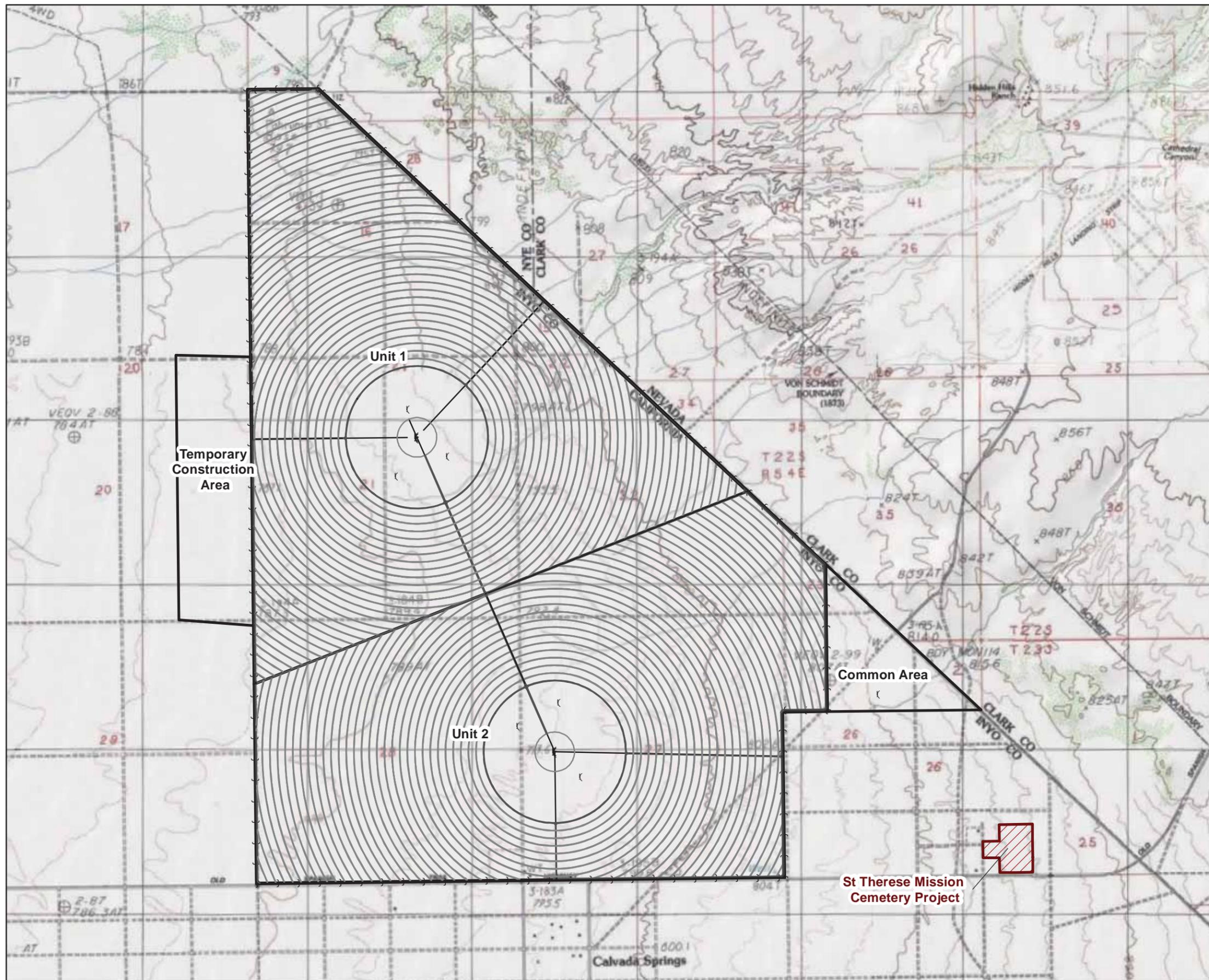


Appendix 5.3A
Agency Consultation Letters

HHREGS CONSULTATION LETTERS TO LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES							
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Goodsprings Historical Society PO Box 603 Goodsprings, NV 89019	6/7/2011	X			None as of 7/15/11		
Nevada State Museum- Historical Society 700 Twin Lakes Drive Las Vegas, NV 89107	6/7/2011	X			None as of 7/15/11		
Old Spanish Trail Association PO Box 909 Las Vegas, NV 87701	6/7/2011	X			None as of 7/15/11		
Pahrump Valley Historical Society 401 E Basin Avenue Pahrump, NV 89048	6/7/2011	X			None as of 7/15/11		



