

## **Appendix M: Responses Received from Native American Tribal Representatives**

## Appendices

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# TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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January 6, 2017

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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San Bernardino County Planning Department  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., First Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

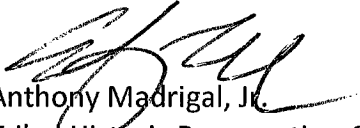
**RE: County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report**

Dear Mr. Blum:

This letter is in regards to the County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report. Based on the Draft Countywide Plan map, some of the Community Plan Areas have the possibility of adverse effects on potential cultural resources that concern the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. Many of the Community Plan Areas are in the Chemehuevi Traditional Use Area. Furthermore, there is the possibility that some of the Community Plan Areas are in culturally sensitive areas. We are interested in the project, and requested further consultation with the County.

To further ascertain potential impacts, the Tribe requests a detailed map or shapefiles that can show more detail of the Community Plan Areas and their boundaries. Also, we request a copy of the cultural resource study once it is completed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at (760) 775-3259 or by email: [TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov](mailto:TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Anthony Madrigal, Jr.  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Darrell Mike, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Chairman  
Sarah Bliss, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Cultural Specialist



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January 06, 2017

[VIA EMAIL TO:Jerry.Blum@lus.sbcounty.gov]  
San Bernardino County  
Mr. Jerry Blum  
385 N. Arrowhead Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

**Re: County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program  
Environmental Impact Report**

Dear Mr. Jerry Blum,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Countywide Plan and Program EIR project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area (TUA). For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

\*A copy of the records search with associated survey reports and site records from the information center.

\*Copies of any cultural resource documentation (report and site records) generated in connection with this project.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760)699-6828. You may also email me at [hfeeney@aguacaliente.net](mailto:hfeeney@aguacaliente.net).

Cordially,

Hannah Feeney  
Archaeological and Archives Technician  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
AGUA CALIENTE BAND  
OF CAHUILLA INDIANS



## GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

**RE: County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report**

Dear Jerry L. Blum  
Countywide Plan Coordinator,

Jan 9, 2017

Please find this letter in response to your request for consultation dated December 13, 2016. I have reviewed the project site and do have concerns for cultural resources. Your project lies in an area where the Ancestral territories of the Kizh (Kitc) Gabrieleño's villages adjoined and overlapped with each other, at least during the Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric Periods. The homeland of the Kizh Gabrieleño was probably the most influential Native American group in aboriginal southern California (Bean and Smith 1978a:538), was centered in the Los Angeles Basin, and reached as far east as the San Bernardino-Riverside area. The homeland of our neighbors the Serranos was primarily the San Bernardino Mountains, including the slopes and lowlands on the north and south flanks. Whatever the linguistic affiliation, Native Americans in and around the project area exhibited similar organization and resource procurement strategies. Villages were based on clan or lineage groups. Their home/ base sites are marked by midden deposits often with bedrock mortars. During their seasonal rounds to exploit plant resources, small groups would migrate within their traditional territory in search of specific plants and animals. Their gathering strategies of ten left behind signs of special use sites, usually grinding slicks on bedrock boulders, at the locations of the resources.

Due to the project location and the high sensitivity of the area location, we would like to request one of our certified Native American Monitor to be on site during any and all ground disturbances (including but not limited to pavement removal, post holing, auguring, boring, grading, excavation and trenching) to protect any cultural resources which may be effected during construction or development. In all cases, when the Native American Heritage Commission states there are "no records of sacred sites in the project area" the NAHC will always refer lead agencies to the respective Native American Tribe because the NAHC is only aware of general information and are not the experts on each California Tribe. Our Elder Committee & Tribal Historians are the experts for our Tribe and are able to provide a more complete history (both written and oral) regarding the location of historic villages, trade routes, cemeteries and sacred/religious sites in the project area. While the property may be located in an area that has been previously developed, numerous examples can be shared to show that there still is a possibility that unknown, yet significant, cultural resources will be encountered during ground disturbance activities. Please note, if they haven't been listed with the NAHC, it doesn't mean that they aren't there. Not everyone reports what they know.

