

NATIVE AMERICAN CONTACTS AND COORDINATION

On April 26, 2011, a letter response was received from the Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians. The letter encouraged URS to contact other tribes in the area, and requested that a Native American monitor be contracted and on-site full time during pre-construction and construction of the project improvements. A request for immediate notification was made if cultural resources were identified during pre-construction and construction activities.

On May 10, 2011, an email response was received from Ms. Bridget Nash-Chrabasz of the Quechan Indian Nation. Ms. Nash-Chrabasz requested that copies of both the cultural and biological reports be sent to her office for review.

On June 15, 2011, a letter response was received from the Director of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), Ms. Patricia Garcia-Tuck. Ms. Garcia-Tuck indicated that the proposed project location is not within the Agua Caliente Reservation boundaries, but that it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. This letter likewise noted that a check of the Agua Caliente Register indicated the presence of multiple previously recorded sites within or near the project area, and Agua Caliente requested, for review and comment, copies of any associated cultural resource reports prepared in association with the proposed Project. It also stated that an approved cultural resource monitor(s) must be present during any archaeological survey and any ground disturbing activities conducted by the developer. According to the letter, if buried cultural deposits are encountered, the monitor can request that destructive construction be halted and will notify a Qualified Archaeologist to investigate and, if necessary, prepare a mitigation plan to be submitted to the Agua Caliente THPO. If human remains are encountered during grading and/or other construction excavation, the letter notes that work in the immediate vicinity must cease and the County Coroner must be contacted in accordance with State Health and Safety Code §7050.5.

At the time of AFC submittal, the telephone responses ranged from one that confirmed receipt of the URS letter indicating that further contact would be made if necessary (Mr. John Gomez, Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians), to one that stated ecological changes resulting from the project would be permanent and the land should be left alone (Mr. Preston J. Arrow-weed, April 21, 2011). The pedestrian survey resulted in the need for additional consultation. URS contacted the Cultural Coordinator for the Colorado River Indian Tribe, Mr. George Ray, on May 11, 2011. A visit with Mr. Ray and Ms. Lisa Swick of the Colorado River Indian Tribe occurred on May 18, 2011. An additional site visit was conducted on September 8, 2011 with the following individuals, John Clariday and Martin Meisler (MWD), Susan Goldberg (Applied Earthworks - MWD archaeologist), Lisa Swick (Colorado River Indian Tribe), Lorey Cachora (Quechan Tribe), Linda Ottero (Fort Mojave Indian Tribe), and Dustin Kay (URS - Archaeologist). Consultation with these individuals is presently ongoing. Correspondence letters between URS, on behalf of Rio Mesa SGEF and the NAHC, and a list of Native Americans contacted are attached and included in Cultural Resources Technical Report Confidential Appendices.

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Name/Title	Affiliation	Date of Initial Contact	Response
Patricia Garcia-Tuck, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	4/11/2011	6/6/2011 – Requested copies of any associated cultural resources reports to review and comment and requested that an approved Cultural Resources Native American Monitor be present during any archaeological survey and/or any ground disturbing activities undertaken by developer.
Linda Otero, Director	AhaMaKav Cultural Society, Fort Mojave Indian	4/11/2011	None to date.
Preston J. Arrow-weed	Ah-Mut-Pipa Foundation	4/11/2011	4/21/2011 – Commented “Get out of there and leave it alone” and remarked that ecological changes resulting from the project would be permanent.
Mary Ann Green, Chairperson	Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians	4/11/2011	4/26/2011 – Recommended contacting other tribes in the area. Requested that a Native American Monitor be on site full time during pre-construction and construction, and to be notified immediately if cultural resources are identified.
David Roosevelt, Chairperson	Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Luther Salgado, Sr., Chairperson	Cahuilla Band of Indians	4/11/2011	7/19/2011 – Would like to be notified if the survey activities result in positive findings. Tribe would like to have tribal Native American monitors present on site during pre-construction and construction.
Charles Wood, Chairperson	Chemehuevi Reservation	4/11/2011	None to date.
Jill McCormick, Tribal Archaeologist	Cocopah Museum/Cultural Resources Department	4/11/2011	None to date.
Ginger Scott, Cultural Contact	Colorado River Reservation	4/11/2011	5/11/2011 - George Gray, tribal Most-Likely Descendant, contacted URS Principal Investigator Rachael Nixon to arrange a site visit. 5/18/2011 – George Gray and Lisa Swik visited the project area, and Site PVM-CB-028.
Tim Williams, Chairperson	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	4/11/2011	None to date.
Nora McDowell, Cultural Resources Coordinator	Fort Mojave Indian Tribe	4/11/2011	None to date.

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Michael Jackson, President	Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Nation	4/11/2011	None to date.
Joseph Benitez	Chemehuevi	4/11/2011	None to date.
Michael Contreras, Cultural Heritage Program	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Bridget Nash-Chrabascz, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	Quechan Indian Nation	4/11/2011	5/10/2011 - Requested a copy of the cultural and biological reports
Joseph Hamilton, Chairperson	Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians	4/11/2011	4/26/2011 – Letter forwarded to John Gomez, Cultural Chair. Mr. Gomez will contact URS if deemed necessary.
Anne Brierty, Policy/Cultural Resources Department	San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Mayme Estrada, Chairperson	Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Ernest Morreo	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Diana L. Chihuahua, Vice-Chairperson	Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Darrell Mike, Chairperson	Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	4/11/2011	None to date.
Shane Anton, Cultural Preservation Project Manager	Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community	7/19/2011	None to date.