## Please accept my enclosed comments on the proposed Ridgecrest Solar Power Project's (RSPP) Application for Certification (09-AFC-9).

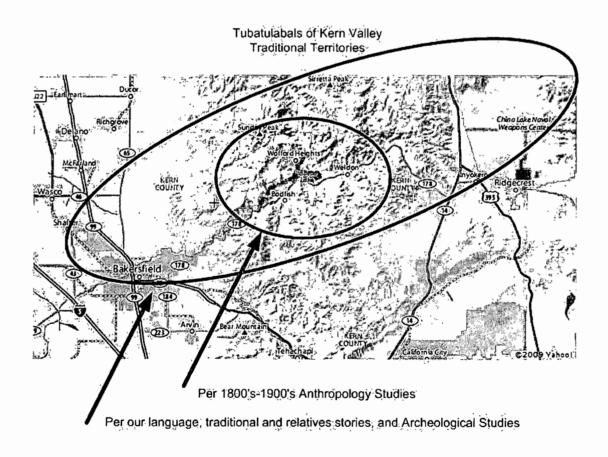
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW OR ATTACH A TYPED LETTER. THERE IS <u>NO LIMIT</u> ON THE NUMBER OF PAGES THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED. ONLY LEGIBLE COMMENTS WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE STAFF ASSESSMENT/DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (SA/DEIS). THANK YOU.

Listed below are the Tubatulabals (Tu-bat-u-la-bals) of Kern Valley concerns and input for the "Ridgecrest Solar Power Project's (RSPP) Application for Certification (09-AFC-9)":

- 1) Please use my (Donna Miranda-Begay) email address to provide updates of this project: <a href="mailto:drbegay@aol.com">drbegay@aol.com</a> our mail box office has limited hours of operation in Mt. Mesa.
- 2) Areas between Ridgecrest (west) to Bakersfield City (downtown area) and southern area of the Sequoia Parks to top of Kelso Valley are our current Tribal area of influence (i.e. Traditional Territories see map below). Based on this, our Tribe is very concern about this project and the protection of cultural resources and need for this project to have Native American Monitors.



- 3) We are not public or stakeholders, we are a Tribal Government and would appreciate the appropriate Tribal Consultation and confidential discussion regarding the protection of cultural resources, native plants, environmental justice, and sacred lands management.
- 4) Due to other meetings in the Fresno, Bakersfield, and Porterville this week, our Tribal Council members and Cultural Council can not attend the December 15, 2009 meeting in Ridgecrest. We would appreciate a copy of the public meeting and look forward in a meeting design for concern Tribes (both federally and non-federally recognized).
  5) Our next Tribal Council and Membership meeting is January 9, 2010 (Saturday) to be held in Mt. Mesa at our Tubatulabals of Kern Valley Tribal Office. You or representatives of this project are welcome to meet with us.

Thank you (Tuu-wu),

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