

Native American Consultation Process Solar 2 Project

Below are the actions URS has taken to inform the Native American community about the Solar 2 project and to solicit their input related to potential project impacts. More detailed information on items 1-5 below is found in Volume Seven of the April 2009 Cultural Resources Technical Report. Item 6 are actions URS took to inform Native Americans of field dates during the 2009 field season to solicit participation in the survey (monitors) from the Native American community. A separate attached spreadsheet documents in detail the dates people were contacted and the results.

1. URS letter to Native American Heritage Commission - January 2008
2. Native American Heritage Commission response to URS – February 2008
3. URS letters sent to affected Native American tribes (based on list provided in NAHC letter – March 2008
4. Responses from Quechan tribe – February and March 2008
5. Response from Carmen Lucas, Kwaymii tribe (phone conversation) May/2008
6. Native American consultation prior to re-survey effort – June through September 2009 – see attached spreadsheet

Additional Interviews with Native Americans and other persons knowledgeable of the area, was conducted with Ms. Carmen Lucas, Dr. Jay von Werlhof, and others. These three individuals have been actively involved in identifying potential impacts related to Native American resources, including traditional use areas. A full description of their involvement is presented in Data Response 119 and summarized below.

During a field trip to the project site, Carmen Lucas of the Kawaaymii tribe examined and expressed her concerns that sites EBR-19 and EBR-C are sacred and ceremonial. She shared her concern that these sites would be impacted by construction and/or will be subject to the project’s visual intrusions. She requested a high level, intensive recording at this site, including photographic documentation of ceramics and the retrieval of dates from Olivella Shell beads. She expressed interest in participating in these activities.

During a meeting with Jay von Werlhof and Steven Lucas in February 2009, several concerns were discussed concerning the project impacts to the sites located south of Interstate 8. Eight sites were visited and a photo log was prepared. Dr. von Werlhof communicated that the Yuha Mesa and the Yuha Basin be acknowledged as being interrelated with the sites recorded in the project area. A field trip to examine unique sites in the area subsequently took place.

At the Schneider Dance Circle (4-IMP-2491), Mr. Lucas joined us to examine the top of the mesa and interpret the site. The site is the largest dance circle in the Colorado Desert and it has been dated to 2,700 years before present (von Werlhof n.d.). The tour continued south along BLM Road 274 and visited a location Dr. von Werlhof referred to as the Yuha Burial. Mr. Lucas’s Grandfather discovered the site. Dr. von Werlhof pointed out a cairn (burial) and an adjacent Shaman’s hearth. Yuha Man was excavated here in the 1970s.

Further south along the road, we stopped to look at the Power Geoglyph (4-IMP-4876). This site is fenced in three segments. The most prominent area of the site is the northwestern-most portion. Mr. Lucas implied that the two concentric circles with a small cairn representing Ave Kwame Mountain. The squiggly line emanating from the concentric circles and trending south represents the Colorado River. These geoglyphs represent important elements of the Kumeyaay origin story.

The last stop was the Yuha Geoglyph (4-IMP-322). We discussed the destruction and reconstruction of the site in the 1970s. We also examined two fenced geoglyphs north of the main geoglyph. This site has been fenced from BLM Road 274 to the mesa edge.

Only one of the Yuha Mesa geoglyphs would be potentially impacted visually. The Schneider Dance Circle is located at the apex of a mesa over looking the surrounding valley in all directions. From the top of the mesa, you can see the very top of the buildings at Plaster City. From 4-IMP-322 you can barely make out the column of smoke rising from Plaster City. It is unlikely that 38-foot tall Solar dishes would be seen from these locations. Views of the project area from the remaining sites are blocked by the undulating terrain.

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Cocopah Indian Tribe	Avenue G and County 15 th Street, Somerton, AZ 85350	Sherry Cordova, Chairperson Kermit Palmer, Business Development Ms. Jill McCormick, Cultural Resources Manager (main contact)	(928) 627-2102; (928) 503-2291 (Jill cell); (928) 627-4849 (Jill work)	6/9/2009	16:20 - Call made; Spoke w/ Chairperson Cordova - she referred us to Kermit Palmer, Business Development/Cocopah Indian Tribe. Left a message for Mr. Palmer, requested return telephone call if interested.
				6/19/2009	2:30; 2:45 -Was not able to reach Ms. McCormick so left two voicemails at each of the numbers above asking for her assistance. Gave Gary Fink, Rachael Nixon and Kevin Harper contact information as well as Corinne Lytle's.
				6/25/2009	12:30 - Call made; Spoke with Jill and let her know people are in the field re-recording cultural sites. Seemed interested, but did not say either way if they would like to participate. Said from now on, she will be the contact for her tribe. Told her If anyone was interested in participating, call Rachael Nixon or Gary Fink (she already had phone #s)
				8/18/2009	1:06 pm - Call made, spoke with Ms. McCormick. Indicated survey work would begin on August 26, 2009 at 5 am and mentioned anyone interested in participating could meet at the Clarion Hotel in El Centro at 5 am. Ms. McCormick said she was pretty sure they would not be participating on a daily basis; however, she may make occasional site visits. Ms. McCormick asked whether a work schedule is in place. Ms. McCormick said she did not need Kim Whitney's contact information at this time.

