subject: Re: SCE San Joaquin Cross Valley Project Native American  
Project Area Field Trip

August 11 would be a great day

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas.T.Taylor@sce.com  
To: Lalo Franco <historic@tachi-yokut.com>; kwood8934@aol.com  
Cc: Erika.Wilder@sce.com; Jessica.Jackson@sce.com; Dana.Bullock@sce.com;  
mmarken@esassoc.com  
Sent: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 3:26 pm  
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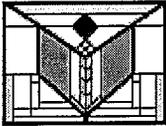
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Subject Fw: Edison's Cross Valley Loop Project



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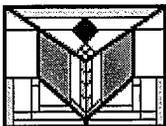
Gentlemen,

Both of you replied that Monday 11 August works best for you. Since I sent that email and spoke to you I have received a request from the SCE project management to meet with you before that Monday if possible because the California Public Utilities Commission is holding their public educational workshop for the project on August 11th and 12th and believe it would be most helpful they had input from the Native American community prior to those meetings. Therefore, I have rearranged my schedule to be available to meet with you either Monday the 4th, Tuesday the 5th, or Wednesday the 6th. Please indicated your preference for those dates in reply to this email, or let me know if those dates are simply impossible for you. I apologize for this last minute change. Please call if you have any questions.

Tom

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----- Forwarded by Thomas T Taylor/SCE/EIX on 07/31/2008 10:52 AM -----



Thomas T Taylor/SCE/EIX  
06/24/2008 12:04 PM

To Lalo Franco, Ken Woodrow  
cc Erika Wilder/SCE/EIX@SCE, Dana Bullock/SCE/EIX@SCE,  
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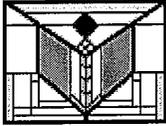
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08/04/2008 04:09 PM

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cc DCover@esassoc.com, JMU@cpuc.ca.gov, Susan  
Nelson/SCE/EIX@SCE, Erika Wilder/SCE/EIX@SCE  
bcc  
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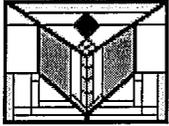
In order to accommodate a Public Utilities Commission public scoping meeting regarding the subject project on 11 and 12 August, we are scheduling a field trip for Native American participants on Wednesday, 6 August. I propose we meet outside of SCE's Rector Substation, located at 28361 Country Rd 148, Visalia, CA 93277 at 9 AM and proceed to drive the routes.

I sent both of you a printed copy of the project route map today, and hopefully you will have it tomorrow. I will come to the meeting on Wednesday prepared to share the information we now have on known archaeological resources in the project areas. The purpose of this meeting then will be to inquire of you as representatives of the Native American community if there are unrecorded resources of importance to Native Americans that should be considered in selecting a project route, or if there is particular importance placed on any known resource by Native American's that could bear on route selection.

Please let me know if you plan to attend on Wednesday. I hope to keep the group fairly small so we can all fit into one large SUV and drive the routes together. Thank you!

Tom

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08/11/2008 09:50 AM

To Dana Bullock/SCE/EIX@SCE  
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cc Jackson/SCE/EIX@SCE, Susan Nelson/SCE/EIX@SCE,  
JMU@cpuc.ca.gov, mmarken@esassoc.com,  
bcc  
Subject SJXV Project Native American Route Tour on 8-6-08



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Dana,

On Wednesday, 6 August 2008 Erika Wilder and myself drove Tribal Chair Ken Woodrow of the Eshow Valley Band Of Michahai and Wuksachi Indians and his Vice Chair, Delbert Davis over the accessible portions of the routes of the Proposed Project and Alternatives 2 - 4. Also invited to this meeting was Lalo Franco, Cultural Specialist/NAGPRA Coordinator for the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Tribe. In several telephone conversations, Mr. Franco insisted that we work with him separate and apart from Mr. Woodrow or his organization and indicated that he would be willing to meet with SCE or the CPUC and their consultants sometime in the future. He was not, however, willing to attend the 6 August meeting.

Mr. Woodrow agreed to give us his take on the project routes in writing, and I expect to hear back from him soon. My take on their reaction to the routes is that they agree the foothill area is very sensitive with regard to prehistoric archaeological resources, although burials and other resources may also be hidden in the valley floor. Messers Woodrow and Davis were particularly concerned about the proximity of Alternative Route 4 to Rocky Hill, a place of particular local Native American significance. The main advantage the Propose Route has over the Alternatives is that it passes through substantially less of the foothill region. Mr. Woodrow also indicated some Native American burials may be present in an marked or unmarked cemetery in the vicinity of the Proposed Route near Cameron Creek Colony, perhaps Deep Creek Cemetery. Mr. Woodrow is going to check on this burial place with his elders and get back to us. If it is Deep Creek Cemetery, the Proposed Project will pass just to the north of the burials with no direct effect.

Tom

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# San Joaquin Cross Valley Project Native American Telephone Contacts

Updated 8/13/2008

## Call From/To

Lalo Franco/Tom Taylor

5/15 Lalo Franco called late in the day regarding the SCE written correspondence of 30 April 2008 seeking Native American input to the SJXV Project environmental assessment. Lalo's focus was on his concern that SCE had included Ken Woodrow on the correspondence list. Lalo felt that Ken and his organization should not be consulted or should not have the same standing in consultation as Santa Rosa Rancheria, which is a federally recognized tribe with trust land. I explained to Lalo that Ken Woodrow is on the California Native American Heritage contact list and we are obliged to contact and discuss the project with everyone on that list that chooses to talk to us.

7/25 Lalo Franco called in response to the email I sent today asking if he and Ken Woodrow were available for a project route tour and meeting on either August 4 or 11. Lalo again reiterated all of his earlier concerns about Ken Woodrow's participation and stated that his organization would not meet with us at a meeting where Ken is present. I attempted to re-direct the conversation to concerns Lalo might have about resource sensitivity of the proposed or alternative routes, stating my take that the foothill areas were the most sensitive with regard to prehistoric archaeology. Lalo indicated that there may be some issues on some of the routes, but he could not be specific.

8/5 Lalo returned several calls I had left for him asking if he would be able to attend a project route tour and meeting on August 6. Lalo stated that he would be willing to meet with SCE and the PUC at a later date, but he would not attend the meeting on 6 August because Ken Woodrow would be there and he would not attend future meetings that included Ken. I expressed my regrets and indicated we would be in touch.

Ken Woodrow/Tom Taylor

May-August 2008 Ken Woodrow called me multiple times during the May through August timeframe asking about the status of the project, PUC CPCN process, and the timing for a field meeting regarding the project. The calls were always friendly. Ken expressed his concern for archaeological resources in the project area, particularly Rocky Hill. Ken explained to me that his group had approached California State Parks about acquiring Rocky Hill and preventing any future development of this very important place to his people. He asked if SCE could support this acquisition as a purchasing partner. I told Ken I would bring his request to the attention of SCE management.