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Cultural Resources Coordinator William Contreras
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PROPOSED NEW POWER PLANT IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dear Cultural Resources Coordinator Contreras:

Your name was provided to the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) by the Native American Heritage Commission as a representative of a Native American community who might be interested in the proposed construction and operation of a power plant in the Riverside County.

The Energy Commission has jurisdiction over the proposed project and has received an application for a permit to build and operate the power plant, known as the CPV Sentinel Energy Project, of approximately 800 megawatts, in Riverside County near the City of Palm Springs. Portions of the gas line route will be located in the City of Palm Springs. You will receive, if you have not already received, specific information about the proposed power plant from the project applicant. Information about the project can also be viewed on the Energy Commission website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/index.html.

Please review the information you receive from the project applicant, and if you have concerns regarding cultural resources that could potentially be affected by the proposed power plant and related facilities, please contact Dorothy Torres (916-653-3992), Fax: (916) 651-8868; E-mail: dtorres@energy.state.ca.us. You may also call the Commission's Public Adviser, toll-free at 1-800-822-6228, for assistance in participating in the Energy Commission's review of the proposed project.

The cultural resources staff welcomes your comments. By this spring, we expect to complete the preliminary environmental assessment. We will also be holding workshops and hearings over the coming months on the project and our assessment. You will be notified concerning the times, locations and the topics to be covered.

Sincerely,

Paul Richins, Manager
Environmental Protection Office

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