

**Appendix 5.3A**  
**Agency Consultation Letters**

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<b>RICE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT CONSULTATION RECORD TO LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES</b>		
<b><i>HISTORICAL SOCIETY / ORGANIZATION</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Comments Summary</i></b>
Riverside Historical Society P. O. Box 246 Riverside, CA 92502 (951) 688-2854 <a href="http://www.riversidehistoricalsociety.org/">http://www.riversidehistoricalsociety.org/</a>	<b>10/8/09</b>	Sent inquiry via mail with map of project area.
General Patton Museum 62510 Chiriaco Road Chiriaco Summit, CA 92201 (760) 227-3483	<b>10/8/09</b>	Sent inquiry via mail with map of project area.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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September 9, 2009

Clint Helton  
CH2MHILL  
6 Hutton Centre Drive, Suite 700  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

Sent by Fax: 714-424-2139  
Number of Pages: 2

Re: Proposed SolarReserve Rice Solar Energy Project; Riverside County.

Dear Mr. Helton:

The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area. The SLF 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 guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any 'area of potential effect (APE).'

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. A List of Native American contacts are attached to assist you. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area (APE).

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 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. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

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*

Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

FOR

**Native American Contact**Riverside County  
September 9, 2009

Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians  
Joseph Hamilton, Chairman  
P.O. Box 391670                      Cahuilla  
Anza                      , CA 92539  
admin@ramonatribe.com  
(951) 763-4105  
(951) 763-4325 Fax

AhaMaKav Cultural Society, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Linda Otero, Director  
P.O. Box 5990                      Mojave  
Mohave Valley , AZ 86440  
lindaotero@fortmojave.com  
(928) 768-4475  
(928) 768-7996 Fax

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians  
Darrell Mike, Chairperson  
46-200 Harrison Place              Chemehuevi  
Coachella                      , CA 92236  
tribal-epa@worldnet.att.net  
(760) 775-5566  
(760) 775-4639 Fax

Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
Michael Contreras, Cultural Heritage Prog. Coordinatr  
12700 Pumarra Road              Cahuilla  
Banning                      , CA 92220      Serrano  
mcontreras@monongo-nsn.  
(951) 755-5025  
(951)201-1866 - cell  
(951) 922-0105 Fax

Joseph R. Benitez (Mike)  
P.O. Box 1829                      Chemehuevi  
Indio                      , CA 92201  
(760) 408-4089 - cell  
(760) 347-0488

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians  
Ann Brierty, Policy/Cultural Resources Department  
26569 Community Center. Drive      Serrano  
Highland                      , CA 92346  
abrierty@sanmanuel-nsn.gov  
(909) 864-8933 EXT-3250  
(909) 649-1585 - cell  
(909) 862-5152 Fax

Chemehuevi Reservation  
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P.O. Box 1976                      Chemehuevi  
Chemehuevi Valley , CA 92363  
chemehuevit@yahoo.com  
(760) 858-4301  
(760) 858-5400 Fax

Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Diana L. Chihuahua, Cultural Resources Coordinator  
P.O. Box 1160                      Cahuilla  
Thermal                      , CA 92274  
dianac@torresmartinez.org  
760) 397-0300, Ext. 1209  
(760) 272-9039 - cell (Lisa)  
(760) 397-8146 Fax

Colorado River Reservation  
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Parker                      , AZ 85344      Chemehuevi  
symi@rraz.net  
(928) 669-9211  
(928) 669-5675 Fax

Ernest H. Siva  
Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Elder  
9570 Mias Canyon Road              Serrano  
Banning                      , CA 92220      Cahuilla  
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siva@dishmail.com

This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code, and federal NEPA (42 USC 4321-43351), NHPA Sections 106, 4(f) (16 USC 470(f) and NAGPRA (25 USC 3001-3013)

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SolarReserve, LLC Application for Certification (AFC) for a project on the abandoned WW II Rice Army Airfield; Riverside County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.

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October 8, 2009

General Patton Museum  
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Chiriaco Summit, CA 92201

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Township 2 South, Range 21 East, Sections 1 and 2;  
Township 2 South, Range 22 East, Sections 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 21, and 22.

A project map is attached.

