

APPENDIX 5.3A

# Agency Consultation Letters

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| <b>TID ALMOND POWER PLANT<br/>NO. 2</b>                                        |                    |                                                              |
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| <b>CONSULTATION RECORD TO<br/>LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES</b>                   |                    |                                                              |
| <b><i>HISTORICAL SOCIETY /<br/>ORGANIZATION</i></b>                            | <b><i>Date</i></b> | <b><i>Comments Summary</i></b>                               |
| Ceres Historical Society<br>P.O. Box 2585<br>Ceres, CA 95307<br>(209) 537-2947 | <b>2/4/2009</b>    | Sent inquiry via mail with map of project area. No response. |
| McHenry Museum & Historical<br>Society<br>1402 I Street<br>Modesto, CA 95354   | <b>2/4/2009</b>    | Sent inquiry via mail with map of project area. No response. |
| Turlock Historical Society<br>108 South Center Street<br>Turlock, CA 95380     | <b>2/4/2009</b>    | Sent inquiry via mail with map of project area. No response. |



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Thank you very much for your time. If you have any questions, please call me at 714-435-6179.

Sincerely,

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| <b>RECIPIENT</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>DATE SENT</b> | <b>LETTER MAILED</b>                                                                                                        | <b>FAXED</b> | <b>E-MAILED</b> | <b>COMMENTS RECEIVED (from letter)</b> | <b>FOLLOW UP PHONE CALL</b> | <b>COMMENTS SUMMARY (from Phone)</b>                                                                                             |
| Catherine Erolinda Perez<br>North Valley Yokuts Tribe<br>PO Box 717<br>Linden, CA 95236                                             | 2/2/09           | X                                                                                                                           |              |                 |                                        | Left message,<br>3/12/09    |                                                                                                                                  |
| Neil Peyron, Chairperson<br>Tule River Indian Tribe<br>P.O. Box 589<br>Porterville, CA 93258                                        | 2/2/09           | X                                                                                                                           |              |                 |                                        | Left message,<br>3/12/09    |                                                                                                                                  |
| Jay Johnson, Spiritual Leader<br>Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation<br>5235 Allred Road<br>Mariposa, CA 95338                             | 2/2/09           | X                                                                                                                           |              |                 |                                        | 3/12/09                     | No concerns                                                                                                                      |
| Les James, Spiritual Leader<br>Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation<br>P.O. Box 1200<br>Mariposa, CA 95338                                  | 2/2/09           | X                                                                                                                           |              |                 |                                        | Left message,<br>3/12/09    | L.J. returned the call on 2/16/09 and requested a new letter at a different address. This additional letter went out on 3/24/09. |
| Anthony Brochini, Chairperson<br>Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation<br>P.O. Box 1200<br>Mariposa, CA 95338                                | 2/2/09           | X                                                                                                                           |              |                 | 3/12/09                                | No valid phone number       |                                                                                                                                  |



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Subject: Turlock Irrigation District Almond Plant #2 Energy Center Project

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We would appreciate your checking the Sacred Lands Files to see if there are any culturally sensitive areas within the immediate project vicinity. We would also like to receive a list of Native American individuals or organizations interested in consulting on the project since we will attempt to contact local Indian groups to solicit their written input/concerns about the project.

Thanks again for your cooperation and assistance. We look forward to your earliest possible reply. If you have any questions, please call me at 714-435-6179.

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January 16 2009

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Number of Pages: 2

Re: Proposed Turlock Irrigation district Almond Plant #2 Energy Center project; Stanislaus County.

Dear Ms. Lawson:

A record search of the sacred lands 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. 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,

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**January 16, 2009**

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Subject: Turlock Irrigation District Almond Plant #2 Energy Center Project, Additional Proposed Gas Line

Dear Ms. Treadway,

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Although the original project boundaries have been checked against the Sacred Lands File, an additional 11 mile gas line has been added to this project. Please see the enclosed study area map (T4S R8E Sections 24, 25, 36; T4S R9E Sections 19, 30, 31; T5S R8E Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36; T5S R9E Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, 31; T6S R8E Section 1; T6S R9E Section 6 on the *Brush Lake* and *Crow's Landing* 7.5 Minute USGS quadrangles) for additional search areas for this project.

We would appreciate your checking the Sacred Lands Files for the additional gas line to see if there are any culturally sensitive areas within the immediate project vicinity. We would also like to receive a list of Native American individuals or organizations interested in consulting on the project. Although we already received a list for the previous request, we would like to confirm that all potentially interested parties are contacted.

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Number of Pages: 2

Re: Proposed Construction of Natural Gas Power Plant Project, Stanislaus County.

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If you know of any traditional cultural properties or values (e.g., burial sites, religious sites, or gathering sites) within the Project area shown on the enclosed map, or if you have any concerns regarding issues related to the overall Project, please contact me at (714) 435-6179 or by mail; you may also contact me at [nlawson@ch2m.com](mailto:nlawson@ch2m.com). Your project comments and concerns are important to us. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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Dear Mr. Peyron:

CH2M HILL is assisting the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) with the construction of a simple cycle natural gas fired peaker power plant project located in Ceres, Stanislaus County, California. The project will be located on a site immediately north of TID's existing Almond Power Plant. Please see the enclosed study area map (T4S R9E Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33; T5S R9E Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, 33; T6S R9E Section 5 on the *Ceres* 7.5 Minute USGS quadrangle).

CH2M HILL is conducting a cultural resources study for the proposed project and has researched the archaeological literature and records for the project. Results of the records search in December 2008 and January 2009 at the Central California Information Center failed to identify prehistoric archaeological resources within the project site. A search of the Sacred Land files by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in January 2009 failed to indicate the presence of Native American sacred sites in the immediate Project vicinity.

If you know of any traditional cultural properties or values (e.g., burial sites, religious sites, or gathering sites) within the Project area shown on the enclosed map, or if you have any concerns regarding issues related to the overall Project, please contact me at (714) 435-6179 or by mail; you may also contact me at [nlawson@ch2m.com](mailto:nlawson@ch2m.com). Your project comments and concerns are important to us. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natalie Lawson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Natalie Lawson, M.A., RPA  
Cultural Resources Specialist

cc: File  
Enclosure—Map of Project Area