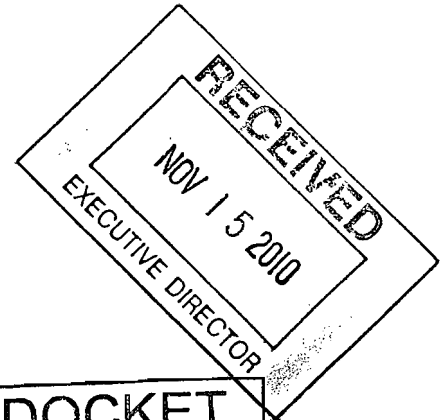




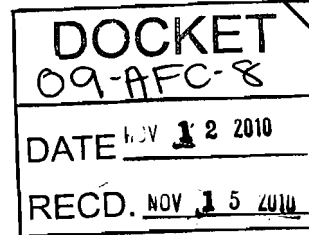
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Subject: **CONFIDENTIAL COVER SUBMITTAL OF THE GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION (09 AFC 08)- DRAFT CULTURAL RESOURCES MONITORING AND MITIGATION PLAN and HISTORIC PROPERTIES TREATMENT PLAN**

Dear Ms. Jones:

On behalf of Genesis Solar, LLC (the Applicant) in support of cultural resource confidentiality, pursuant to 20 CCR Section 2505, California Code of Regulation, please find enclosed two hard copies and three CDs of the Genesis Solar Energy Project Application for Certification (09-AFC-8) *Draft Cultural Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan and Historic Properties Treatment Plan*.

The Genesis Solar Energy Project is a 250 megawatt solar electric generating facility to be located between the community of Desert Center and the city of Blythe in eastern Riverside County, California.

This document was compiled in response to the Condition of Certification (COC) CUL 5. The Applicant requests that the document *Draft Cultural Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan and Historic Properties Treatment Plan* be designated confidential pursuant to 20 CCR Section 2505.

1(a). Title, date and description (including number of pages) of the record for which you request confidential designation.

1(b). Specify the part (s) of the record for which you request confidential designation.



Applicant requests confidential designation for all of the following records and maps:

- Maps: Figure 3 of the report; Class III Archaeological site Locations within ROW and Surveyed Corridor
- Appendix C; Archeological Site Locations within the APE 1:24K Map

2. State and justify the length of time the Commission should keep the record confidential.

The confidential map and Appendix C (bulleted above) should be kept confidential indefinitely to protect know cultural resources, including archaeological and historic objects, sites and districts, historic buildings and structures, cultural landscapes, and sites and resources of concern to local Native American or other public ethnic groups. If the confidential locations of these cultural resources are released to the public domain, there is potential risk of destruction and/or “looting” (stealing of artifacts) of these resources.

3(a). State the provisions of the Public Records Act or other law that allows the Commission to keep the record confidential, and explain why the provisions (s) apply to the record.

The confidential map and Appendix C (bulleted above) specifically identifies site locations and areas of potential cultural significance. It is thus protected under Government Code Sections 6254(e), 6254(k), and 6254(r).

3 (b). Discuss the public interest in nondisclosure of the record. If the record contains trade secrets or its disclosure would other wise cause loss of competitive advantage, please also state how it would be lost, the value of the information to the applicant, and the cost or difficulty with which the information could be legitimately acquired or duplicated by others.

The public interest will be served by nondisclosure by preventing damage and/or looting of the cultural resources sites described in the above information. Damage and/or looting of cultural resources would preclude scientific study and data about the resource and would potentially impact the resources that are valued by Native Americans and other ethnic or religious groups and/or individuals.

4. State whether the record may be disclosed if it is aggregated with other information or masked to conceal certain portions (including but not limited to the identity of the applicant). State the degree of aggregation or masking required. If the data cannot be disclosed even if aggregated or masked, explain why.

Applicant believes the California Energy Commission Staff can incorporate a generalized summary of the information contained in the confidential map and Appendix C (bulleted above) to properly state the basis for its analysis without disclosing information specific enough to facilitate damage and/or looting of sensitive resources.

5. State how the record is kept confidential by the applicant and whether it has ever been disclosed to a person other than an employee of applicant. If it has, explain the circumstances under which disclosure occurred.

Applicant has not disclosed any of the subject confidential information to anyone other than its employees, attorneys, and consultants working on the Application for Certification for the Project.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application for confidential designation is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I am authorized to make the application and certification on behalf of the Applicant. (Cal. Code Regs., title 20, § 2505(a)(1)(G).)

Please contact me at (916) 853-4575 or jenna.farrell@tetratech.com if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Jenna Farrell
Cultural Resource Field Director

Enc. two hard copies and three CDs of:

- Cover letter
- Draft Cultural Resources Monitoring and Mitigation Plan and Historic Properties Treatment Plan

cc. Meg Russell, Genesis Solar, LLC, CEC Compliance Project Manager, Tricia Bernhardt, Tetra Tech EC, Inc Project Manager