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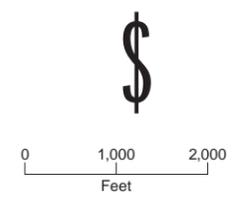


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Goodsprings Historical Society
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Goodsprings, NV 89019

Subject: Hidden Hills Range Energy Generating System, Inyo County, California

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Respectfully yours,

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Cultural Resources Specialist

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HHREGS RESULTS AS OF: 7/15/11 CONSULTATION LETTERS TO NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS PROVIDED BY NAHC		NAHC CONTACTED: MAY 27, 2011 NAHC RESPONSE: JUNE 1, 2011					
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Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Kathy Bancroft, Cultural Representative PO Box 747 Lone Pine, CA 93545 Fax: (760) 876-8302		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, THPO Barbara Durham, Tribal Historic Preservation PO Box 206 Death Valley, CA 92328 Fax: (760) 786-2376		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe will discuss the project at their tribal meeting on June 20.		
Big Pine Band of Owens Valley THPO Bill Hellmer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer PO Box 700 Big Pine, CA 93513 Fax: (760) 938-2942		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	Mr. Hellmer would like to discuss the project.		
Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation Melvin R. Joseph, Chairperson PO Box 747 Lone Pine, CA 93545		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		

Fax: (760) 876-8302							
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Joe Kennedy, Chairperson 785 North Main Street, Suite Bishop, CA 93514 Fax: (760) 873-9004		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	No email	None as of 7/15/11		
Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Attn: Cultural Resources Department 1 Paiute Drive Las Vegas, NV 89106 Fax: (702) 383-4019		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Nora McDowell, Cultural Resources Coordinator 500 Merriman Avenue Needles, CA 92363 Fax: (760) 629-5767		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	No email	None as of 7/15/11		
MOAPA Paiute Band of the Moapa Reservation Attn: Cultural Resources Department PO Box 56 Moapa, NV 89025 Fax: (702) 865-2875		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
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Fort Independence Community of Paiute Israel Naylor, Chairperson PO Box 67 Independence, CA 93526		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	No email	Mr. Naylor is the Chairperson, replacing Mr. Dahlberg.		

Fax: (760) 878-2311							
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AhaMaKav Cultural Society, Fort Mojave Linda Otero, Director PO Box 5990 Mohave Valley, AZ 86440 Fax: (928) 768-7996		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Kern Valley Indian Council Robert Robinson, Co- Chairperson PO Box 401 Weldon, CA 93283		6/8/2011	No fax	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Bishop Paiute Tribe William Vega, Chairperson 50 Tu Su Lane Bishop, CA 93514 Fax: (760) 873-4143		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Ron Wermuth PO Box 168 Kernville, CA 93238		6/8/2011	No fax	6/8/2011	None as of 7/15/11		
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Tim Williams, Chairperson 500 Merriman Avenue Needles, CA 92363 Fax: (760) 629-5767		6/8/2011	6/8/2011	No email	None as of 7/15/11		

From: Lawson, Natalie/SCO
To: ["Native American Heritage Commission"](#)
Subject: A new request for a SLF in Inyo County
Date: Friday, May 27, 2011 11:26:00 AM
Attachments: [HHR Project Site in Inyo County Page 1.tif](#)
[HHR Project Site in Inyo County Page 2.tif](#)
[Sacred Lands File Search request, HH Site.tif](#)

The request and maps are attached. Thank you!

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Archaeologist*

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Sacred Lands File & Native American Contacts List Request

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Information Below is Required for a Sacred Lands File Search

Project: Hidden Hills Ranch Solar Electric Generating System

County Inyo

USGS Quadrangle

Name Mound Spring, California and Nevada

Township 22S Range 10E Section(s) 16, 21, 22, 26

Company/Firm/Agency:

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Contact Person: Natalie Lawson

