

Appendix 8

Cultural Resources

Appendix 8 includes the following correspondences related to agency consultation and tribal communications for the West of Devers Upgrade Project.

Agency Consultation:

- BLM letter to SHPO initiating Section 106 Consultation
- SHPO response letter to BLM dated July 28, 2014
- BLM letter to ACHP dated August 22, 2014
- ACHP response letter to BLM dated September 5, 2014

Tribal Communication:

- SCE Tribal contact letters dated June 27, 2013
- BLM letter to Tribes dated May 20, 2014
- BLM follow-up letters to Tribes dated August 22, 2014



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ATTN: Brendon Greenaway, Associate State Archaeologist

RE: West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties,
California

Dear Dr. Roland-Nawi:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is reviewing an application for a right-of-way (ROW) grant and proposed Plan of Development (POD) submitted by Southern California Edison (SCE) to upgrade, operate, and maintain approximately 1.1 miles of two 220 kV transmission lines on BLM administered lands, and remove some existing lines. The project is part of SCE's proposed upgrades to Segment 6 of the larger six segment West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project. Through WOD SCE proposes to upgrade 45 miles of two 220kV transmission lines between Palm Springs and San Bernardino, California (see Enclosure 1). The proposed project includes replacement of two existing single-circuit and one existing double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and towers with two double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and higher capacity equipment, relocation of two miles of 66 kV sub transmission lines and four miles of 12 kV distribution lines, upgrades to six existing substations, and installation of telecommunications equipment. The proposed Project crosses lands managed by the BLM, lands in private ownership, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Reservation. Most of the proposed Project is located within an existing SCE ROW corridor. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the lead agency for the State and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.

The BLM is close to initiating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) stages of this proposed Project. The purpose of this letter is to 1) notify the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) about the proposed Project, 2) to initiate formal consultation on this undertaking with your office and follow the procedures at 36 CFR § 800, and 3) to submit the agency's Area of Potential Effect (APE) determination for consultation pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(a)(1). The BLM further requests to expedite the consultation process for the proposed Project, pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(g), by combining our consultation on the identification efforts with our consultation on the determinations of eligibility and findings of effect. The BLM is in the process of identifying consulting parties and determining the scope

of identification efforts for the Project. We would like to summarize activities which have been carried out to date for the purposes of analyzing the proposed undertaking.

The BLM has defined the APE for the agency's undertaking. The APE for direct effects includes the proposed and existing ROW corridor. The current ROW for the three existing 220kV transmission lines varies from 100 to 800 feet wide. The direct effects APE for the proposed 220kV transmission line corridor(s) includes the width of the existing ROW and any newly proposed ROW; a 50-foot-wide buffer on each side of the centerline of any existing road, 66kV sub transmission line, and distribution line that will be modified or newly developed for use by this proposed Project that otherwise extends beyond the 220kV transmission line corridor ROW; the land disturbance footprint for any staging area, materials yard, helicopter assembly yard; and the entire area of any substations modified for the proposed Project. The APE for indirect effects will be no more than ½-mile-wide on each side of the direct effects APE. Indirect effects to location, setting, feeling, and association of properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A, B, or C, and unevaluated or unrecorded resources identified by Indian tribes will be considered. The BLM would like to consult with your office regarding this determination pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(1).

Status of Environmental Review

SCE has developed a Proponents Environmental Assessment (PEA) as part of the CPUC CEQA review requirements. SCE conducted a number of studies to support their PEA including a literature review and records search ½ mile beyond the direct effects APE, and a Class III archaeological and built-environment inventory of the direct effects APE. The information gathered during the development of the PEA was incorporated into the POD that was submitted to the BLM.

An Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared to evaluate the impacts of the proposed WOD Project. The CPUC is the State lead agency for the preparation of the EIR in compliance with the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.), CEQA implementing guidelines (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Title 14, Section 15000 et. seq.). The BLM is the Federal lead agency for the preparation of the EIS in compliance with the requirements of NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500 – 1508), and the BLM NEPA guidance handbook (H-1790-1). A joint EIS/EIR will be prepared to evaluate the proposed Project. The proposed Project will concurrently be analyzed for its potential to affect historic properties as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and we will utilize the public review process described in the NEPA to partially meet our public involvement responsibilities under the NHPA. In addition, section 106 documentation for this proposed Project will be published on our website at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.

