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California Energy Commission
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Re: Sun Valley Energy Project, Docket No. 05-AFC-3

Dear Mr. Bartsch:

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 outside the traditional areas of residence of the people of Pala, we have a low level of concern regarding possible areas of cultural sensitivity. However, this should not be construed as indicating that no cultural resources or traditional cultural properties are present in this location. Areas of significance may be identified by other concerned bands, or revealed in the course of project construction. The Pala Band of Mission Indians stands behind any assertions made by other bands that there are significant resources within the project area, should such assertions be made. Furthermore, we feel that any project of this size would benefit from the presence of Native American monitors during any ground-disturbing activities.

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

Sincerely,

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