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FIGUEROA - ATTACHMENT 1

**Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding
Between
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
and the
Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council**

This Amendment No. 1 modifies the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council (Council) in July 2006 to include the La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee (LCASSPC) and the Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center (Chamber) in the partnership for protection of cultural resources in the BLM Yuma Field Office planning area.

Section "II. Definitions" is amended as follows:

- A. BLM: The Bureau of Land Management's Yuma Field Office, which has management responsibility for the public land area covered under this MOU.
- B. Council: The Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council (a 501(c)(3) non-profit / non-governmental conservation and community development organization).
- C. LCASSPC: La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is comprised of 15 indigenous and culturally aware individuals who are dedicated to physically protecting the Blythe Giant Intaglios, other geoglyphs, and several hundred sacred sites that are located along the Colorado River from Needles, California, to Yuma, Arizona.
- D. Chamber: The Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center. Provides information to visitors and the community about the Blythe Intaglios and other important cultural resources in the vicinity of Blythe, California.
- E. MOU signatories: Refers to all agencies and organizations that have a formalized partnership through the July 2006 MOU and associated amendments.

Section "III. Statement of MOU Purpose" is amended as follows:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will provide a means for the ~~BLM the Council~~ MOU signatories to work in partnership to enhance cultural resources protection, conservation, and interpretation efforts on BLM lands within the Yuma Field Office's jurisdiction and the Southern Low Desert RC&D area. The purpose of this MOU is to assist the BLM with its responsibilities under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

The ~~BLM, and the Council~~ MOU signatories agree that all projects conducted under this MOU will be carried out by qualified specialists. Contractors hired for projects must meet

BLM-standards. Projects that may be conducted under this MOU include but are not limited to cultural resources survey, archaeological site recordation, National Register of Historic Places nominations, ethnographic studies with Interested Native American tribes, design and installation of site protection and interpretation measures, and the production of interpretive materials for the public. All projects will be coordinated with and approved by the BLM.

The BLM and the Council MOU signatories have a common objective of helping to bring about the conservation, development, and wise use of archaeological and historical resources in the southeastern California desert area. Therefore, ~~both the BLM and the Council~~ the MOU signatories deem this effort of mutual benefit to both all parties. We hereby agree as follows:

A. The Council agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources. Specifically, the Council agrees to diligently work towards the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the public good.
2. Assist with any environmental documents deemed necessary for the completion of joint projects within the mutual boundary of the Council and BLM.
3. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
4. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agreed upon projects or work items within the mutual boundaries of the BLM and the Council.

B. LCASSPC agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources and sacred sites. Specifically LCASSPC agrees to diligently work toward the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the good of the future generations and the public good.
2. Assist with any environmental documents deemed necessary for the completion of joint projects.
3. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
4. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agree upon projects or work items.

C. The Chamber agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources. Specifically, the Chamber agrees to diligently work toward the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the public good.
2. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
3. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agreed upon projects or work items.

D. BLM agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively ~~with the Council~~ on projects of mutual benefit to BLM and the ~~Council~~ the MOU signatories.
2. Provide technical and planning assistance for projects of mutual benefit to the ~~BLM and the Council~~ MOU signatories.
3. Initiate any environmental assessment documents deemed necessary for the completion of any agreed upon joint projects ~~within the mutual boundaries of the BLM and the Council.~~
4. Assist with the preparation of statements of work and hiring of contractors to complete the agreed upon projects.
5. Cooperate and assist (when appropriate) with seeking funds to complete agreed upon joint projects.

Section "IV. Terms of the MOU" is amended as follows:

A. The following individuals are designated as the liaison between the ~~BLM and the Council~~ MOU signatories.

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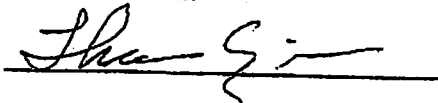
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- B. Nothing herein is intended to conflict with existing BLM, Department of the Interior orders, or Council directives. If any terms or conditions of this MOU are inconsistent with existing BLM orders or Council directives, those portions of this MOU are invalid.


By signing below, the partners show their agreement to MOU Amendment No. 1 as described in this document.

