

APPENDIX 8.3A

## Native American Consultation Letters

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September 7, 2005

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Dear Larry,

Subject City of Vernon – Vernon Power Plant

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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 MLD's appropriate for this area 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.

Sincerely,

CH2M HILL

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Clint J. Helton, M.A., RPA

Enclosures: Project Location Map



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We request the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) conduct a Records Search for the project by performing the following tasks (within/inside the dashed line):

- Check NRHP and CRHP listings (if any NRHP or CRHP properties are present – provide copies of all pertinent inventory/nomination/registration forms).
- Check “determined eligible” listings for the NRHP or CRHP; provide copies of pertinent forms as appropriate.
- Check all other state and local listings for the presence of historic buildings, structures, landmarks, points of historical interest, or other cultural resources; provide copies of pertinent forms/documents as appropriate (HPDF records).
- Check for presence of known/recorded archaeological sites (historic and/or prehistoric); provide copies of inventory forms/Primary Record Forms as appropriate.
- Provide a bibliography of all reports, surveys, excavations, inventories, studies, etc., within the ½-mile boundary CHRIS search area marked on the attached quadrangle map. Provide a copy of all reports, surveys, excavations, inventories, studies, etc. within the ½-mile boundary CHRIS search area marked on the attached quadrangle map.
- Annotate and return the map showing locations of known/recorded/registered cultural resource sites (archaeological sites, NRHP or CRHP historic properties, etc.) and mapped polygons for previously conducted surveys, inventories, and other studies.

Due to schedule constraints, we request that you conduct this search on an **expedited** priority basis.

If you have any questions, please call me at 714-435-6140.

Sincerely,

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Sent by Fax: 714-429-2050  
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**RE: Proposed Vernon Power Plant, City of Vernon; Los Angeles County**

Dear Mr. Helton:

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,

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Rob Wood  
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**Native American Contacts  
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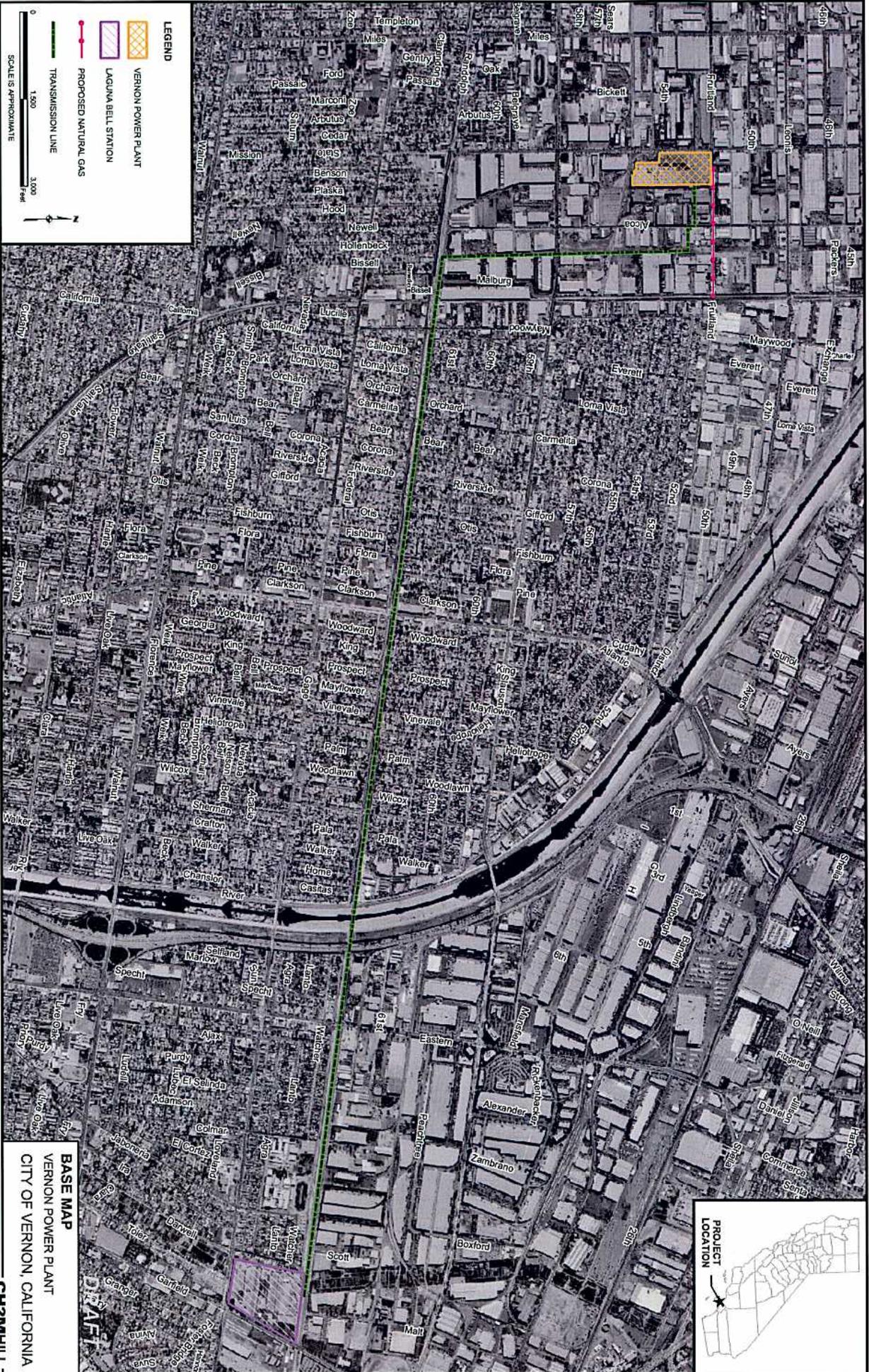
Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clint Helton".

