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17 18	COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES, a federally recognized Indian Tribe,	Case No.	
19	Plaintiff,	DECLARATION OF PRISCILLA ESWONIA IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION	
20	v.	FOR TEMPORARY	
21 22	UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; <i>et al.</i> ,	RESTRAINING ORDER AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE	
23	Defendants.	BY FAX	
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DECLARATION OF PRISCILLA ESWONIA

I, Priscilla Eswonia, declare as follows:

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I am a full blooded Mohave Indian living on the Colorado River Indian
 tribes located near Parker, Arizona. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth
 herein. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the matters stated
 herein.

7 2. I am providing testimony in regards to the Blythe Genesis Solar Project just
8 thirteen miles west of the city of Blythe, California.

My great grandfather lived in the area known as Blythe, California along
with his family and other Yuman people such as the Kumeeyaay, Quechan and Maricopa
Indians, but they knew this was Mohave land. My great grandmother who was known as
Chacha was from the Blythe area also along with her family also. They lived and hunted
in the area of the solar project, then one day the United States Government made them
either go to the reservation or move on to another area. We were removed from our
traditional land with no cause, leaving the area open to the non-Indian.

4. The excavation or the disturbance of our traditional artifacts can cause
sickness to our people, it can make them go crazy, lose their sense of being. We still
believe in our cultural and religious beliefs, we still believe that these disturbances are
taboo.

5. Traditional songs such as Pipa, Lightning, Deer, Cane or Birdsongs have
long been used for ceremonial purposes to put away our people, these songs have been
given to us by our Creator Matavilya. We occupied this area, so we know we put our
people away in these areas, this areas cannot be disturbed as harm will come to our
people not in the flesh but based on spiritual belief.

6. My father's sister Amy Welsh talked of this area, telling us stories of how
our people lived and moved about on the land, there were no fences or reservation but we
roamed the land freely, because it was ours...how beautiful, I thought.

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7. We know we did cleansing ceremonies around our river, especially during
 war and funerals while fasting for days. Our runners would also cleanse themselves after
 they ran to other communities to tell of death or celebrations. Ceremonies such as Dance
 of the Dead were also performed in that area as the Mohave and Quechan lived together,
 sworn cousins forever.

8. Finally, I know that as a child never to disturb these areas as they are not for
use to bother or something you play with. We knew that these things can harm and even
kill you, because there is the spirit world that still thrives and is alive and well. The solar
project continues to destroy our history and our remains of our ancestors, that needs to
stop, leave them alone.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America
that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed <u>os /or</u>, 2012, at Parker, Arizona.

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