Thomas Burgin, President of the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Signed: 


Date MAR. 6, 2008

Alfredo Figueroa, La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee.

Signed: 

Date FEB. 15, 2008

Jim Shipley, Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center.

Signed: 

Date FEB 29, 2008

James T. Shoaff, Field Manager of the Bureau of Land Management Yuma Field Office.

Signed: 

Date MARCH 14, 2008

FIGUEROA - ATTACHMENT 2



Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

CHEM.R. 06-07-29-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE SUPPORTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SACRED SITES PROTECTION CIRCLE, THE SOUTHERN LOW DESERT RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE 'BLYTHE' INTAGLIOS.

WHEREAS, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe (the Tribe) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe recognized by the Secretary of the Interior maintaining a government-to-government relationship with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is organized under the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 476, with a written constitution vesting in the Chemehuevi Tribal Council (the Tribal Council) the authority to govern the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is the beneficial owner of the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation, the title to which is owned by the United States government in trust for the Tribe (Reservation); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe still holds all ancestral, historical land use areas within our trust and stewardship and seeks the protection and preservation of same; and

WHEREAS, the 'Blythe' Intaglios fall within our ancestral and historical land use area we wish to protect and preserve them for future generations, and

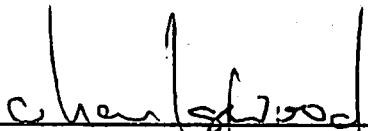
WHEREAS, the Sacred Sites Protection Circle, the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Bureau of Land management have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to protect and preserve the 'Blythe' Intaglios and seek Tribal support;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chemehuevi Tribal Council approves and supports the MOU between the Sacred Sites Protection Circle, the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Bureau of Land Management for the protection and preservation of the known, identified intaglios on the lower Colorado River and any future intaglios that may be discovered.

CERTIFICATION

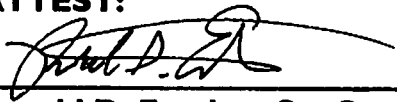
The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Chemehuevi Tribal Council with a quorum present held on the 29th day of July, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 3
ABSTAIN: 0



Charles F. Wood, Tribal Chairman
Date Aug 11, 2006

ATTEST:



Ronald D. Escobar, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer
Date August 9, 2006

FIGUEROA - ATTACHMENT 3

La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle

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March 5, 2010

John Kalish
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Dear John,

It was indeed a pleasure having you and George together with our committee here on Tuesday March 2, 2010 for the onsite tour of the Sacred Sites. During the tour we visited Kokopilli, Cicimitl, the ancient trails and the rest of the Sacred Sites which are within the area of the proposed Blythe Solar Power project. I hope that you and George were able to absorb most of the information that we presented to you.

Like I explained to you, most of the mountain images that surround the Lower Colorado River Basin (Beginning in the north from Spirit Mountain, "Avi-Kawme," (Mojave) and Tlalocan (Nahuatl) north of Laughlin, NV, down to the south to the Gulf of California) relate to the Mexica Codices and what we call "La Cuna de Aztlán" (Cradle of Aztlán) which is centered around Blythe, California.

During our conversation, I explained to you that at first we were afraid to reveal the Sacred Sites to the general public because we were threatened by the off-roaders who were the principle destroyers of these sites. However, now we are at the brinks of having all the sites destroyed by these Solar Power Projects. For this reason, we are totally against the proposed Blythe, Palen and Genesis Solar projects.

We would greatly appreciate if our La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle organization could extend our current MOU with the BLM office in Yuma, Arizona in order to extend and fall under the jurisdiction of the Palm Springs, Ca office.

I was also glad to know that there might be some money from the Department of Interior to erect the fences in order to protect the Kokopilli/Cicimitl Sites which are now being revealed to the general public due to the current critical situation in which we are in. Please advise us of what procedures we must take in order to receive the funds or if we can establish a partnership with the BLM office to immediately build the fences.

And please let me know if you would like me to make a presentation at the BLM office because we do not want to spend another 10 years fighting a proposed Solar Power Projects like we did during Ward Valley Nuclear Toxic Dump campaign.