Status of Cultural Resources Studies

SCE has contracted with LSA to identify and evaluate all historic and archaeological resources within the APE. The CPUC has contracted with Aspen Environmental Group, and their subcontractors Applied Earthworks, to analyze the results of all cultural resources studies for presentation in the EIR/EIS. To date, LSA has conducted a literature review, records search, and BLM Class III archaeological and built environment survey of the direct effects APE. The BLM is currently reviewing the draft Class III report prepared by LSA to support SCE's PEA.

The literature review and records search conducted for the proposed Project included the APE plus a one-half-mile buffer. Record searches at the San Bernardino Archaeological Information Center, the Eastern Information Center, and the BLM have provided information about known resources on national, state, and local registries, as well as other previously recorded archaeological sites along the proposed Project corridor. Historic maps and General Land Office records at the Orbach Science Library Map Collection at

the University of California, Riverside, and Riverside County Assessor's Office on-line records were also consulted. The records search indicated that 232 archaeological resource inventories have been conducted and 423 cultural resources have been recorded within ½ mile of the proposed Project area. Of the cultural resources documented in the records search and literature review, 70 resources were identified within the direct effects APE. These resources include 31 historic resources, 30 historic architectural resources, 7 prehistoric resources, 1 historic Native American Rancheria, and 1 historic Native American village site and cemetery. Two of these resources are California Historic Landmarks (#95 and #749), two are Registered State Historic Points of Interest (No. RIV-048 and RIV-049), and five have been previously recommended eligible for listing in the NRHP.

LSA conducted a Class III archaeological and built environment survey of the direct effects APE. Those surveys have resulted in the identification of 193 new cultural resources, including 190 historic resources, 3 prehistoric archaeological sites, and 50 isolated artifacts. Additional archival research is being done to support NRHP eligibility evaluations. The draft report is currently under review by the BLM. LSA is currently developing an evaluation plan for one archaeological site (CA-SBR-2311H/Guachama Rancheria) that is identified in the draft Class III report as requiring archaeological testing to evaluate.

LSA is also developing a contingency evaluation plan for the evaluation of any additional resources that may be impacted based on a planned final engineering design that is scheduled to be completed by June 2014. This plan will further refine the current POD to account for information gathered during the PEA studies and provide final locations for all proposed structures, equipment, and work areas. Once the final design has been released the BLM and CPUC will reassess the cultural resources studies and determine if any additional evaluation needs must be addressed. Any additional evaluation that may become necessary as a result of the final design completion will be conducted according to the contingency developed in the evaluation plan.

The BLM has also requested that SCE conduct an ethnographic literature review and indirect effects analysis for the proposed Project. Since the proposed Project is an upgrade to existing transmission lines and is located almost entirely within an existing ROW corridor, the BLM has defined the indirect effects APE as ½-mile beyond the direct effects APE. SCE's contractor will be analyzing indirect effects from the proposed project to the location, setting, feeling, and association of known NRHP eligible or listed properties within the indirect effects APE. This study will include known historic, archaeological, and tribal resources.

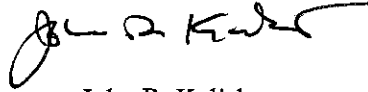
Status of Tribal Consultation

The BLM is concurrently notifying Indian tribes about this undertaking and requesting government-to-government consultation by letter. Fourteen federally recognized Indian tribes have been identified and are being invited to consult on the proposed Project, including the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Pauma/Yuima Band of Mission Indians, Pechanga Band of Mission Indians, Ramona Band of Mission Indians, Rincon Luiseno Band of Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, and Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians.

As noted at the outset, the purpose of this letter is to notify your office of the proposed West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project, initiate formal consultation on this undertaking with your office in accordance with the 36 CFR § 800 Regulations, to submit the agency's APE determination for consultation pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(a)(1), and request to expedite the remainder of the consultation process for the proposed Project pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.3(g) by combining our consultation on the identification efforts with our consultation on the determinations of eligibility and findings of effect.

We appreciate your attention to our request and look forward to consulting on the proposed undertaking. If we can provide any information or address any questions regarding this undertaking, please do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Thomas, BLM Renewable Energy Archaeologist, at (951) 697-5365, or by e-mail at tathomas@blm.gov. You may also contact me at (760) 326-7000 or by e-mail at jkalish@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John R. Kalish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Field Manager

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Enclosures:

1 - Project Area Map

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Re: Initiating Section 106 Consultation for the West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Dear Mr. Kalish:

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 (as amended 8-05-04) regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is initiating formal consultation, seeking my comments on its determination of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and its planned historic property identification efforts for the West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project. The BLM is also requesting to expedite the remainder of the consultation process pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.3(g).