The recent implementation of AB52 dictates that lead agencies consult with Native American Tribes who can prove and document traditional and cultural affiliation with the area of said project in order to protect cultural resources. However, our tribe is connected Ancestrally to this project location area, what does Ancestrally or Ancestral mean? The people who were in your family in past times, Of, belonging to, inherited from, or denoting an ancestor or ancestors <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/ancestral>. Our priorities are to avoid and protect without delay or conflicts - to consult with you to avoid unnecessary destruction of cultural and biological resources, but also to protect what resources still exist at the project site for the benefit and education of future generations. At your convenience we can Consultation either by Phone or Face to face. Thank you

**CC: NAHC**

With respect,

Andrew Salas, Chairman  
cell (626)926-4131

Andrew Salas, Chairman  
Albert Perez, treasurer I

Nadine Salas, Vice-Chairman  
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January 24, 2017

Attn: Jerry L. Blum, Countywide Plan Coordinator  
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San Bernardino, CA 92415



**RE: AB 52 Consultation; County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report**

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians has received your notification pursuant under Assembly Bill 52.

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians is requesting to initiate formal consultation with the County of San Bernardino. A meeting can be scheduled by contacting me via email or phone. All contact information has been included in this letter.

I look forward to hearing from and meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Joseph Ontiveros, Director of Cultural Resources  
Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians  
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Confidentiality: The entirety of the contents of this letter shall remain confidential between Soboba and the County of San Bernardino. No part of the contents of this letter may be shared, copied, or utilized in any way with any other individual, entity, municipality, or tribe, whatsoever, without the expressed written permission of the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.

**From:** Peterson, Suzanne  
**To:** [Colin Drukker](mailto:Colin.Drukker@lus.sbcounty.gov)  
**Cc:** [Blum, Jerry](mailto:Blum.Jerry@lus.sbcounty.gov)  
**Subject:** FW: County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program EIR  
**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:08:26 AM

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**From:** Joan Schneider [mailto:JSchneider@sanmanuel-nsn.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** Blum, Jerry <Jerry.Blum@lus.sbcounty.gov>  
**Cc:** Peterson, Suzanne <Suzanne.Peterson@lus.sbcounty.gov>  
**Subject:** County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program EIR

January 29, 2017

Re: County of San Bernardino Web-based Countywide Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Blum:

Thank you for contacting the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (SMBMI) regarding the above referenced project. SMBMI appreciates the opportunity to review the project documentation, which your letter, received by our Cultural Resources Department on December 20, 2017, describes as forthcoming. By this e-mail, SMBMI requests to consult with the County of San Bernardino pursuant to CEQA (as amended, 2015) and CA PRC 21080.3.1. The proposed project area incorporates much of Serrano ancestral territory and, therefore, is of great interest to the Tribe. Although SMBMI has developed a confidential sensitivity map of known cultural resources and tribal cultural resources, there are many areas of San Bernardino County for which no information is yet available. Tribe sees the project as an opportunity to work together for the protection of our collective cultural heritage.

The Director of the SMBMI Cultural Resources Management Department, Ms. Lee Clauss, suggests that a preliminary consultation scoping meeting be arranged between you and SMBMI so that Tribe may better understand the intended use of this web-based County plan in order to better assist you and protect its own tribal interests. Can you suggest several alternative meeting times and dates so that consultation under AB 52 may be initiated?

Please understand that receipt of this letter does not constitute “meaningful” tribal consultation nor does it conclude the consultation process. This letter is merely intended to initiate consultation between the tribe and lead agency, which may be followed up with additional emails, phone calls or face-to-face consultation if deemed necessary. If you should have any further questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience, as I will be your initial Point of Contact (POC) for SMBMI with respect to this project.

Respectfully,  
Joan S. Schneider, PhD  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians  
Cultural Resource Management Department

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