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Robert Robinson, Historic Preservation Officer  
Kern Valley Indian Council  
P.O. Box 401  
Weldon, CA 93283

## PROPOSED NEW POWER PLANT IN KERN COUNTY

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Eric Knight, Manager  
Environmental Protection Office  
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Donna Begay, Chairperson  
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley  
P.O. Box 226  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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Frank Arredondo  
P.O. Box 161  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

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April 20, 2010

Tribal Chairperson  
Santa Rosa Rancheria  
P.O. Box 8  
Lemoore, CA 93245

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Ryan Garfield, Chairperson  
Tule River Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 589  
Porterville, CA 93258

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Ron Wermuth  
P.O. Box 168  
Kernville, CA 93238

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Delia Dominguez  
Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tehon Indians  
981 N. Virginia  
Covina, CA 91722

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Kathy Morgan, Chairperson  
Tejon Indian Tribe  
2234 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wasco, CA 93280

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Arianne Garcia, Chairperson  
Chumash Council of Bakersfield  
P.O. Box 902  
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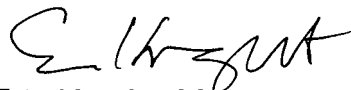
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