This letter is being sent to your organization to inquire about any additional knowledge you may have regarding the presence of historical sites that would assist in the project planning process. An intensive pedestrian cultural resources survey has been conducted of the project site, resulting in documentation of the Rice Army Airfield and Camp Rice and associated features and artifacts. No other resources were located.

Thanks again for any input you may have. Please feel free to respond to me at [chelton@ch2m.com](mailto:chelton@ch2m.com) or by Fax at 714-424-2139.

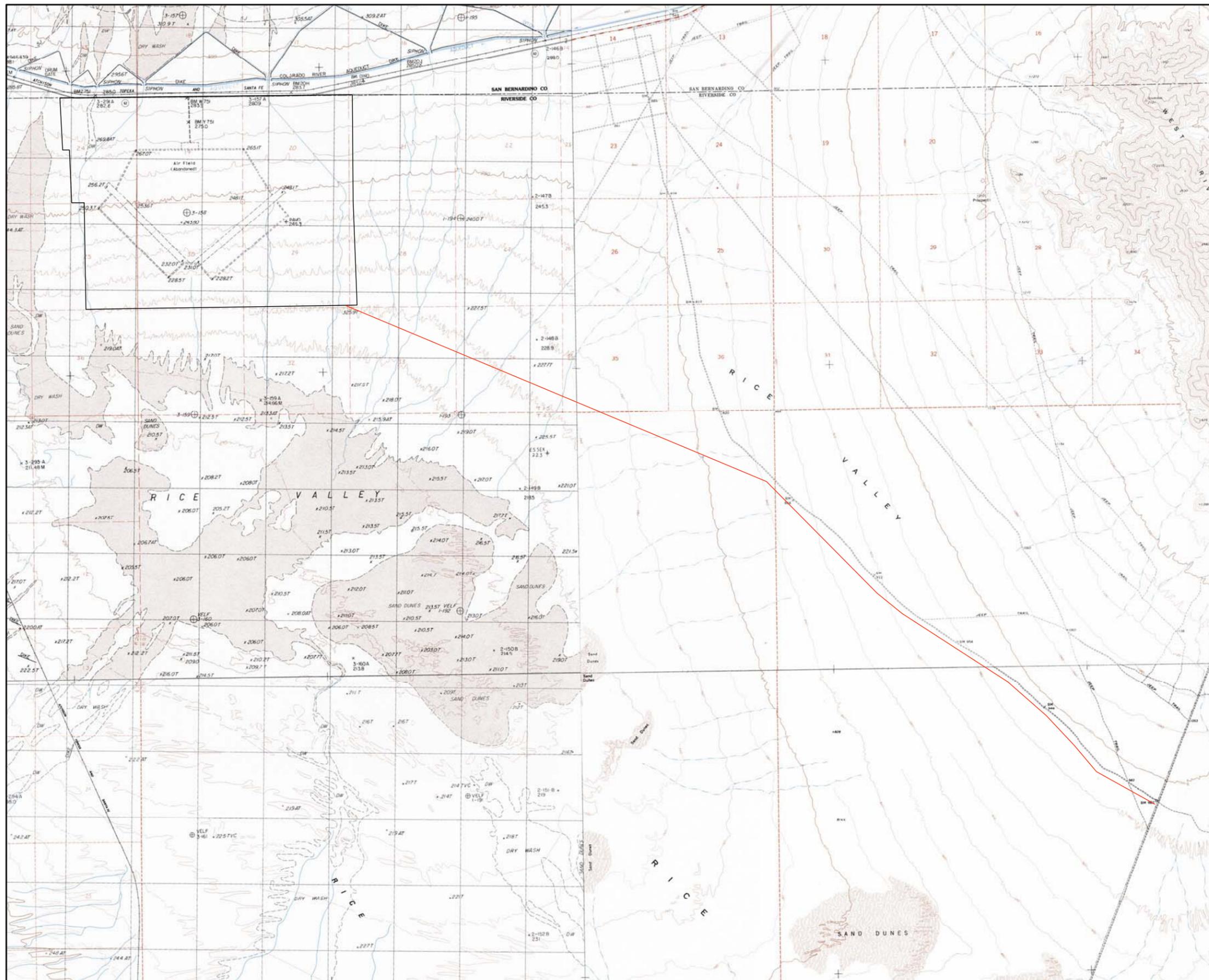
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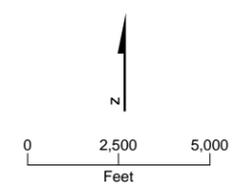
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 — PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE  
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**FIGURE 1**  
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 RICE SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT  
 RICE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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August 31, 2009

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A project map can be provided if needed.