Enclose you will find the Mission Statement for La Cuna de Aztlán Sacred Sites Protection Circle.

Thank you again for your help and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Alfredo Acosta Figueroa

FIGUEROA - ATTACHMENT 4

La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle

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I hope that you and John were able to absorb most of the information that we presented to you. John told me, that if he could remember 10% of what we showed all of you it would be a lot for him. This is why I am sending you some additional information for your enlightenment and so you can share it with the agency.

Most of the mountain images that surround the Lower Colorado River Basin (Beginning in the north from Spirit Mountain, "Avi-Kawme," (Mojave) and Tlalocan (Nahuatl) north of Laughlin, NV, down to the south to the Gulf of California) relate to the Mexica Codices and what we call "La Cuna de Aztlán" (Cradle of Aztlán) centered around Blythe, California.

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The proposed project areas are tied together with the Creators travels west (To the Sunset) to the San Jacinto Mountains. The ridge of the San Jacinto Mountains has a human face image called "Copilli" (Our Lord's Crown) and it is seen when looking west from Frank Sinatra & Cook St. in Palm Desert, Ca.

Like I explained to you, our fore-fathers were so precise in there traditional daily Cosmic/Mother-Earth relation which they called "Pan-Che-Bek" meaning "Seek the Roots of the Truth to the fullest extent. And I was glad to know that you and your wife are associated with the Malki Museum because in the Nahuatl language we have a saying "In-Ixtli-In-Yollotl" meaning "Your profile and your heart reveals your persona."

Included in the Creators travels are the images seen on the San Gorgonio & San Bernardino Mountains. So, when you are going through Banning, Ca (at the Highland Ave. off-ramp by the Denny's café) look north towards the

center of the San Gorgonio Mountains. Here you will see a large white image that is not covered with forest (this image changes during the five positions of the Suns daily travels) in this image you will see the face of a person with a large headdress (facing west) and at another time you will see a descending eagle.

And as you continue on the freeway towards Redlands, get off at Orange St. and go north beyond Pennsylvania Ave. and look northeast towards Running Springs and you will see the image of a descending human (below Highway 18). During our conversation I explained to you what the Descending Arrowhead meant, which is similar to the trinity. All these images are related to the Aztec Sun Stone Calendar as they are related to the Five Suns which depicts the migration ending and beginnings.

It has been extremely difficult for us to personally be at these sites to get better pictures of the images due to our distance and weather conditions. But now that we know that you live in the area and are interested, you can maybe help us and possibly there might be some relevant research concerning these images at the different Universities.

Please feel free to call me and let me know when you would like to come and visit us again so that we can enlighten you more on this subject.

And please let me know if you would like me to make a presentation at the BLM office because we do not want to spend another 10 years fighting a proposed Solar Power Project like we did during Ward Valley Nuclear Toxic Dump campaign. Why spend 10 years when we can stop this now.

I am enclosing some copies of the books *"Creating the Cosmos" The Myth of the Four Suns in the Codex Vaticanus A*, and *"Pre-Columbian Literatures of Mexico."* These are in references to the Aztec Sun Stone Calendar and most of the information is correct but there's a lot of inconsistency and lies because these books were written and supervised by notorious Spanish inquisition priest like Fray Diego Duran. Yet, we can grasp a lot of the material and cross-reference it with our local surrounding, which include mountain images, geoglyphs, petroglyphs, pictographs, solstices, equinoxes and so on. In addition, I am including *"Alfredo's Aztlán: December 24, 2006; West Magazine, Los Angeles Times"*, and the picture of the ascending Thunderbird Eagle and the face of Copilli on the San Jacinto Mountains. Also, I would highly recommend that you read the "University of California Archeological Survey No. 20; issued March 16, 1953; By Michael J. Harner *"Gravel Pictographs of the Lower Colorado River Region."*

We can go on and on but this is only a starter for you and John, so that both of you and the BLM can grasp these facts and understand that we did not cross the border, the border crossed us.

Thank you for your help and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,



Alfredo Acosta Figueroa

Elder Historian, La Cuna de Aztlán Sacred Site Protection Circle
Chemehuevi Tribal Monitor