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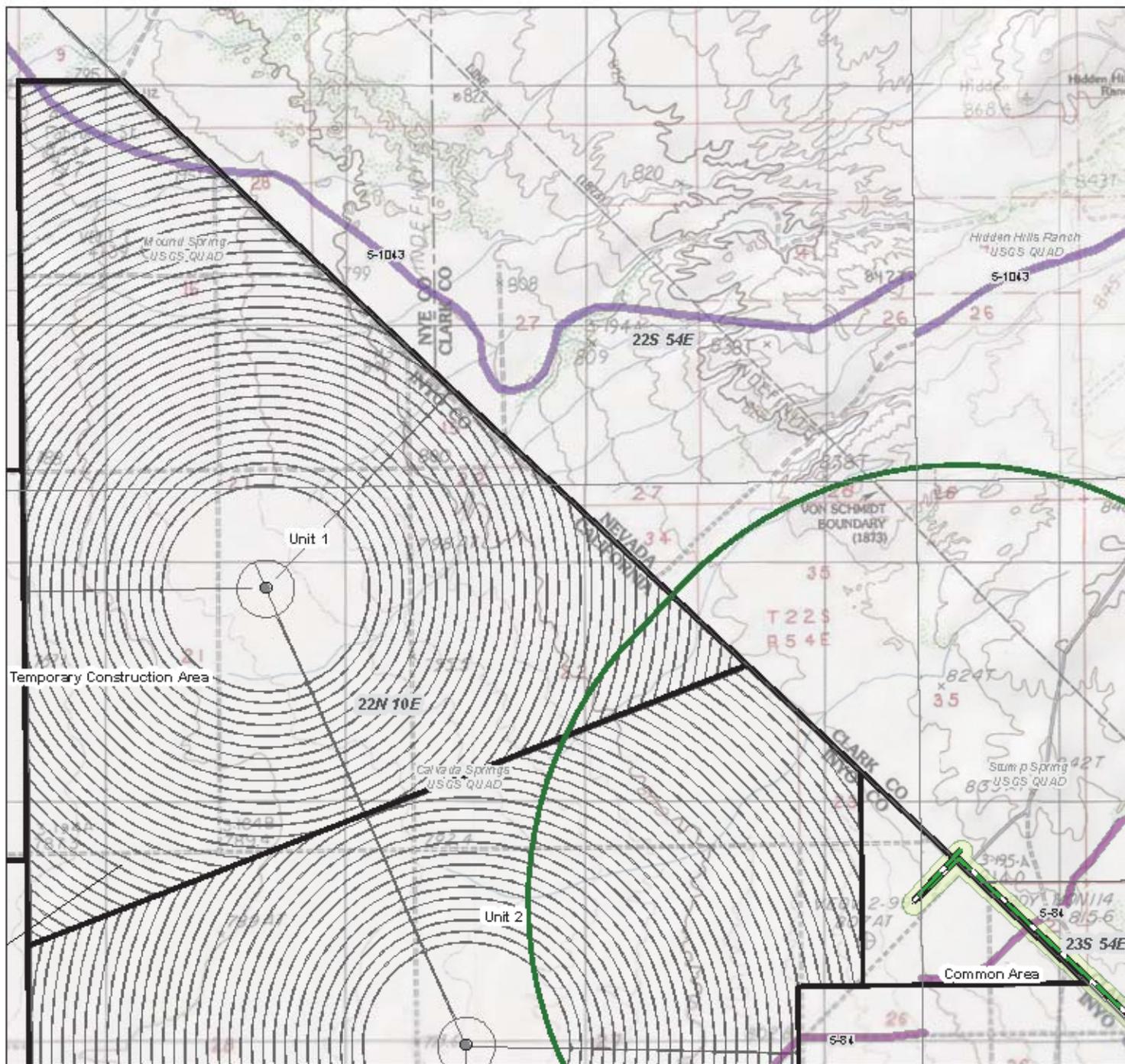
City: Santa Ana Zip: 92707

Phone: 714-628-9666

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Project Description: The Hidden Hills Ranch Solar Electric Generating System project will consist of two independent solar thermal electric generating facilities that will be co-located in Inyo County, California, approximately 11 miles south of Pahrump, Nevada.



