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PROPOSED NEW POWER PLANT, NEAR TRACY, IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Dear Les James,

Your name was provided to the California Energy Commission by the Native American Heritage Commission as a representative of a Native American community who might be interested in a proposed project modifying the Tracy Peaker Plant, a natural gas-fueled power plant west of the City of Tracy, in San Joaquin County (see attached map).

The Energy Commission has jurisdiction over the proposed project and has received an application for a permit to build and operate the power plant, known as the San Joaquin Solar 1&2 Hybrid Project. You will receive, if you have not already received, specific information about the proposed power plant from the project applicant. Information about the project can also be viewed on the Energy Commission website at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/tracyexpansion/index.html.

Please review any information you received from the project applicant, and if you have concerns regarding cultural resources that could potentially be affected by the proposed modifications, please contact cultural resources specialist Beverly E. Bastian (Phone: 916-654-4840; Fax: (916) 651-8868; E-mail: bbastian@energy.state.ca.us). You may also call the Energy Commission’s Public Adviser, toll-free at 1-800-822-6228, for assistance in participating in the Commission’s review of the proposed project.

The Energy Commission cultural resources staff welcomes your comments. The Commission will be holding workshops and hearings on the project and our preliminary assessment. You will be notified concerning the dates, locations, and topics to be covered.

Sincerely,

Dale Edwards, Manager
Environmental Protection Office
Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division

cc: Energy Commission Dockets
Alan Solomon, Siting Project Manager
FIGURE 1.1-1
VICINITY MAP
GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT PROJECT
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CA