The BLM is reviewing an application for a right-of-way (ROW) grant and proposed Plan of Development (POD) submitted by Southern California Edison (SCE) to remove existing transmission lines and upgrade, operate, and maintain approximately 1.1 miles of two 220 kV transmission lines on BLM administered lands. The project is part of SCE's proposed upgrades to Segment 6 of the larger six segment West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project. The proposed project includes replacement of two existing single-circuit and one existing double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and towers with two double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and higher capacity equipment, relocation of two miles of 66 kV sub transmission lines and four miles of 12 kV distribution lines, upgrades to six existing substations, and installation of telecommunications equipment. The proposed Project crosses lands managed by the BLM, lands in private ownership, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Reservation. Most of the proposed Project is located within an existing SCE right-of- way (ROW) corridor.

The APE for direct effects includes the entire length of the proposed and existing ROW corridor (45 miles). The current ROW for the three existing 220kV transmission lines varies from 100 to 800 feet in width. The direct effects APE for the proposed 220kV transmission line corridor(s) includes the width of the existing ROW and any newly proposed ROW; a 50-foot-wide buffer on each side of the centerline of any existing road, 66kV sub transmission line, and distribution line that will be modified or newly developed for use by this proposed Project that otherwise extends beyond the 220kV transmission line corridor ROW; the land disturbance footprint for any staging area, materials yard, helicopter assembly yard; and the entire area of any substations modified for the proposed Project. The APE for indirect effects will be no more than ½-mile-wide on each side of the direct effects APE. Indirect effects to location, setting, feeling, and association of properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under

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Having reviewed your letter and supporting documentation, I have the following comments:

- 1) I agree that the BLM's delineation of the project's Area of Potential Effects is consistent with 36 CFR 800.16(d).
- 2) Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(g) I agree that expediting consultation is appropriate as long as consulting parties and the public have an adequate opportunity to express their views as provided in 36 CFR Part 800.2(d).
- 3) Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a) and (b), I concur that the work plan constitutes a reasonable and good faith effort to identify historic properties within the APE.

Thank you for seeking my comments and for considering historic properties in planning your project. I look forward to continuing consultation on this project. If you require further information, please contact Brendon Greenaway of my staff at phone 916-445-7036 or email brendon.greenaway@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Pursuant to guidance from the BLM Washington Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and Information Bulletin 2013-020, the Secretary of the Interior's priority renewable energy projects and other major infrastructure projects have the potential to be controversial and complex undertakings and should be processed according the 36 CFR § 800 Regulations. The BLM would like to invite the participation of the ACHP in the Section 106 compliance process for this undertaking in accordance with 36 CFR 800.2(b)(1).

The undertaking and the area of potential effect (APE) for Section 106 has been defined, and the BLM is currently consulting with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on the APE (May 7, 2014). The current ROW for the three existing 220-kV transmission lines varies from 100 to 800 feet wide. The direct effects APE for the proposed 220-kV transmission line corridor(s) includes the width of the existing ROW and any newly proposed ROW; a 50-foot-wide buffer on each side of the centerline of any existing road, 66-kV sub transmission line, and distribution line that will be modified or newly developed for use by this proposed Project that otherwise extends beyond the 220-kV transmission line corridor ROW; the land disturbance footprint for any staging area, materials yard, helicopter assembly yard; and the entire area of any substations modified for the proposed Project. The APE for indirect effects will be no more than one-half-mile wide on each side of the direct effects APE. Indirect effects to location, setting, feeling, and association of properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion A, B, or C, and unevaluated or unrecorded resources identified by Indian tribes will be considered.

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final report entitled *Cultural Resources Assessment and Class III Inventory, West of Devers Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California* (enclosure 2).

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Based on the results of the Class III surveys, the BLM and CPUC have determined that additional information is required to evaluate seven archaeological resources for their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). Six archaeological sites (CA-RIV-11411, CA-RIV-11417, CA-RIV-11419, CA-RIV-11426, CA-SBR-11624H, and P-36-24295) require additional archival research in order to be evaluated under Criteria A/1 and B/2 for their association with significant events or persons in history. One archaeological site (CA-SBR-2311H) will require archaeological testing in order to be evaluated under Criterion D/4 for its information potential. A testing plan has been developed to guide the additional research efforts (enclosure 2). The archival research is currently underway and the fieldwork is currently being coordinated with the private land-owner.