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				8/24/2009	10:49 am - Call made, left voicemail for Ms. McCormick. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.
Campo Kumeyaay Nation	36190 Church Road, Ste 1, Campo CA 91906	Michelle Cuero, Vice Chairwoman	(619) 478-9046	6/10/2009	12:52 - Call made in response to contacting of Gary Fink. Ms. Cuero out of the office - left message stating that more information regarding project particulars should be known this coming Friday.
				6/25/2009	8:00 - Left message on voicemail regarding the re-recording of sites and if anyone was interested in participating to call Rachael Nixon or Gary Fink (left phone numbers).
				8/18/2009	1:25 pm - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Cuero indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/24/2009	10:55 am - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Cuero. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.

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Campo Kumeyaay Nation	36190 Church Road, Ste 1, Campo CA 91906	Monique LaChappa, Chairperson	(619) 478-9046	6/10/2009	16:07 - Call made; Spoke w/ Chairperson LaChappa. The Tribe has 15 certified cultural resource specialists and is interested in having one Senior specialist/member present during recordation activity. In conjunction with the Senior specialist, one trainee would also be sent - if URS can help support the trainee, it would be most appreciated.
				6/16/2009	10:15 - Left message with the receptionist on 6/16/09 for Ms. LaChappa telling them that we are going to start the archaeology work tomorrow 6/17, and if there was anyone that was interested in participating to meet at the Clarion Inn on the corner of Imperial/Ocotillo in El Centro at 5 AM tomorrow, and that the URS contact person is Rachael Nixon
				8/18/2009	1:31 pm - call made, left message on assistant's voicemail for Ms. LaChappa indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/24/2009	10:59 am - call made, left message on assistant's voicemail for Ms. LaChappa. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.

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Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Indians	P.O. Box 1302, Boulevard, CA 91905	Mr. Leroy J. Elliot, Chairman	(619) 766-4930	6/10/2009	10:48 - Call made; Left message with receptionist requesting a call-back.
				6/25/2009	(still need to call)
				8/18/2009	1:37 pm - call made, no answer.
				8/18/2009	2:05 pm - call made, left message for Mr. Elliot with the receptionist indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/24/2009	11:03 am - call made, left message for Mr. Elliot with the receptionist. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.
Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians	P.O. Box 130 Santa Ysabel, CA 92070	Mr. Clint Linton (w/ Red Tail Monitoring)	(760) 803-5694 [cell] or (760) 765-2121 [home, evenings]	6/10/2009	10:52 - Call made; left message w/ Ms. Tuftsason (Tribal Front Office Coordinator) requesting a call-back, as well as contact information for Clint Linton. 11:26 - Rec'd cell phone number for Mr. Linton from Ms. Carmen Lucas, call made. Left message on cell phone requesting call-back.
				6/25/2009	9:13 - Call made; left message with Mr. Linton letting him know people were going to be re-recording cultural sites and if anyone was interested in participating to call Rachel Nixon (left cell #).
				6/26/2009	10:00 - Mr. Linton called back; He has been in contact with both Kim Whitney (SES) and Rachael Nixon (URS) regarding cultural monitoring and sent people out last week (6/17- 6/19) and this week (6/22-6/26) to join in.
				8/18/2009	1:39 pm - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Linton indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).

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Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians (cont'd)	P.O. Box 130 Santa Ysabel, CA 92070	Mr. Clint Linton (w/ Red Tail Monitoring)	(760) 803-5694 [cell] or (760) 765-2121 [home, evenings]	8/24/2009	11:05 am - call made, spoke with Mr. Linton. Mr. Linton said Gabe Kitchen would be representing Red Tail Monitoring and would be meeting the crew at 5 am on August 26. Kristen Walker indicated that the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro. Mr. Linton said Mr. Kitchen will meet the crew there.
Mesa Grande Band of Diguneo/Kumeyaay Indians		Gabe Kitchen (Red Tail Monitoring and Research, Inc.)	(760) 855-3486	8/18/2009	4:35 pm - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Kitchen indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/20/2009	10:25 am - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Pipa following up on the message left on 8/18
				8/20/2009	10:35 am - Mr. Kitchen left a voicemail for Kristen Walker indicating that either he or someone from Red Tail Monitoring would participate in the fieldwork. He wanted to confirm that the start date is 8/26 at 5 am at the Clarion Hotel, and said he has poor cell reception, so leaving another voicemail with the information would be fine.
				8/20/2009	10:41 am - call made, returned Mr. Kitchen's voicemail. Left message for Mr. Kitchen confirming the fieldwork start date/time and meeting location. Also provided Rachel Nixon as the primary field contact and provided her cell number. Also provided Kim Whitney (Tessera) as a contact regarding financials/payment.
				8/24/2009	11:13 am - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Kitchen. Kristen Walker mentioned she spoke with Mr. Linton this day, who confirmed Mr. Kitchen would be meeting the crew on August 26; also noted that the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.

