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 REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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Project Title: Calico Solar Project
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(X) TELEPHONE () MEETING LOCATION:		
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NAME: Kathleen Forrest	TIME: 9:30am	DATE: 9/13/10
WITH: Roger Hatheway, County of San Bernardino Public Works	PHONE 909-387-8175	

SUBJECT: Cultural Resources Evaluation of Route 66 Bridges in Calico Project Area

COMMENTS:

Staff spoke with Roger Hatheway, Cultural Resources Specialist with the County of San Bernardino's Public Works Department regarding the bridge structures on Route 66 in the Calico Solar project area of analysis. Mr. Hatheway called staff concerning the conclusions in the SSA that the four bridges associated with this section of Route 66 (located at post miles 08-SBD-040-R31.37, 08-SBD-040-R32.26, 08-SBD-040-R33.11, and 08-SBD-040-R33.55) are likely original to Route 66 and in a good state of preservation. Mr. Hatheway informed staff that the County of San Bernardino's Public Works Department is in possession of documentation from CalTrans (previously the Division of Highways) that all 130 bridges in the County associated with Route 66 were constructed between 1929 and 1931 and had been heavily modified following World War II. Modifications to the bridges included widening by 3 feet, cantilevering out to accommodate the increased width, reinforcement of the substructure, concrete decks, and cutting all timber trestle guard rails down by half and installing metal guard rails. He also stated that the bridges are included in the CalTrans state-wide bridge inventory as Category 4 bridges (unevaluated), and that the four bridges identified in the SSA are in poor condition. Mr. Hatheway also stated that he was never contacted by the applicant's consultant about Route 66 in the Calico project area, nor, to his knowledge, was the Department of Public works.

The County is currently putting together a pilot bridge replacement program to replace many of the bridges along Route 66, potentially the four identified in the SSA. The County is proposing to replace them with new timber trestle bridges meeting current codes and standards.

In light of Mr. Hatheway's comments, staff concludes that the four bridges on Route 66 in the Calico project area of analysis warrant further evaluation in order to determine their eligibility for the California Register of Historical Resources, the National Register of Historic Places, and whether they are historic resources for the purposes of CEQA.

COPIES TO: Christopher Meyer, Project Manager

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