

March 14, 2006

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Re: Class IB Cultural Resources Study for SDG&E Transmission Line Corridors

Dear Mr. Fink:

This letter is in response to your request for Native American consultation on the above-referenced project. We respond to these requests on behalf of Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala Band of Mission Indians.

Because this project takes place within the traditional boundaries of the people of Pala, we have concerns that the project may uncover or disturb resources of cultural and historical significance. In particular, we are concerned about the proposed corridors that traverse sections of the San Jose Valley near Warner Springs, which is the site of the traditional village of Cupa. The village and surrounding areas contain many sites of cultural, historical, archaeological, and potential sacred significance. We request that we be made aware of the findings of any cultural resource surveys conducted in conjunction with this project. Furthermore, we would like to be directly involved in any plans for avoidance or mitigation of impacts to significant sites. We also suggest that Native American monitoring be required for the project once it moves forward, regardless of which corridor(s) are selected.

We appreciate being made aware of this project and having the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Shasta C. Gaughen, MA

**Assistant Director** 

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#### Mission Statement

To protect and preserve ancestral remains, sacred lands and sacred objects under the Native

American and Graves Protection Act

(NAGPRA) for today and future generations.



### Member Tribes

Barona Campo Ewiiaapaayp Inaja Jamul La Posta Manzanita Mesa Grande San Pasqual Santa Ysabel Sycuan Viejas Steve Banegas, Spokesman

# Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee

March 17, 2006

#### GREYSTONE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

Attn: Mr. Gary R. Fink, Project Manager 9474 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 103 San Diego, CA 92126

REFERENCE: SDG&E TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDORS CULTURAL STUDY

Dear Mr. Fink

Regarding your recent letter concerning the subject projects, although this map is difficult to read, it appears that these corridors may traverse areas of cultural significance. We are unaware of any specific significant cultural resources within the project area; however, since San Diego County has been continuously inhabited there may be cultural materials and/or burials which may be eventually uncovered in the course of the projects' construction. I would strongly recommend action be taken to prevent damage to any cultural materials and/or remains found at these sites.

The primary concern of the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee is repatriation and reburial of remains. In the event of a discovery of cultural materials and/or remains we recommend using native monitors to ensure no remains are disturbed. If you have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at the Barona Tribal Office at 619/443-6612.

Sincerely,

Steve Banegas

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Spokesman, Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee Chairman, California Repatriation Oversight Commission



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April 18, 2006

Gary R. Fink, AICP, RPA

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Re: Proposed SDG&E transmission line corridors

Dear Mr. Fink:

In regards to the SDG&E proposed transmission corridors there is not a doubt in our minds that traditional cultural properties would be affected. Taking into consideration the sites that have already been lost and damaged in the ever growing demand for power.

Unfortunately at this time we cannot support this proposal and recommend use of existing major power line corridors.

If there are any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 760-533-7709.

Thank you,

David Toler Councilman

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians

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CC: Devon Reed

Santa Isabel Band of Diegueño Indians