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Daniel McCarthy  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians  
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Highland, CA 92346

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Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
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San Gabriel, CA 91778

RE: Pomona Repower Project (16-SPPE-01) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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Honorable Rosemary Morilla  
Attn: Carrie Garcia  
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians  
P.O. Box 487  
San Jacinto, CA 92581

RE: Pomona Repower Project (16-SPPE-01) - Invitation to Participate in California Energy Commission Tribal Consultation

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Joseph Ontiveros  
Cultural Resources Director Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians  
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Honorable Chairperson Lynn Valbuena  
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completion. The project is intended to provide efficient operational flexibility with rapid-start and steep-ramping capability to allow for the efficient integration of renewable energy sources into the California electrical grid.

PRP would be powered by one General Electric LMS100PA gas turbine. The LMS100PA would use the existing 66 kV Simpson transmission line to connect to the grid. The existing poles would remain and be upgraded with new conductors to account for the additional power generated by the LMS100PA. The project would include the removal of the existing LM5000 gas turbine currently in operation.

Additional plant equipment would include natural gas compressors, water treatment facilities, emergency services, and an administration/maintenance building. The combustion turbine generator would be equipped with evaporative coolers on the inlet air system, compressor inter-stage cooling, and water injection to control nitrogen oxides (NOx). PRP would use existing supply and discharge lines including natural gas, potable and recycled water supply, process wastewater, and sanitary wastewater. The project would use recycled water from the Pomona Water Reclamation Plant for cooling and appropriate process water uses.

Energy Commission staff would like to consult with you to better understand Native American concerns regarding this project. Please respond to this letter in writing within 30 days if the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians would like to request consultation.

Additionally, over the coming months the Energy Commission will hold public workshops and hearings on the application to determine if there will not be any unmitigated impacts on the environment. These workshops and hearings will provide the public, and Native American groups, as well as local, state and federal agencies, the opportunity to ask questions about, and provide input on, the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

If you would like to be notified by e-mail whenever a public meeting is scheduled or a document is posted to the project website, you may sign up for the project listserv on the Energy Commission's main web page listed below. Public notices can also be sent to you by mail at your request. Should you request, Energy Commission staff will arrange for a separate tribal consultation meeting to discuss issues that you may wish to hold in confidence from the general public.

To review the PRP SPPE application (16-SPPE-01), and find more information about the project and proceedings, please visit the project website:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/pomona/>

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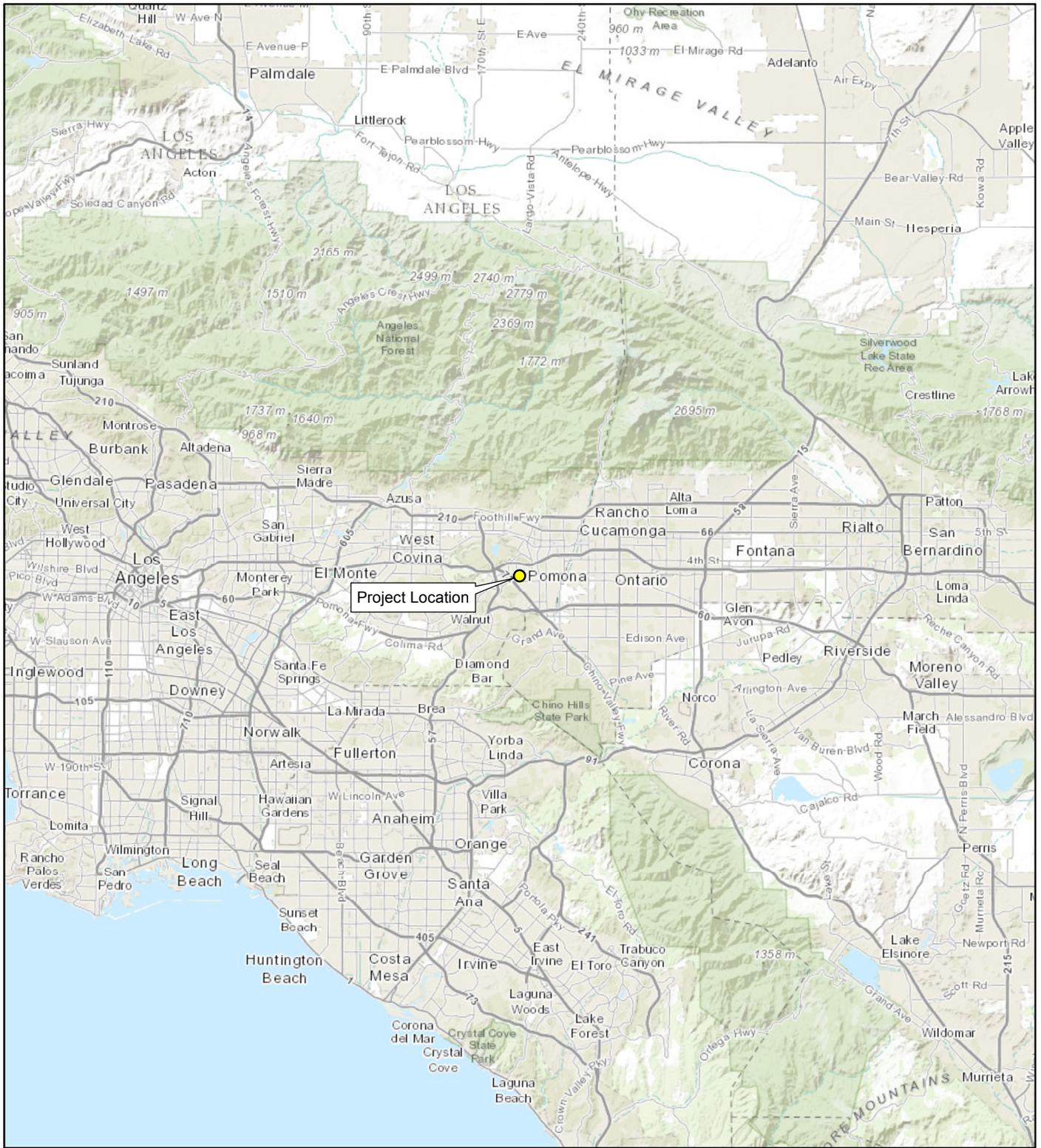
The Energy Commission staff welcomes your comments or questions. If you have concerns regarding potential impacts of the PRP on cultural and/or Native American resources, please contact Matthew Braun at (916) 654-4543; Fax: (916) 651-8868; or [matthew.braun@energy.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.braun@energy.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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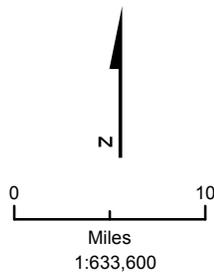
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Enclosures: Regional Location Map  
Site Map



**LEGEND**

● Project Location



**FIGURE 2-1**

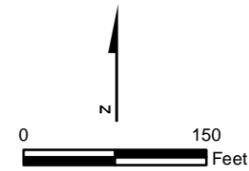
**Project Vicinity**  
**Pomona Repower Project**  
*Pomona, California*

Source Information: Esri Topo Map (Accessed December 2015)

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- Legend**
- Site Boundary
  - Proposed Construction Parking and Laydown Area
  - Proposed Rail Spurs



**FIGURE 2.3-1**  
**Proposed Construction**  
**Parking and Laydown Areas**  
 Pomona Repower Project  
 Pomona, California