AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Paul Richins, Manager
Environmental Protection Office
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Consultation for the CPV Sentinel Energy Project, near the City of Palm Springs, Riverside County, CA

Dear Mr. Richins:

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in your project. The proposed location is not within Reservation boundaries. However, it is on ancestral lands included within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. I have searched our records and have identified previously recorded cultural resources in close proximity to the project boundaries. Based on this information and the project location, the Agua Caliente THPO requests the following:

1. The Agua Caliente THPO requests an Archaeologist, qualified according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines, perform a record search and appropriate level field investigations of the area. Two copies of all cultural resource documentation (including site records, survey reports generated in connection with this project, other reports of investigations, record search results, maps, and site records/updates) shall be forwarded to the THPO for review and comment. Any records forwarded to the Tribe will be permanently filed in the Agua Caliente Cultural Register.

Once the THPO reviews the documentation the Tribe will provide additional comments and may request the following:

2. An Archaeologist and Approved Cultural Resource Monitor(s) must be present during any ground disturbing activities by the developer and/or any archaeological testing. Should buried cultural deposits be encountered, the Monitor may request that destructive construction halt and the Monitor shall notify a Qualified (Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines) Archaeologist to investigate and, if necessary, prepare a mitigation plan for submission to the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Agua Caliente Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

3. Additionally, in accordance with State law, the County Coroner should be contacted if any human remains are found during earthmoving activities. In this circumstance destructive activity in the immediate vicinity shall halt and the County Coroner shall be contacted pursuant to State Health and Safety Code §7050.5. If the remains are determined to be of Native American origin, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) shall be contacted. The NAHC will make a determination of the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The lead

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agency will work with the designated MLD to determine the final disposition of the remains.

If you have any questions, please call me at (760) 699-6907 or e-mail me at ptuck@aguacaliente.net. You may also contact Richard Begay, THPO at rbegay@aguacaliente.net or at (760) 699-6906.

Cordially,

Patricia Tuck, Archaeologist
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PROPOSED NEW POWER PLANT IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Dear Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Begay:

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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