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. I look forward to your earliest possible reply.

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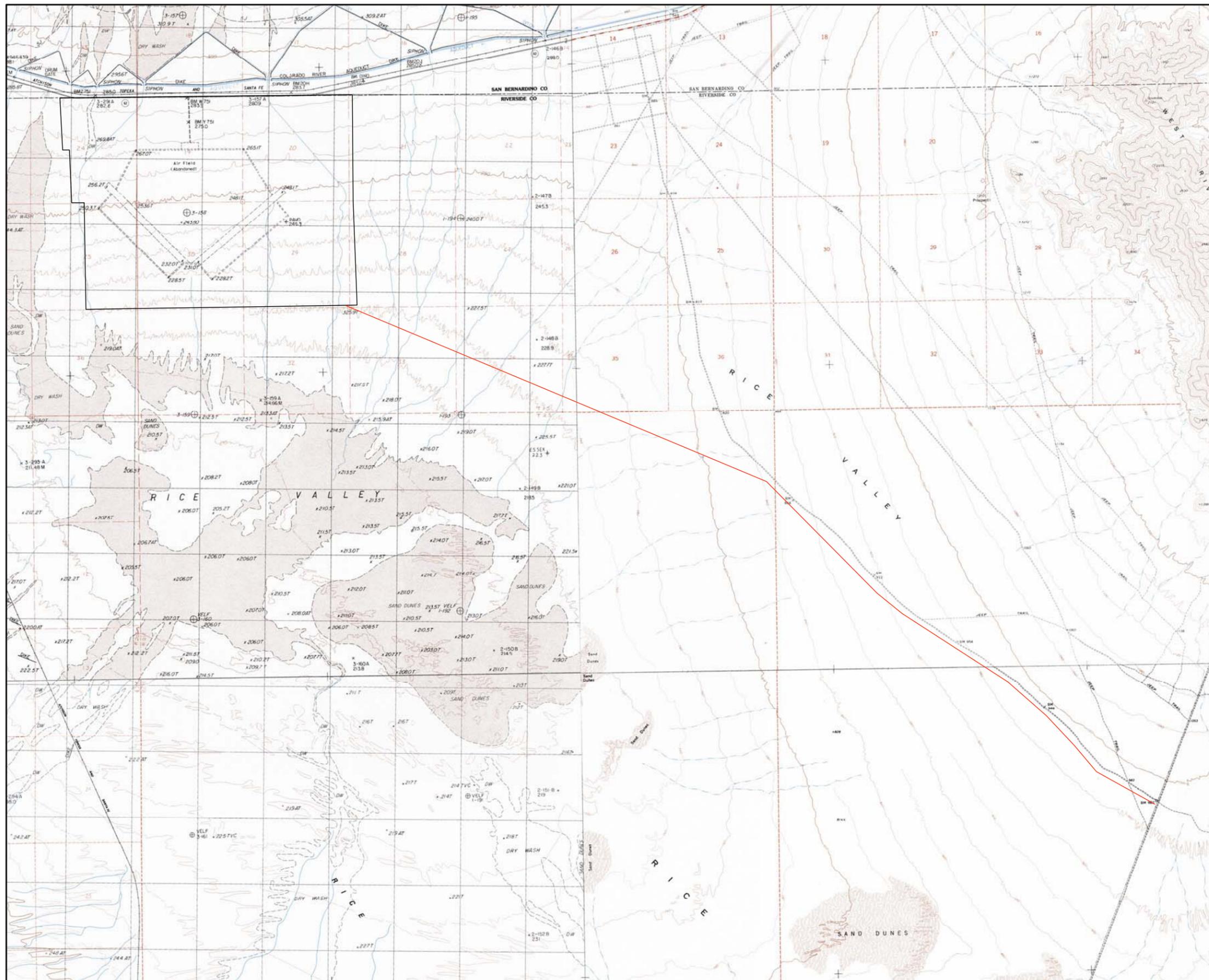
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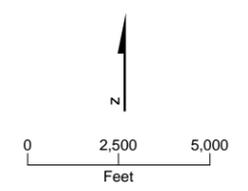