As part of the testing plan, LSA has also developed a contingency evaluation plan for the evaluation of any additional resources that may be impacted as a result of any final engineering designs. The final engineering design will be used to refine the current POD to account for information gathered during the PEA studies and provides final locations for all proposed structures, equipment, and work areas. Once the final design has been released, the BLM and CPUC will reassess the cultural resources studies and determine if any additional evaluation needs must be addressed. Any additional evaluation that may become necessary as a result of the final design completion will be conducted according to the contingency developed in the evaluation plan.

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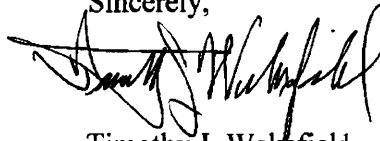
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As noted at the outset, the purpose of this letter is to provide notification to the ACHP of the proposed West of Devers Upgrade Project and invite the ACHP to participate with the BLM in the Section 106 review of the undertaking. We appreciate your attention to our request. If we can provide any information or address any questions regarding this undertaking, please do not hesitate to contact Tiffany Thomas, BLM Renewable Energy Archaeologist, at (951) 697-5365, or by e-mail at tathomas@blm.gov. You may also contact me at (760) 326-7100 or by e-mail at twakefie@blm.gov.

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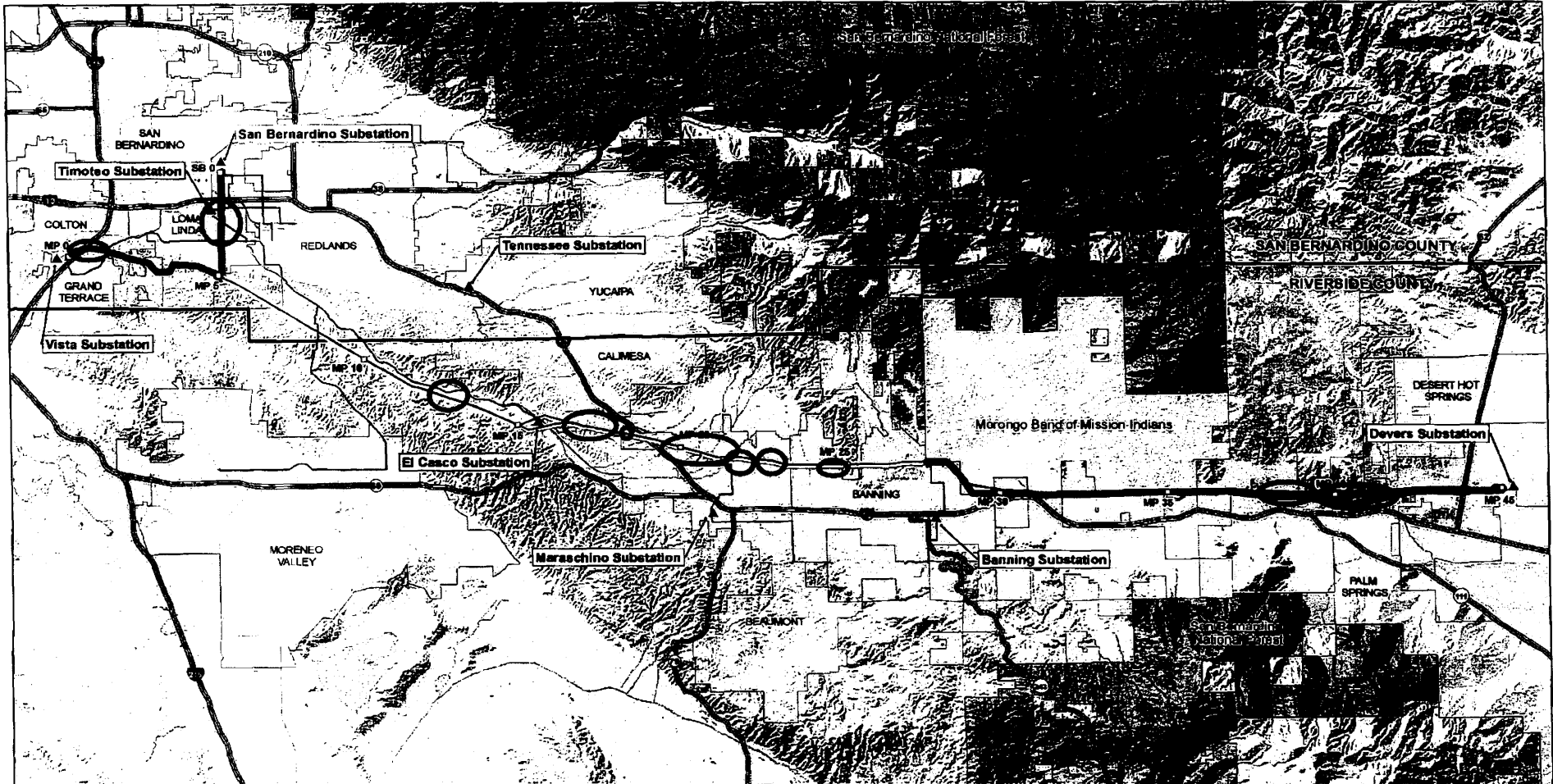
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Enclosures (3):