- LEGEND**
- Substation
 - Solar Tower
 - Proposed Survey Corridor (300ft)
 - - - VEA 230kv
 - VEA 138kv
 - - - Kern River Gasline
 - Survey Corridor (300ft)
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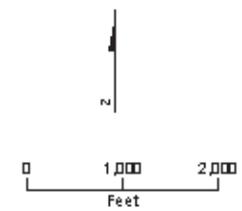
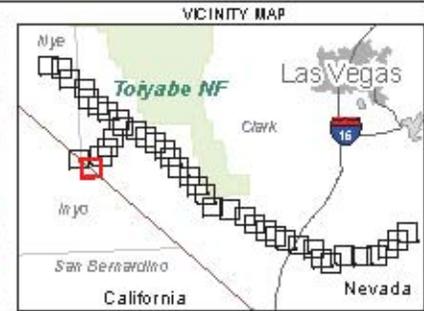
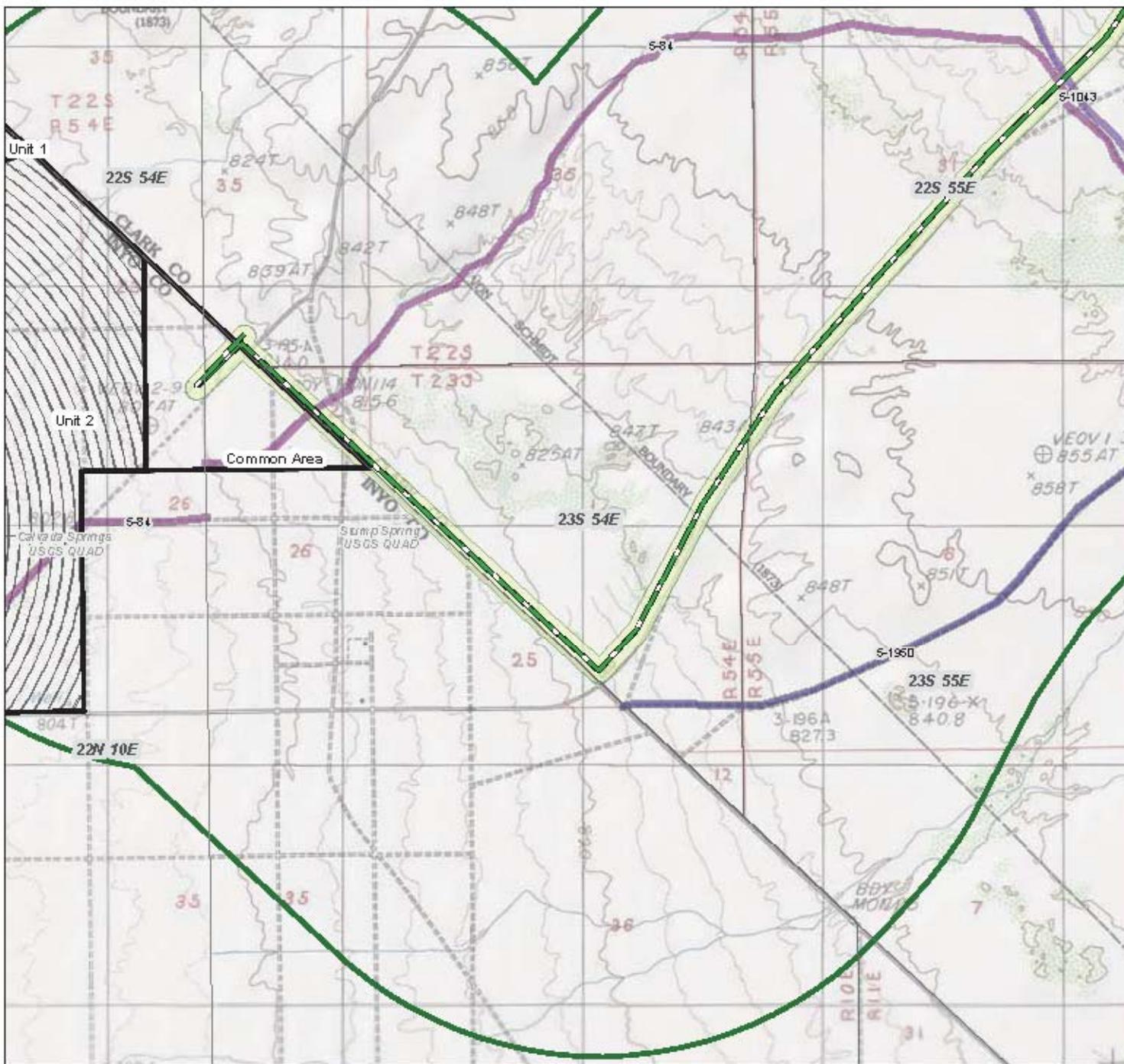


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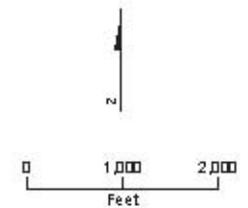


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June 1, 2011

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Sent by FAX to 714-424-2246

No. of Pages: 4

Re: Sacred Lands File Search and Native American Contacts list for the "Hidden Hills Ranch Solar Electric Generating System," located six miles south of Pahrump, Nevada and co-located in Inyo County, California,