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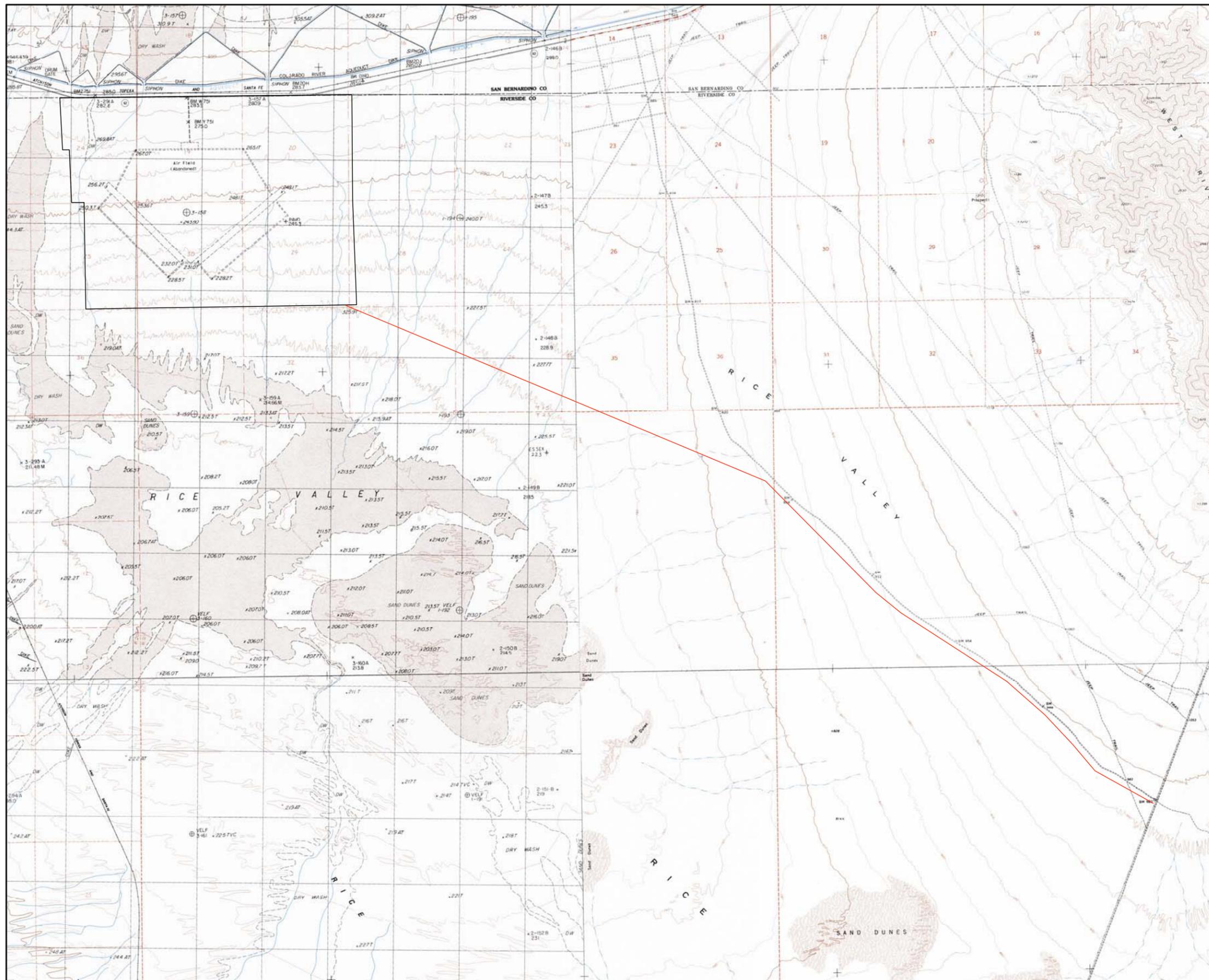
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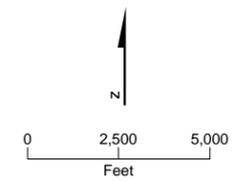
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