

Appendix 6. Cultural Resources – Tribal Consultation

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This section provides letters of consultation from SCE to 30 representatives of 14 tribal governments potentially affected by the proposed project.

- Letter from SCE to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) requesting a Sacred Lands File search and list of Native American individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources within the project area.
- Materials sent as attachments to the request letter regarding the proposed project.
- Reply from the NAHC to SCE with list of Native American individuals/organizations to consult concerning the proposed project.
- Letter from NAHC to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) concerning the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed project.
- Sample letter of consultation with attached maps from SCE regarding the proposed project.
- Mailing list for the above.

Responses of the two tribes listed below appear subsequently.

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians

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SUBJECT: SCE Oak Valley Telecom Project
Dear Rob,

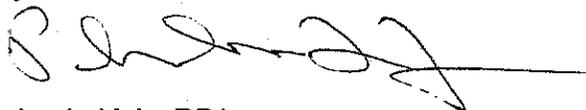
SCE proposes a transmission line project, which may involve ground-disturbing activity. SCE requests a sacred lands file search for the SCE Oak Valley Telecom project located on the attached 7.5 minute USGS quad maps within Riverside County, California. The project is located with the Following:

Cabazon and Whitewater Quads

Township 3, Range 1, Sections: 10, 11, 1, 6
Township 3, Range 2, Sections: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Township 3, Range 3, Sections: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact me at (626) 302-4893 or via e-mail at philippe.lapin@sce.com.

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RE: Proposed SCE Oak Valley Telecom Project, White Water, Desert Hot Springs, Seven Palms, Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Myoma quadrangles; Riverside County

Dear Mr. Lapin:

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.

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RE: SCH# 2007071076 El Casco System Project; Riverside and San Bernardino County.

Dear Ms. Mosley:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle name, township, range, and section required.**
 - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Sanchez".

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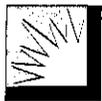
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SUBJECT: Native American Consultation regarding the El Casco Substation Project

Dear Mr. Contreras,

At the recommendation of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), Southern California Edison (SCE) requests your participation and involvement in the identification of project related concerns and potential effects to cultural resources, sacred lands or other heritage sites within the project area.

Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes to construct a new substation in Northwestern Riverside County within the Norton Younglove Reserve. As part of the electrical system improvement, the project includes transmission line and telecommunication upgrades. The project is necessary to maintain safe and reliable service to customers, and to meet forecasted demand for electricity.

A record search and survey of the project area has identified several historical structures and prehistoric resources within the project area. Additionally, the Sacred Lands search completed by the Native American Heritage Commission, states that a Native American Cultural Resource may be impacted by portions of the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The existing Devers-San Bernardino No. 2 220 kV transmission line would serve as the electrical source for the El Casco Substation and its 115 kV system. The 115 kV subtransmission line work would occur between El Casco, Maraschino, and Banning Substations within existing SCE rights-of-way within unincorporated Riverside County and the Cities of Beaumont and Banning.

The proposed El Casco System Project includes the following elements:

- Construct the new El Casco 220/115/12 kV Substation within the Norton Younglove Reserve in the County of Riverside, associated 220 kV and 115 kV interconnections, and new 12 kV line getaways.
- Replace approximately 13 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity double-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines and replace support structures within existing SCE rights-of-way in the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and unincorporated Riverside County.¹

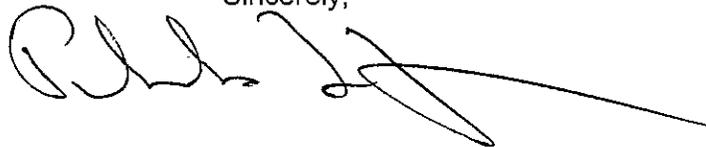
- Replace approximately 1.9 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines and replace support structures within existing SCE rights-of-way in the City of Beaumont and unincorporated Riverside County.
- Replace approximately 0.5 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines on existing support structures within existing SCE rights-of-way in the City of Beaumont and unincorporated Riverside County.
- Rebuild 115 kV switch racks within Zanja and Banning Substations in the Cities of Yucaipa and Banning, respectively.
- Install telecommunications equipment at the proposed El Casco Substation and at SCE's existing Mill Creek Communications Site.
- Install fiber optic cables within public streets and on existing SCE structures between the Cities of San Bernardino and Banning.

Based on the location of the known cultural resources and project activities that will occur in those areas, it is our judgment that the project will have no direct effect on known archaeological or historical resources.

For your benefit, I have enclosed a map that illustrates the proposed project areas.

Please contact me with any information you are willing to share with regards to Native American resources in the project area, and questions and/or concerns you may have regarding the project. I may be reached at (626) 302-4893 or via e-mail at philippe.lapin@sce.com.

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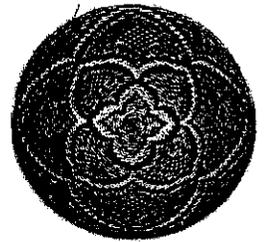
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RE: Consultation/Scoping for Cultural Resources for the Proposed El Casco Substation Project, Cities of Banning and Beaumont and Unincorporated Riverside County, CA

Dear Philippe:

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians appreciates your efforts to consult with the Agua Caliente Tribal Historic Preservation Office. The project area is beyond Agua Caliente Indian Reservation lands. We currently do not have any concerns with this project. In addition, we respectfully defer to the Morongo and San Manuel Bands of Mission Indians for any further consultation on this project.

If you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (760) 883-1368. You may also email me at rbegay@aguacaliente.net.

Thank you,

Richard M. Begay, THPO
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June 13, 2007

SUBJECT: El Casco Substation Project Cultural Resources Technical Study

Hi Britt,

Per your request, I have enclosed a copy of the Cultural Resources Technical Study (*A Study of the Past is San Timoteo Canyon and San Gorgonio Pass: Cultural Resource Assessment, Oak Valley Substation Project*, LSA Associates, May 2006) and the confidential appendix containing the site records for the El Casco Substation Project, Riverside County, California. The report title identifies the project as the Oak Valley Substation Project because the projects' name changed after the report had been completed. A Supplemental Cultural Resources Technical study is currently being completed. As soon as the supplemental cultural resources technical study is complete I will forward a copy to you.

If you have any questions I may be reached at (626) 302-4893 or via e-mail at philippe.lapin@sce.com.

Sincerely,

Philippe Lapin MA, RPA
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Enclosures