Dear Ms. Lawson:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) conducted a Sacred Lands File search of the 'areas of potential effect,' (APEs) based on the USGS coordinates provided and found **Native American cultural resources were not identified** in the USGS coordinates you specified. Also, please note,, the NAHC Sacred Lands Inventory is not exhaustive; Native American cultural resources may be inadvertently discovered during ground-breaking activity.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA – CA Public Resources Code §§ 21000-21177, amendments effective 3/18/2010) 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 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.' In order to comply with this provision, the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on these resources within the 'area of potential effect (APE), and if so, to mitigate that effect. CA Government Code §65040.12(e) defines "environmental justice" provisions and is applicable to the environmental review processes.

Early consultation, even during Initial Study or First Phase surveys with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Local Native Americans may have knowledge of the religious and cultural significance of the historic properties of the proposed project for the area (e.g. APE). Consultation with Native American communities is also a matter of environmental justice as defined by California Government Code §65040.12(e). We urge consultation with those tribes and interested Native Americans on the list of Native American Contacts we attach to this letter in order to see if your proposed project might impact Native American cultural resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance as defined in §15370 of the CEQA Guidelines when significant cultural resources as defined by the CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (b)(c)(f) may be affected by a proposed project. If so, Section 15382 of the CEQA Guidelines defines a

significant impact on the environment as "substantial," and Section 2183.2 which requires documentation, data recovery of cultural resources.

Partnering with local 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 *et seq*), 36 CFR Part 800.3 (f) (2) & .5, 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 Interiors 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. Also, federal Executive Orders Nos. 11593 (preservation of cultural environment), 13175 (coordination & consultation) and 13007 (Sacred Sites) are helpful, supportive guides for Section 106 consultation.

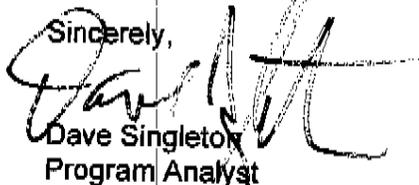
Also, California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, California Government Code §27491 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery', another important reason to have Native American Monitors on board with the project.

To be effective, consultation on specific projects must be the result of an ongoing relationship between Native American tribes and lead agencies, project proponents and their contractors, in the opinion of the NAHC. An excellent way to reinforce the relationship between a project and local tribes is to employ Native American Monitors in all phases of proposed projects including the planning phases.

Confidentiality of "historic properties of religious and cultural significance" may also be protected 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 possibility 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 Contact List

