Energy Facilities Siting Division, Environmental Protection Office

FILE: PROJECT TITLE: Pio Pico Energy Center

TELEPHONE: 916 654 5008 LOCATION: Sacramento

NAME: Thomas Gates DATE: Feb 8, 2012 TIME: 3:45

WITH: Carmen Lucas, Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians

SUBJECT: NA Monitoring

BACKGROUND: Two Native American responses to consultation letters issued by the applicant’s cultural resources consultants requested that Native Americans monitor project related ground disturbing activities. Commission cultural resources staff conducted follow-up contacts per standard protocol (letters sent per an NAHC generated contact list and follow-up phone calls) in August 2011 without receiving NA responses. Thomas Gates made another attempt to contact the two Native Americans that had requested Native American monitoring at the onset of the applicant’s CRM consultant request.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was had with Carmen Lucas. Carmen is the sole representative of the Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians. Carmen is a respected tribal elder within the San Diego and Imperial County area. She is very knowledgeable of cultural resources locations, processes and professionals. The cultural resources survey results were discussed with Carmen as follows.

1. That despite the abundance of cultural resources in the project vicinity no resources were on the surface of the proposed energy center portion of the project due to prior earth moving, and
2. That two sites were previously documented in the gas pipeline area but those sites were not located during applicant survey efforts.

I asked if Carmen still had a desire to request Native American monitoring for the project.

Carmen stated her long term familiarity with the cultural resources in the project area of analysis. Despite the Energy Center being previously scrapped she requests that Native American monitors work in tandem with a qualified professional archaeologists to cover the possibility that artifacts or human remains may still be on or near the surface. She also requested that the gas line excavations also be monitored by a professional qualified archaeologist and a Native American monitor.

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Carmen recommended that I also place a call to Clint Linton, Cultural Resources Director, Ipai Nation of Santa Ysabel and Frank Brown of Viejas Kumeyaay Indian Reservation. Both of these people are listed on the NAHC contact list for the project. Clint Linton is the other tribal representative requesting Native American monitors. The Commission Staff’s August 2011 letter to Frank Brown was returned to sender as the address was not correct.

A phone call was placed by Thomas Gates to Clint Linton’s cell phone (760 803 5694) at approximately 4:30. A detailed message was provided and a return call was requested. As of 5:00 PM 2-9-12 Clint had not replied. Thomas Gates has not attempted contact with Frank Brown.

Signed: Thomas Gates
Name: THOMAS GATES