- 1 – Proposed Project Map
- 2 - *Cultural Resources Assessment and Class III Inventory, West of Devers Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California* prepared by LSA (see CD)
- 3 – *Cultural Resources Evaluation Report and Testing Plan for Southern California Edison Company's West of Devers Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California* prepared by LSA (see CD)

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Sources: SCE 2013



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Components of Proposed Project

- ▲ Substation
- Telecommunication Lines
- Distribution Lines
- Subtransmission Lines
- Milepost (e.g. MP 10, SB 0)
- County Line

Legend

Proposed Project Segments*

- Segment 1
- Segment 2
- Segment 3
- Segment 4
- Segment 5
- Segment 6

*All segments include both 220 kV conductors and telecommunications lines.

Land Jurisdiction

- City Boundary
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service

West of Devers Upgrade Project

**Alternatives Screening Report
Figure 1
Overview of Alternatives Considered**



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September 5, 2014

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***Ref: Proposed West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project
Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California***

Dear Mr. Wakefield:

On August 26, 2014 the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received your notification and supporting documentation regarding the referenced undertaking. We understand that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has not made a finding of effect for the undertaking referenced above in accordance with 36 CFR 800.5. The ACHP does not participate in Section 106 consultation unless adverse effects are identified. However, as an active participant in consultations regarding renewable energy development and transmission projects, we are working closely with BLM on many of these major infrastructure projects. Please note that the Section 106 regulations require that the agency apply the criteria of adverse effect in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Indian tribes, and other consulting parties.

Should the BLM make a finding of adverse effect for this project, please notify us immediately. In addition, if we receive a request for participation from the SHPO, THPO, Indian tribe, or other parties with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking, we may choose to participate at that time. Additionally, should circumstances change, and you determine that our participation is needed to conclude the consultation process, please notify us.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to review this undertaking. If you have any questions or require further assistance of the ACHP, please contact Nancy J. Brown, ACHP's liaison to the BLM, at 202-517-0209 or by e-mail at nbrown@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of Federal Agency Programs

27 June 2013

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
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Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

Dear Ms. Tuck,

The Southern California Edison Company (SCE) proposes to construct the West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project (Proposed Project) to increase the power transfer capability of the WOD 220 kV transmission lines between Devers, El Casco, Vista, and San Bernardino substations (see enclosed map). The Proposed Project is needed to facilitate the full deliverability of new electric generation resources being developed in eastern Riverside County, in an area designated by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) for planning purposes as the Blythe and Desert Center areas. The Proposed Project, planned to be operational by 2020, would be constructed primarily within existing SCE rights-of-way (ROW), although some new ROW would be required.

SCE is conducting a cultural resources study of the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21083.2, and the associated implementing guidelines (CCR Title 14 Sections 15064.5, 15064.7, 15126.4(b), Appendix G Section V). Accordingly, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was asked for a Sacred Lands File search and a list of persons who might have information about the WOD Proposed Project area. You were identified by the NAHC as a possible source.

This letter requests your input on the proposed project. We invite your questions, comments, or concerns, and are available to meet if you would like to discuss this project in person. Providing comments now does not limit your ability to comment at a later time.

