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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Terry O'Brien, Deputy Director
Chief, Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS 16
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) El Centro Field Office would like to continue consultation on the Imperial Valley Solar Project pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and other relevant laws and regulations. With this letter we would like to thank the California Energy Commission and its staff for their time and efforts in consulting on this project and assisting the BLM in meeting its responsibilities under Section 106 through the development of a Programmatic Agreement (Agreement). It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. Christopher Meyer and Mr. Mike McGuirt and they deserve a lot of recognition for their strong leadership and dedication. Mr. McGuirt especially ensured that the Energy Commission was well represented during the Section 106 process.

The BLM is pleased to present the executed Agreement for the Imperial Valley Solar Project (Enclosure) and would like to invite you to continue participating in its implementation by signing the PA as an Invited Signatory. This Agreement is the culmination of over two years of consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA. The BLM, as the overall lead federal agency for this project and the lead for Section 106, has coordinated and consulted with federal and state agencies including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, State Historic Preservation Office, and the California Energy Commission; four organizations including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, California Unions for Reliable Energy, Sacred Sites International Foundation, and the Anza Society; two individual consulting parties including Mr. Greg P. Smestad, Ph.D., and Ms. Edie Harmon; twelve Tribes or Tribal Organizations; and the applicant on the development of this Agreement. The Agreement, as a binding contract between the agencies and the project applicant, ensures that should the project be authorized, cultural resources were and will continue to be taken into account in the manner stipulated therein.

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Enclosed with this letter you will also find six copies of your signatory page for the Agreement. If you choose to sign, please do so on all six pages and return these originals back to the address above; Attention: Carrie Simmons. Once we have collected all of the signatory pages from the Signatories, Invited Signatories and the Concurring Parties we will then return a copy of the entire Agreement with completed signatory pages to all parties for their records. The Appendices that are included with the Agreement (see enclosed CD) are supporting documents that provide additional information about the project, guidance, or are space holders/draft documents that may be required and tiered from this Agreement and that we will continue to consult on until they are finalized according to the stipulations provided for in the Agreement. These documents include the Historic Properties Treatment Plan(s), the Historic Properties Management Plan, the Monitoring and Inadvertent Discovery Plan, and the NAGPRA Plan of Action.

We look forward to our continued consultations with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need any additional information or have questions. The BLM point of contact for Section 106 is Carrie Simmons, El Centro BLM Archaeologist, email: Carrie_Simmons@ca.blm.gov and phone: (760) 337-4437. The BLM point of contact for the overall project is Jim Stobaugh, email: Jim_Stobaugh@blm.gov and phone: (775) 861-6478. Thank you for your continuing cooperation with this office.

Sincerely,



for Margaret L. Goodro
Field Manager

Enclosure: Programmatic Agreement (hard copy) and Appendices (CD)