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Kwaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians	P.O. Box 775, Pine Valley, CA 91962	Ms. Carmen Lucas	(619) 709-4207	6/10/2009	11:13 - Call made; Spoke w/ Ms. Lucas. Ms. Lucas is definitely interested in participating, however is committed to another project Monday-Wednesday of next week (June 15-June 17, 2009). She has definite concerns about this area and has been on-site several times with individuals from Colorado and others including BLM. She has repeatedly expressed concerns regarding the sensitivity of this area and notes that in discussion with BLM, several areas with broken pots are present. Also, she is aware of internments/cremations and a known trail system to the west (perhaps within the western extent) of project area. Ms. Lucas provided telephone number for Clint Linton and requested that I contact him, letting Mr. Linton know that I have spoken to her and that she would like him or Gabe Kitchen be present during her absence.
				6/16/2009	10:30 - Left Carmen a voicemail to let her know survey was starting tomorrow (6/17/09)
				8/18/2009	1:45 pm - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Lucas indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/20/2009	10:31 am - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Lucas following up on the message left on 8/18
				8/20/2009	11:45 am - Ms. Lucas left a voicemail for Kristen Walker. Ms. Lucas is currently involved with a project in Otay and likely cannot participate in this project at this time; however, if fieldwork continues into the fall, she asked to be re-contacted.
				8/24/2009	11:25 am - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Lucas. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.

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La Posta Band of Kumeyaay Indians	P.O. Box 1120, Boulevard, CA 91905	Ms. Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson	(619) 478-2113 or (619) 478-2125	6/10/2009	10:38 - Call made; Chairperson Parada is not in the office today, transferred to Eric LaChappa. Mr. LaChappa is on the phone, left message w/ Bernice Paipa explaining project & requesting call-back if Tribe is interested in having members assist in supplemental site recordation activities. 10:45 - Ms. Paipa called back, requesting start date and duration of project: Informed her that work would begin June 15th and that duration has not yet been established.
				8/18/2009	1:51 pm - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Parada indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/24/2009	11:29 am - call made, left voicemail for Mrs. Parada. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.
Ewilaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	4054 Willow Road, Alpine, CA 91903	Mr. Robert Pinto, Chairperson	(619) 445-6315	6/10/2009	10:34 - Call made; left message requesting call-back. Returned call from Will calling for Robert Pinto 619-368-4382 letting him know the archaeology work will begin tomorrow 6/17 & to meet at the Clarion Inn in El Centro if anyone was interested in participating
				8/18/2009	1:55 pm - call made, left message for Mr. Pinto with the receptionist indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).

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Ewiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians (cont'd)	4054 Willow Road, Alpine, CA 91903	Mr. Robert Pinto, Chairperson	(619) 445-6315	8/24/2009	11:31 am - call made, spoke with receptionist who transferred the call to Will Micklin, CEO. Mr. Micklin noted that Mr. Harlan Pinto, Sr. passed away last year, and the new Chairperson is Mr. Robert Pinto. Kristen Walker updated this spreadsheet to reflect this information and indicated that fieldwork would begin on August 26 at 5 am and the meeting location is the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro; also provided Rachel Nixon's cell phone number and Kim Whitney's contact information for questions regarding financials/payment.
		Joshua Pipa	(619) 838-1893	8/18/2009	4:29 pm - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Pipa indicating field work would begin on August 26 and, if interested in participating/for more information, to contact Kristen Walker (left contact info).
				8/20/2009	10:21 am - call made, left voicemail for Mr. Pipa following up on the message left on 8/18
				8/24/2009	11:39 am - call made, disconnected.
				8/24/2009	12:03 am - call made, left voicemail for Ms. Pipa. Follow-up call reminding contacts that fieldwork is beginning at 5 am on August 26th; however, the meeting location has changed from the Clarion Hotel to the SDG&E Office parking lot, located at 1425 W. Main Street, El Centro.
				8/24/2009	2:00 pm - Mr. Pipa left a voicemail for Kristen Walker indicating he had received the previous messages regarding fieldwork; however, he already started work on another site. He thanked URS for the opportunity.
Quechan Tribe Historic Preservation Office	PO Box 1899 Yuma, AZ 85367	Bridget Nash-Chrabascz	760-572-2423	6/9/2009	10:40:00 am - Ms. Nash did not have anyone available to participate but wanted an update on the sites once they have been revisited.
				9/4/2009	9:00:00 am left a voice mail informing her of next start-up date and to call for details if she has anyone interested in participating.