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Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians
Karen Kupcha
P.O. Box 849
Coachella, CA 92236

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
David Roosevelt, Chairperson
84-245 Indio Springs
Indio, CA 92203-3499

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Judy Stapp, Director of Cultural Affairs
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Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Cahuilla Band of Indians
Luther Salgado, Chairperson
PO Box 391760
Anza, CA 92539

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission
Anthony Morales, Chairperson
PO Box 693
San Gabriel, CA 91778

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Gabrielino Tongva Nation
Sam Dunlap, Cultural Resources Director
P.O. Box 86908
Los Angeles, CA 90086

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians
Shane Chapparosa, Chairman
P.O. Box 189
Warner, CA 92086

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Michael Contreras, Cultural Heritage Prog.
12700 Pumarra Road
Banning, CA 92220

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Ernest H. Siva
Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Elder
9570 Mias Canyon Road
Banning, CA 92220

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Robert Martin, Chairperson
12700 Pumarra Road
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Pechanga Band of Mission Indians
Paul Macarro, Cultural Resources Manager
P.O. Box 1477
Temecula, CA 92593

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Anna Hoover, Cultural Analyst
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Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians
Joseph Hamilton, Chairman
P.O. Box 391670
Anza, CA 92539

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Carla Rodriguez, Chairwoman
26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, CA 92346

Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Daniel McCarthy, M.S., Director-CRM Dept.
26569 Community Center Drive
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Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Santa Rosa Band of Mission Indians
John Marcus, Chairman
P.O. Box 391820
Anza, CA 92539

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Serrano Nation of Mission Indians
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Subject: SCE West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California

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Mr. Jeff Grubbe
Chairman
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
5401 Dinah Shore Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264

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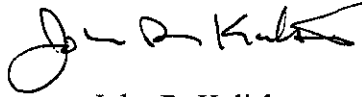
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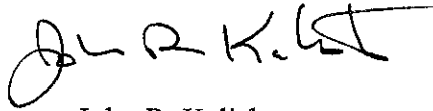
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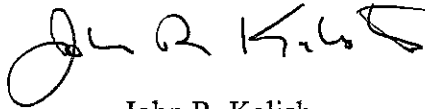
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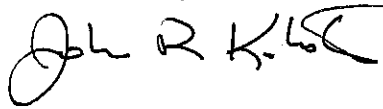
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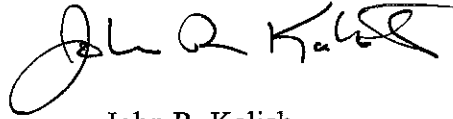
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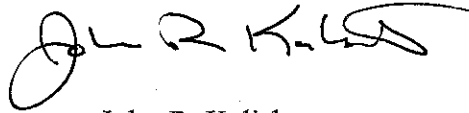
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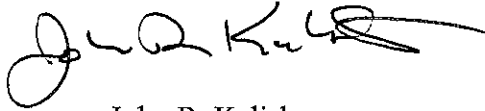
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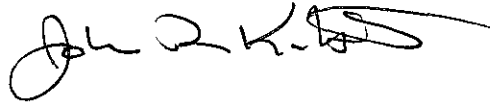
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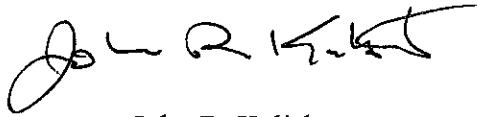
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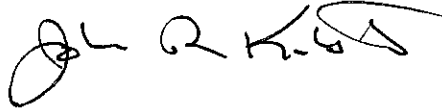
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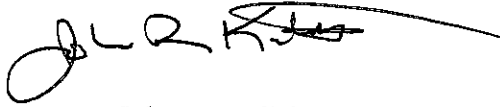
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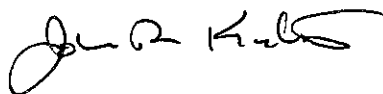
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Mr. Darrell Mike
Chairman
Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
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Dear Chairman Mike:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is reviewing an application for a right-of-way (ROW) grant and proposed Plan of Development (POD) submitted by Southern California Edison (SCE) to upgrade, operate, and maintain approximately 1.1 miles of two 220 kV transmission lines on BLM administered lands, and remove some existing lines. The project is part of SCE's proposed upgrades to Segment 6 of the larger six-segment West of Devers (WOD) Upgrade Project. Through WOD, SCE proposes to upgrade 45 miles of two 220kV transmission lines between Palm Springs and San Bernardino, California (see Enclosure 1). The proposed project includes:

- replacement of two existing single-circuit and one existing double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and towers with two double-circuit 220 kV transmission lines and higher capacity equipment;
- relocation of two miles of 66 kV sub-transmission lines and four miles of 12 kV distribution lines;
- upgrades to six existing substations; and
- installation of telecommunications equipment.

