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AhMut Pipa Foundation was founded in 1996 due to a concern about the preservation and sustainability of Native American history, culture, and art.

The Mission of the Ahmut Pipa Foundation is to educate the Quechan community, the Tribes of California, and the general public, in order to increase understanding of Native American ethnohistory, culture, and art.

Therefore, this letter is in support of the July 26, 2022, letter signed by Quechan President, Jordan Juquin. That letter states that the Quechan Tribe objects to the proposed Lithium Project at Salton Sea due to lack of consultation with the Quechan Tribe according to AB 52 and CEQA, which require consultation with the Tribes affected. The letter also states that Imperial County failed to engage in consultation even after the Tribe requested such in 2020.

In 2010, Dr. Thomas Gates, principal investigator for the *Ethnographic Assessment of the Importance of Obsidian Butte to the Native American Communities of Southern California*, called Preston J. Arrow-weed asking him to comment on Obsidian Butte and the importance of it to the Kamyá and Quechan Tribes. In his response, also given to Dave Singleton of the California Heritage Commission, Preston J. Arrow-weed presented his belief why Obsidian Butte is a sacred place to his people and why it should be left undisturbed.

Respectfully,



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