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# I. REPRESENTATIVES, LOCATIONS AND DATES

Clarence Brown of the Viejas Tribe served as the Tribal representative to monitor construction efforts along Alpine Boulevard, Link 4. Frank Salazar of the Campo Band of Mission Indians monitored construction along the Rough Acres segment, Link 1. Jesse Pinto of the Jamul Tribe provided additional construction monitoring along the Suncrest Substation, Link 3.

# II. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Various construction activities were monitored during this period including marking off of environmentally sensitive areas, mowing, grading, compacting, potholing, track drilling, and backhoe excavations for vaults.

### III. OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Brown did not report any observed cultural resources.

Mr. Salazar observed a couple lithic flakes and a partial mano. All artifacts were relocated to ESA's to be preserved.

Mr. Pinto's notes have yet to be received. An addendum to this report will be submitted as his notes are received.

#### IV. CONCERNS EXPRESSED

Mr. Salazar reported no concerns.

Mr. Brown has expressed concerns over the quantity of Native American monitors on his link and the locations where monitoring is not being requested. He has expressed these concerns via telephone (Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>) in addition to the representative report forms. His concerns are:

- 1. At the time in which Highway 80 was constructed, archaeology requirements were not as resolute as they are today. Thus construction efforts in the path of old Highway 80 may encounter cultural artifacts that he would like to ensure be identified;
- 2. Similar to the Highway 80 concern, other ground disturbing areas not being monitored may come across cultural resources. Mr. Brown would like for all ground disturbing activities be monitored for subsurface resources; and
- 3. Mr. Brown expresses concerns that if Biologists and Archaeologists are required that Native American monitors be equally represented.

Ms. Dayle Cheever, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Cultural Resources with SDG&E, sent an email addressing these concerns Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup>. This email was forwarded to and somewhat discussed in a telephone conversation with Mr. Brown Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cheever explained the reasoning behind the selective monitoring locations. A portion of that email:

Mitigation Measure C-03a requires implementation of archaeological monitoring. Archaeological and Native American monitors will be on-site during subsurface construction disturbance at all locations identified as sensitive for buried archaeological deposits. The Historic Properties Management Plan,



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approved by the CPUC and BLM on July 15, 2010, states that monitoring will be at highly sensitive areas defined during Buried Site Testing (BST). It also states that if BST is not feasible in areas classified as high sensitivity for buried sites, those areas will be monitored during ground-disturbing construction activities. The Buried Site Sensitivity Model and Testing Plan has not been finalized. Therefore, the following areas determined to be of high sensitivity for buried sites must be monitored by both a qualified archaeologist and Native American monitor:

From the corner of Alpine Boulevard and Star Valley Road, west to the corner of Alpine Boulevard and
Willows Road overpass (between MP-92 and MP-93). □
From the corner of Alpine Boulevard and Vista Alpine Road, west to the corner of Alpine Boulevard and
Boulders Road (within MP-95). □
From MP-96 west to MP-97. □

Mr. Brown added his contact information to ensure that he is available and willing to discuss these concerns.

## V. SUMMARY

Requests for complete Native American representation for all ground disturbing activities on Link 4 has been expressed.

# VI. SUMMARY PREPARER

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