The proposed Project crosses lands managed by the BLM, lands in private ownership, as well as portions of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Reservation. Most of the proposed Project is located within an existing SCE ROW corridor.

Under Federal law, the BLM is responsible for processing ROW applications for facilities proposed to be constructed and operated on public lands. In processing the applications, the BLM must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which requires that Federal agencies reviewing projects under their jurisdiction consider the environmental impacts associated with their construction and operation. An Environmental

Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared to evaluate the impacts of the proposed WOD Project. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the State lead agency for the preparation of the EIR in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.), CEQA implementing guidelines (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Title 14, Section 15000 et. seq.). The BLM is the Federal lead agency for the preparation of the EIS in compliance with the requirements of the NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500 – 1508), and the BLM NEPA guidance handbook (H-1790-1).

A joint EIS/EIR will be prepared to evaluate the proposed Project. The BLM is also the Federal lead agency for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800). The proposed Project will concurrently be analyzed for its potential to affect historic properties as required by Section 106 of the NHPA, and we will utilize the public review process described in the NEPA to partially meet our public involvement responsibilities under the NHPA. In addition, Section 106 documentation for this proposed Project will be published on our website at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.

Consistent with the principles stated in Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, November 6, 2000), and the Executive Memorandum of April 29, 1994, (Government to Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments), we are contacting you at the earliest stages of project review and seeking your views and comments, particularly with regard to any issues that may affect resources that are important to your Tribe. This letter serves to provide initial notification of the proposed Project, explain the role of the BLM, and invite the Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians to enter into government-to-government consultation. The BLM will update the Tribe on the proposed Project throughout the review process, unless the Tribe has no further interest in consulting on this proposed Project. We would request that the Tribe inform us if it has no interest in this proposed Project or entering into consultation. If you are aware of any other Tribes, individuals, or affiliated Native American organizations that should be contacted regarding this proposed Project, please let us know. A list of other Tribal Government officials receiving this letter is provided for your reference (Enclosure 2).

Specific to Section 106 of the NHPA, the implementing regulation at 36 CFR 800 requires the BLM to consult with Indian tribes that attach religious or cultural significance to historic properties that may be affected by an undertaking. We request your assistance in identifying any issues or concerns the Tribe may have about the proposed Project, including identifying places of religious and cultural significance that might be affected by the proposed Project. To facilitate government-to-government consultation on this proposed Project for the purposes of Section 106 and to meet the requirements of the regulations, the BLM also requests that the Twenty-nine Palms Band of Mission Indians tribal government identify those tribal representatives who have been designated to consult with the BLM on this proposed Project.

Project Status

SCE has developed a Proponents Environmental Assessment as part of the CPUC CEQA review requirements. SCE has contracted with LSA, an environmental consultant, to identify and

evaluate all historic and archaeological resources within the APE in support of the Proponents Environmental Assessment. To date, LSA has conducted a literature review, records search, and BLM Class III archaeological and built environment survey of the direct effects APE. The information gathered during the development of the Proponents Environmental Assessment was incorporated into the POD that was submitted to the BLM. The BLM is currently reviewing the draft Class III report prepared by LSA.

LSA is currently developing an evaluation plan for one archaeological site (CA-SBR-2311H/Guachama Rancheria) that requires additional archaeological testing in order to further evaluate. LSA is also developing a contingency evaluation plan for the evaluation of any additional resources that may be impacted based on a planned final project engineering design that is scheduled to be completed by June, 2014. This plan will further refine the current POD to account for information gathered during the Proponents Environmental Assessment studies and provide final locations for all proposed structures, equipment, and work areas. Once the final design has been released, the BLM and CPUC will reassess the cultural resources studies and determine if any additional evaluation needs must be addressed. Any additional evaluation that may become necessary, as a result of the final design completion, will be conducted according to the contingency developed in the evaluation plan.