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MOAPA Paiute Band of the Moapa Reservation
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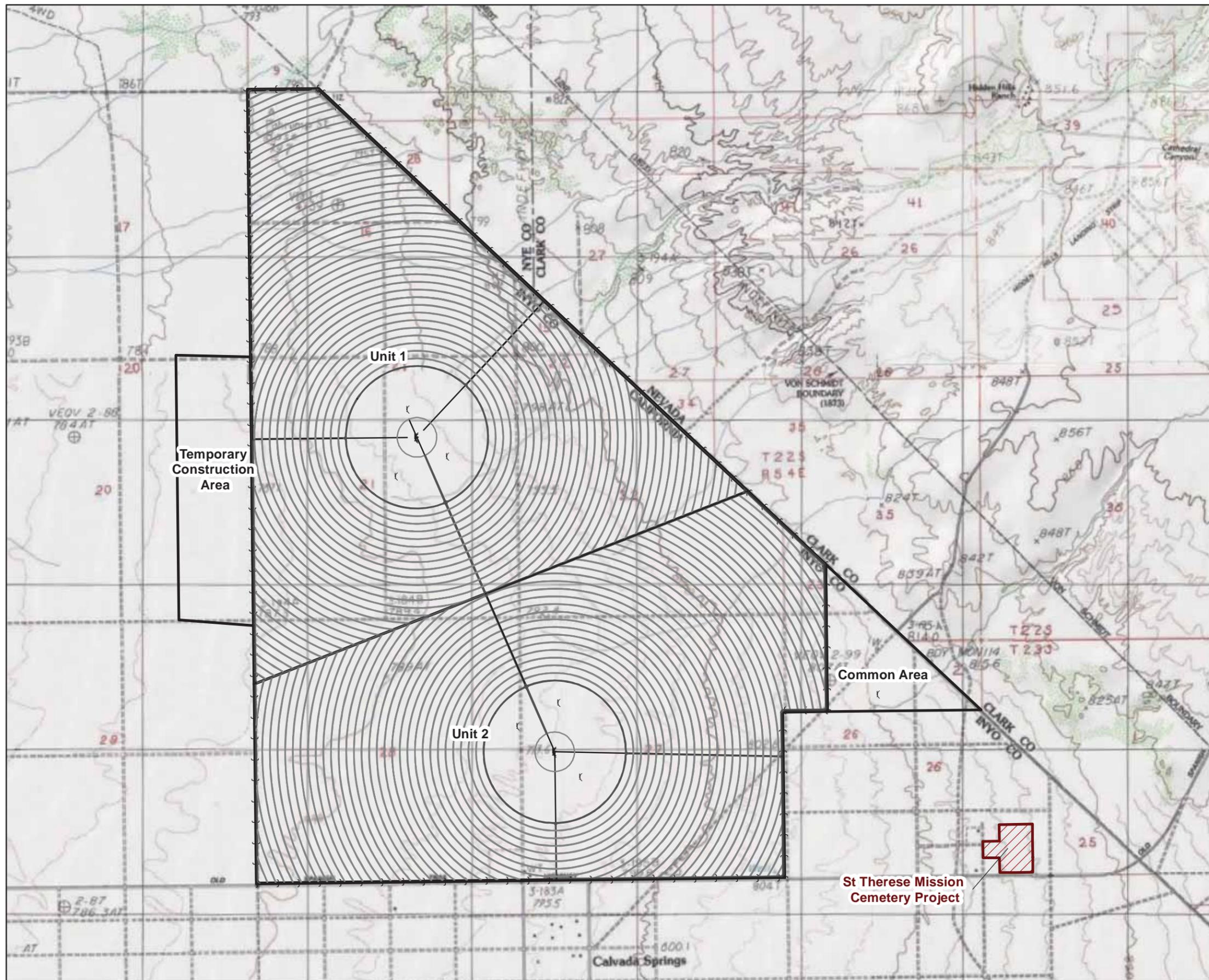
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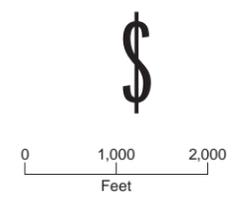


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Subject: Hidden Hills Range Energy Generating System, Inyo County, California

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Melvin R. Joseph, Chairperson
PO Box 747
Lone Pine, CA 93545
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Subject: Hidden Hills Range Energy Generating System, Inyo County, California

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Subject: Hidden Hills Range Energy Generating System, Inyo County, California

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Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
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Subject: Hidden Hills Range Energy Generating System, Inyo County, California

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MOAPA Paiute Band of the Moapa Reservation
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Fort Independence Community of Paiute
Israel Naylor, Chairperson
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Weldon, CA 93283

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From: [Barbara Durham](#)
To: [Lawson, Natalie/SCO](#)
Subject: Re: A Proposed Project in Inyo County
Date: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 9:17:24 PM

Natalie,

Thank you for contacting me. On behalf of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe of Death Valley, California we have concerns for tribal and aboriginal lands our people have lived or traveled through. There are other Native American groups that have even closer ties to the lands depicted on the map. Chairman Eddie Jim in Pahrump, Nevada is sure to provide input on the project. His phone number is (775) 764-1462. Mr. George Ross of Tecopa, California is another contact. I will forward your email to him. I have a committee of Tribal elders (Historic Preservation Committee) and at our next meeting on June 20th we will discuss this project. Please call me if you have any questions.

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--- Natalie.Lawson@CH2M.com wrote:

From: <Natalie.Lawson@CH2M.com>
To: <dvdurbarbara@netscape.com>
Subject: A Proposed Project in Inyo County
Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 21:18:40 -0600

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Thank you very much for your time.

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From: [Stephanie Arman](#)
To: [Lawson, Natalie/SCO](#)
Subject: RE: A Proposed Project in Inyo County
Date: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 8:42:07 AM

Dear Nat, the new chairman is Israel Naylor. Thank you.

From: Natalie.Lawson@CH2M.com [mailto:Natalie.Lawson@CH2M.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 8:17 PM
To: stephanie@fortindependence.com
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From: [Bill Helmer](#)
To: [Lawson, Natalie/SCO](#)
Subject: RE: Hidden Hills solar project
Date: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 4:18:43 PM

Hello Ms. Lawson,

I received a letter from you regarding the Hidden Hills solar Project. I tried called but the answering machine wasn't accepting messages. I would like to discuss this project with you.

Thank you,

Bill

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