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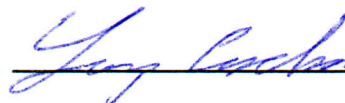
DECLARATION OF
Lorey Cachora

I, Lorey Cachora, declare as follows:

1. I am presently a Tribal member of the Quechan Indian Tribe .
2. I serve as a consultant to the Quechan Cultural Committee, appointed by the Quechan Tribal Council.
3. A copy of my professional qualifications and experience is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.
4. I consulted with staff testimony on portions (archeology and ethnography) of the cultural resources section of the **Palen Solar Energy Generating System Final Staff Assessment**. I am prepared to give my testimony on Native American Cultural Traditions based on my independent analysis of the **Application for Certification and Supplement** hereto, data from reliable documents and sources, and my professional and cultural experience and knowledge.
5. It is my professional opinion that the prepared testimony is valid and accurate with respect to the issues addressed therein.
6. I am personally familiar with the facts and conclusions related to the testimony; and if called as a witness could testify completely, thereto.
7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: October 10, 2013

Signed: _____



At: Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, Winterhaven, California

Biography

Lorey Cachora Jr.



I am Lorey Cachora Jr. 67 years old. Born on the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, Winterhaven, California. Member of the federally recognized Quechan Tribe. My early years and association with past Quechan elders gave me the knowledge of Quechan lifestyle and traditions.

Spent 16 years of my life with my parents, brothers, and uncles. My father was a member of the Quechan Tribe from the North Dweller group (*Kavelycadom*) and my mother a member of the South Dweller group (*Matxaltcadom*).

I speak fluent Quechan dialect. I am a loyal supporter of people who teach American Indian history. My closest linguistics is in the Mohave and Maricopa Tribes. Similarities of these dialects enable me to develop a deep comprehensive understanding of the pre-history in indigenous people of the Colorado River region.

I can explain the inseparable connection between the Quechan people and their homeland. In 2006, I reached the goal to interpret the entire history of the Quechan people and the people of the Colorado River Region. There are several ways the Quechan people convey their message, I grew up using two, oral narratives and song.

Graduating from High School in 1964, enlisted in the Arizona National Guard; mastered in Honor Guard and Silent Drill Team. The unit held high honors for performance. In 1967, volunteered for the regular Army, accepted a three-year tour of duty in Europe. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant E-5, continued in the Field of Honor Guard. Attended Non Commissioned Officers Training Academy; became qualified Academy Instructor, Unit Instructor, and educator to the General Education Development (GED). Accepted an award for *Soldier of the Year*, promoted to rank of Sergeant E-6.

In 1968, served in the Republic of Vietnam as Military Advisor under the "*Phoenix Project and Pacification Program*," to report, evaluate, train, rescue, among other duties requested by the United States. My military campaign ended in 1971. Received awards for recognition in tour of duty directly from the President of the United States: Three Bronze Star medals for valor, Israel Bronze medal citation, two Purple Hearts, three Army Commendation Medals with Valor, Air Medal, and numerous citations. Honorably discharged in 1971.

After the campaign, devoted mu attention to domestic affairs and enriched my social position. I became a staunch defender of the rights of the Quechan Indian Nation and supporter of a movement in protest of destruction of American Indian Cultural Resources. Served a prominent role in deliberations with Tribal leaders, leaders in the community, and states to the enhancement of strength of our national government at home and its reputation abroad.

LOREY CACHORA

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EXPERT WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS:

Lorey Cachora is a Quechan Tribal member and a traditional knowledge bearer of the Quechan and the broader Yuman Culture from the Colorado River region. He is familiar with both the written and oral history and traditions of the Quechan people. He has provided expert witness testimony before and is familiar with the laws and regulations for the protection of cultural resources, historic sites, and the environment.

WORK EXPERIENCE /CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Cachora has been appointed by the Quechan Tribal Council to serve as a consultant to the Quechan Cultural Committee and has held that position for over 30 years. He also consults with the Quechan Historic Preservation Officer, Tribal Council and Tribal departments and groups. During this period, he also consulted with other Tribes throughout the Southwest and for government institutions, agencies, and their consultants.

These include:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)	Wellton Mohawk Irrigation District
Imperial Irrigation District	Bard Water District
Western Area Power Authority (WAPA)	Yuma Crossing State Park
Union Pacific Railroad	Barry Goldwater Bombing Range
US Army Yuma Proving Ground	USMC Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
Anza Borrego Institute (Instructor)	

EXPERT WITNESS AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Indigenous Trail Networks
Cultural Landscapes
Quechan Cosmology
Petroglyphs, Geoglyphs, and Intaglios
Indigenous Material Remains (Archeology)
Tribal Monitoring Methods and Practices
Tribal Consultation
Ethnography – Oral History and Songscales
Sensitive Native Species (Plants, animals, and habitat)
Environmental Stewardship (Natural Resource Traditional Management/Protection)
Military – identification of historic sites and remains/artifacts/land modifications

EDUCATION:

Imperial Valley College: Law Enforcement (Certified), Business Management Degree (2 semesters)
4 Years in the US Army: Officer's Training Academy, Advisor, Instructor. Educator (see Biography)