The BLM has also requested that SCE conduct an ethnographic literature review and indirect effects analysis for the proposed Project. Since the proposed Project is an upgrade to existing transmission lines and is located almost entirely within an existing ROW corridor, the BLM has defined the indirect effects APE as one-half-mile beyond the direct effects APE. SCE's contractor will be analyzing indirect effects from the proposed Project to the location, setting, feeling, and association of known NRHP eligible or listed properties within the indirect effects APE. This study will include known historic, archaeological, and tribal resources.

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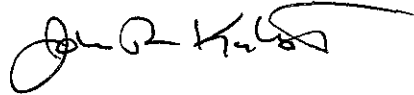
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additional questions or we can provide any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us. I can be reached by telephone at (760) 326-7000 or by e-mail at jkalish@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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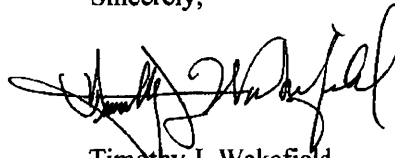
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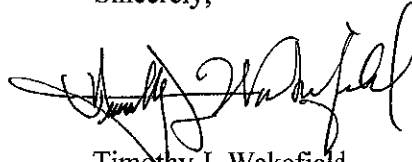
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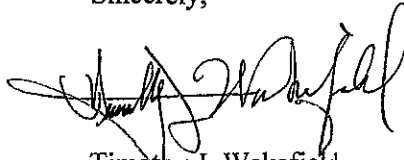
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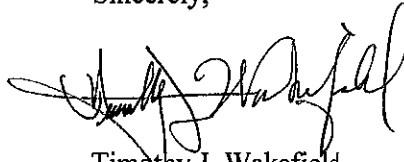
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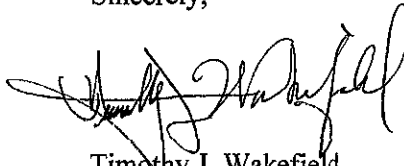
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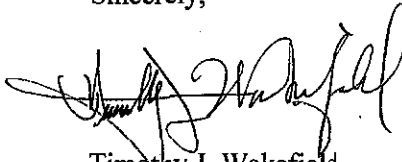
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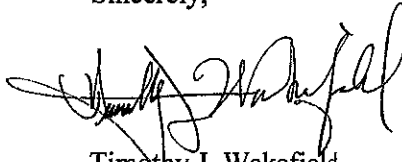
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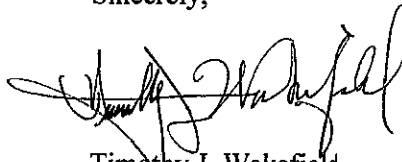
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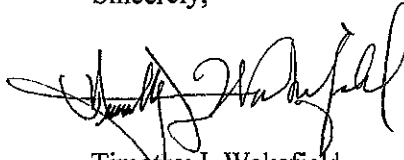
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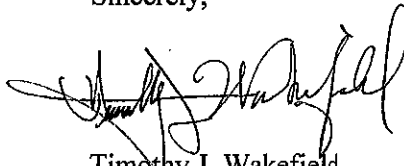
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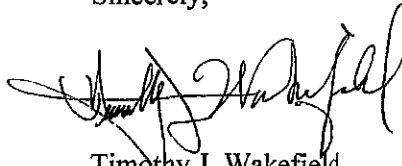
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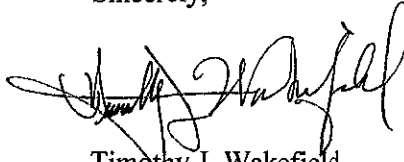
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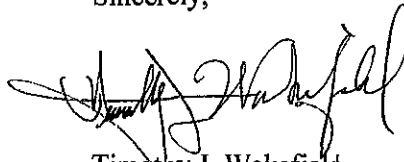
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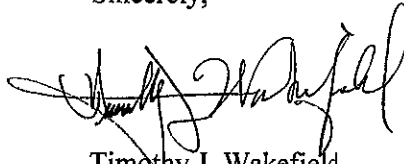
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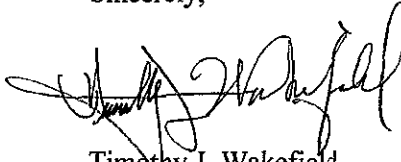
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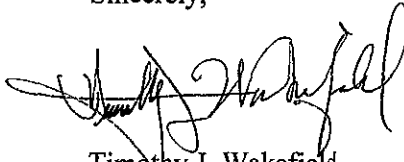
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