

Mariposa Energy Project - Cultural Resources**Geoarchaeological Assessment**

>>> "Jack Meyer" <jack@farwestern.com> 1/29/2010 9:15 AM >>>

Hi Doug,

I agree with the CEC decision not to move forward with the exploration and think it is the reasonable and right thing to do in this case. I will have our office close the job and invoice for the costs to date. I will also let the backhoe operator know about this and thank him for his interest.

Let me know if we can be of any further service.

Jack

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Mariposa Energy Project - Cultural Resources

Hi Clint,

I wanted to get back to you in regard to the geoarchaeological assessment that was prepared by Jack Meyer (Nov. 2009) for the Mariposa Energy Project. Thank you for providing that analysis to us as part of the cultural resource investigation for the project. The results of the geoarch assessment concluded that the potential for buried deposits to exist within the project site or along any of the proposed linear facilities is low to very low.

You had indicated that you were prepared to conduct a field geoarchaeological study in accordance with the research design that you submitted to the CEC earlier this month; however, given the results of the preliminary geoarch assessment, as well as other supporting data (i.e., the negative results of several past cultural resource surveys in the project area and vicinity, and the overall low sensitivity of the project area based on the environmental conditions in which the project is situated), we have concluded that it

will not be necessary to further pursue a field geoarchaeological study of the project site.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Sarah

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