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15 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, EASTERN DIVISION

16 **CV 12 - 04291 RGK**

17 COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES, a
18 federally recognized Indian Tribe,

Case No.

(DTBx)

19 Plaintiff,


**DECLARATION OF MAMIE
HARPER IN SUPPORT OF
PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION
FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER AND
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

20 v.

21 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
22 INTERIOR; et al.,

23 Defendants.

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1 DECLARATION OF MAMIE HARPER

2 I, Mamie Harper, declare as follows:

3 1. I am full blooded Mohave Indian from the Muus Clan, living on the
4 Colorado River Indian Tribes located near Parker, Arizona. I have personal knowledge
5 of the facts set forth herein. If called as a witness, I could and would competently testify
6 to the matters stated herein.

7 2. I am providing living testimony to the matter of the Genesis Solar Project
8 which is being sited approximately thirteen miles west of the city of Blythe, California
9 just a few miles from the Colorado River Indian reservation.

10 3. My father and his family in the town of Ehrenberg located approximately
11 three miles east of the city of Blythe, California on the Arizona side of the Colorado
12 River. My father was a rancher, he and his family would move their cattle in the vicinity
13 of where the Genesis Solar Project.

14 4. I was taught from an early age that the traditional and religious aspect of the
15 Mohave was to never to desecrate of bother any remains or cultural properties, as they
16 would cause harm to you and your family. Sickness would come to you or your family
17 but most importantly to the weakest of your family that being eldest and young children.
18 There are certain families from certain clans that handle the dead in the Mohave
19 structure. These people are gifted to handle the bodies, bones and artifacts, they are
20 strong traditional people who have the ability to keep any harm from them. When
21 artifacts, human remains and artifacts are intentional disturbed, this brings spiritual
22 unbalance to our people. Our people are subjected to traditional and spiritual disturbances
23 caused by those that are responsible. It is the Genesis Solar Project that has intentionally
24 removed or disturbed remains or artifacts.

25 5. Thu-Maup, are the songs that speak about the beginning and ending of time
26 which bring the spirit of the dead on a journey. Mohave's believe that the dead person's
27 spirit takes three days to visit and trace his footprints of life before moving into the next
28 world of either the rat hole or the happy hunting grounds. Mohave's believe the metate

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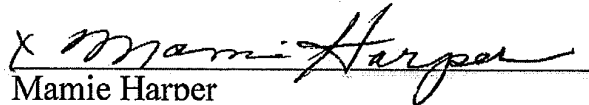
1 stones are living objects until they are put away with those that it belonged to. The spirit
2 of the grinding stone continues as long as it is functional but if broken it is with the spirit
3 world, remains to the dead that should never be disturbed.

4 6. Finally, we know as Mohave people through oral tradition and from our
5 Creation story, that the area around and through the Blythe Genesis Project is Mohave.
6 Artifacts and remains of our people should never be disturbed or removed. Remains
7 should never be handled by non-Mohave, as these remains are to be taken care of by our
8 designated clans for proper repatriation.

9 7. To have the excavation and continued desecration of our people is taboo to
10 our people, our cultural spirit has been disturbed and harm is inevitable to our people,
11 cultural and tradition.

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

14 Executed 5/1, 2012, at Parker, Arizona.

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Mamie Harper

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