

November 8, 2023

Andrew Salas Chairperson P.O. Box 393 Covina, CA 91723

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

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Brandy Kendricks 30741 Foxridge Court Tehachapi, CA 93561

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

Dear Ms. Kendricks:

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Colin Rambo P.O. Box 640 Arvin, CA 93203

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Delia Dominguez Chairperson 115 Radio Street Bakersfield, CA 93305

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Darrell Mike Chairman 46200 Harrison Place Coachella, CA 92236

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Dazja Ugalde 12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA 92220

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

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Donna Yocum Chairperson P.O. Box 221838 Newhall, CA 91322

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Danelle Gutierrez Tribal Historic Preservation Officer P.O. Box 700 Big Pine, CA 93513

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Jairo Avila Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Officer P.O. Box 4464 Santa Barbara, CA 93140

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Joey Garfield Tribal Archaeologist P.O. Box 589 Porterville, CA 93258

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Jessica Mauck Director of Cultural Resources 26569 Community Center Drive Highland, CA 92346

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Jill McCormick Historic Preservation Officer P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ 85366

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Dear Officer McCormick:

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Julio Quair Chairperson 729 Texas Street Bakersfield, CA 93307

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

Dear Chairperson Quair:

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Julie Turner Secretary P.O. Box 1010 Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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James Rambeau Chairperson P.O. Box 700 Big Pine, CA 93513

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Kenneth Kahn Chairperson P.O. Box 517 Santa Ynez, CA 93460

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

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Kerri Vera Environmental Department P.O. Box 589 Porterville, CA 93258

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November 8, 2023

Karen Woodard Administrator 12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA 92220

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Manfred Scott Acting Chairman P.O. Box 1899 Yuma, AZ 85366

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Mariza Sullivan Chairperson P.O. Box 4464 Santa Barbara, CA 93140

# *Re:* Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

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Neil Peyron Chairperson P.O. Box 589 Porterville, CA 93258

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Octavio Escobedo Chairperson P.O. Box 640 Arvin, CA 93203

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Robert Gomez Chairperson P.O. Box 226 Lake Isabella, CA 93240

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November 8, 2023

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April 19, 2024

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# Attachment 1: GKR TLRR Project Alignment





November 8, 2023

Sasha Waters 12700 Pumarra Road Banning, CA 92220

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Sally Manning Environmental Director P.O. Box 700 Big Pine, CA 93513

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## Fw: Kern River Transmission Line - Pre-consultation

1 message

Morgan Bender <Morganbender@dukecm.com> To: "KemRiverTLRR@panoramaenv.com" <KernRiverTLRR@panoramaenv.com> Cc: Jessica Koteen /jessica.ktoten@jpanoramaenv.com>

Please find the response from the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians. Thus far, they are the only tribe who have requested consultation.

Morgan

From: Jairo Avila <jairo.avila@tataviam-nsn.us> Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 1:49 PM To: Morgan Bender Subject: Re: Kern River Transmission Line - Pre-consultation

### Dear Morgan Bender,

On behalf of the Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Division of the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTBMI), thank you for the formal notification and opportunity to consult on the proposed Kern River Transmission Line Project. This message constitutes a formal request for tribal consultation under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (as amended, 2015) and CA Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1. The CRM Division looks forward to reviewing Project-related reports, including the Environmental Impact Statement, once available. I appreciate your time and look forward future updates.

Respectfully,

### Jairo F. Avila, M.A., RPA.

Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Officer Cultural Resources Management Division Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation Department

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From: Morgan Bender <Morganbender@dukecrm.com> Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:37 AM To: Jairo Avila cjairo.avila@tataviam-nsn.us> Subject: Kern River Transmission Line - Pre-consultation

## [CAUTION] EXTERNAL Email. Exercise caution.

Good morning,

I sent a pre-consultation letter for a project along the Kern River Transmission Line and I have attached it here for your reference as well. If the tribe is interested in a pre-consultation meeting or discussion regarding the project, please let me know.

Thank you,

### Morgan Bender, M.A., RPA

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Jessica Koteen <jessica.koteen@panoramaenv.com>

Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 11:34 AM

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# Fw: Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

Morgan Bender </i>Morganbender@dukecrm.com> To: Jessica Koteen </kernRiverTLRR@panoramaenv.com> Cc: Jessica Koteen </essica koteen@panoramaenv.com>

Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 11:32 AM

Please find the response from the Quechan Indian Tribe below.

From: Quechan Historic Preservation Officer Ahistoricpreservation@quechanthibe.com> Testin: Fidday, Januay 21, 2022.6:52 AM Testingan Benedia: Subject: Southerin California Edison's Gorman Kem River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

This email is to inform you that we have no comments on this project. We defer to the more local Tribes and support their decisions on the projects.

H. Jill McCormick, M.A. Thank you,

Quechan Indian Tribe

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Please find the response from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians below.

From: Jamie Nord <Jamie.Nord@sanmanuel-nsn.gov> Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:57 PM To: Morgan Bender Cc: Ryan Nordness Subject: RE: Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project, Kern and Los Angeles Counties, California

Dear Morgan Bender,

Thank you for contacting the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (SMBMI) regarding the above-referenced project. SMBMI appreciates the opportunity to review the project documentation, which was received by the Cultural Resources Management Department on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The proposed project is located outside of Serrano ancestral territory and, as such, SMBMI will not be requesting to receive consulting party status with the lead agency or to participate in the scoping, development, or review of documents created pursuant to legal and regulatory mandates.

Kind regards,

Jamie Nord

Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 11:31 AM



Fw: Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

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Please find the response from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians below.

From: Helen Rubio <hrubio@santaynezchumash.org> Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 1:40 PM To: Morgan Bender Cc: Kelsie Shroll Subject: Southern California Edison's Gorman Kern River Transmission Line Rating and Remediation Project

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a formal letter stating that no further consultation is needed for the above-mentioned project.

Sincerely Yours,

Helen Rubio

Administrative Assistant | Culture Resource Management

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians | Tribal Hall

hrubio@santaynezchumash.org

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Fwd: Fw: Kern River Transmission Line - Pre-consultation

Jessica Koteen <jessica.koteen@panoramaenv.com> To: Sara Sloan <sara.sloan@panoramaenv.com>

On Wed, Feb 2, 2022 at 11:33 AM Morgan Bender <Morganbender@dukecrm.com> wrote:

Please find the response from the San Fernandeno Band of Mission Indians below.

From: Donna Yocum <ddyocum@comcast.net> Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 11:05 AM To: Morgan Bender Subject: Re: Kern River Transmission Line - Pre-consultation Hello, Thank you for the information you have provided regarding Kern River transmission line. The San Fernandeno Band of Mission Indians (SFBMI) does not request consultation. SFBMI will defer to the Tejon Tribe. Thank you for your time. Regards, Donna Yocum, Chairwoman SFBMI 503-539-0934 PO Box 221838 Newhall, CA. 91322 dyocum@sfbmi www. sfbmi.org Sent from my iPhone On Jan 27, 2022, at 10:40 AM, Morgan Bender < Morganbender@dukecrm.com> wrote: Good morning, I sent a pre-consultation letter for a project along the Kern River Transmission Line and I have attached it here for your reference as well. If the tribe is interested in a pre-consultation meeting or discussion regarding the project, please let me know. Thank you, Morgan Bender, M.A., RPA Archaeologist DUKE CULTURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT Jessica Koteen, Senior Manager Panorama Environmental, Inc. 717 Market Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103 c.323.646.0237 4 attachments JKE image001.jpg



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