Clint Helton  
Senior Scientist

cc: File

Enclosure – Map of Project Area



## Vernon Power Plant PROJECT

CALL TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_10/4/05\_\_\_

CALL FROM: \_\_\_Anthony Morales, Gabrieneno Tongva\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_4:00 pm\_\_\_

MESSAGE TAKEN BY: \_\_\_Clint Helton\_\_\_  
Project \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT NO. \_\_\_Vernon Power Plant

SUBJECT: \_\_\_Returning request for consultation\_\_\_

QUESTION/ISSUE: \_\_\_Tribe has no issues with the Vernon project\_\_\_

RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RESOLUTION/ACTION ITEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians

P.O. Box 3021  
Beaumont, CA 92223  
951-845-3606

October 15, 2005

Clint Helton  
CH2M HILL  
3Hutton Centre Drive  
Suite 200  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

RE: City of Vernon-Vernon Power Plant

Dear Mr. Helton,

Thank you for your correspondence concerning Native American repatriation. The Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians are tied to many village sites, encompassing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, parts of Ventura and San Bernardino counties. While we have many sacred and cultural sites both documented by Tribal oral history and anthropological documentation, there are many that have not been identified and should remain so. We would however like to be advised and notified when these sites are uncovered.

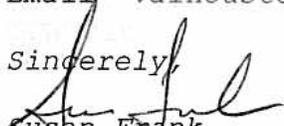
**Due to the sensitivity of the area in question, we would request that Native American monitors be on-site for this project.** Our Tribe has members that have been trained in monitoring Native American sites and are available for consultation should it be required or requested.

We would like to see any remains and artifacts that have to be removed from a site be returned to the proper tribe due to the documented fact that many bands were kept at San Gabriel Mission that encompassed the areas mentioned above we feel we should have input.

An optimum scenario would be not to remove the artifacts but to repatriate them with any funerary objects in tact. We would also request that the appropriate tribe be contacted so the remains can be repatriated by the tribe who's decadency of village site pertains to.

We thank you for your time and consideration of our request and acknowledgement of our letter. If we can be of any further help or service please fell free to contact us.

There is an address correction. P.O. Box 3021 Beaumont CA 92223 and Email [ValHouston@verizon.net](mailto:ValHouston@verizon.net). 951-897-2536 or 951-845-3606

Sincerely,  
  
Susan Frank  
Tribal Chairwoman

**CITY OF VERNON POWER PLANT****CONSULTATION LETTERS TO NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS PROVIDED BY NAHC**

<b>RECIPIENT</b>	<b>DATE SENT</b>	<b>MAILED</b>	<b>FAXED</b>	<b>E-MAILED</b>	<b>COMMENTS RECEIVED</b>
Mercedes Dorame Tribal Administrator Gabrielino Tongva Indians of CA Tribal Council 20990 Las Flores Mesa Drive Malibu, CA 90202	10/4/05	X			None
Mr. Samuel H. Dunlap P.O. Box 1391 Temecula, CA 92593	10/4/05	X	No Answer		None
Mr. Ron Andrade Director LA city/County Native American Indian Commission 3175 West 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Room 403 Los Angeles, CA 90020	10/4/05	X	X		None
Ms. Cindi Alvitre Ti'At Society 6602 Zelsah Avenue Reseda, CA 91335	10/4/05	X			None
John Tommy Rosas Tribal Administrator Tongva Ancestral Territorial Tribal Nation 4712 Admiralty Way, Suite 172 Marina Del Rey, CA 90202	10/4/05	X			None
Craig Torres 713 E. Bishop Santa Ana, CA 92701	10/4/05	X			None
Mr. Jim Velasques	10/4/05	X			None

Coastal Gabrieleno Diegueno 5776 42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Riverside, CA 92509					
Ms. Susan Frank Gabrielino Band of Mission Indians of CA P.O. Box 3021 Beaumont, CA 92223	10/4/05	X		X	<p>Voice message received 10/6. "We have monitors in our tribe that have been trained. We would like to request that one those [Native American] monitors be present when you start on your site."</p> <p>Letter received 10/15/05: Requests NA monitors on site</p>
Mr. Sam Dunlap Tribal Secretary Gabrielino/Tongva Council Gabrielino Tongva Nation 501 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 500 Santa Monica, CA 90401-2415	10/4/05	X		X	None
Mr. Robert Dorame Tribal Chair/Cultural Resources Gabrielino Tongva Indians of CA Tribal Council 5450 Slauson Avenue, Suite 151 PMB Culver City, CA 90230	10/4/05	X		X	None
Mr. Anthony Morales Chairperson Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council P.O. Box 693 San Gabriel, CA 91778	10/4/05	X		X	Return phone call received 10/4/05. Tribe has no concerns. Documented in phone record.