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July 9, 2025

Lacy Padilla, Director of Historic Preservation/THPO
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
5401 Dinah Shore Drive
Palm Springs, CA, 92264

SUBJECT: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014). Formal Notification of Decision to Undertake a Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1

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Anthony Madrigal, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Cahuilla Band of Indians
52701 CA Highway 371
Anza, CA, 92539

SUBJECT: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014). Formal Notification of Decision to Undertake a Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1

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Erica Schenk, Chairperson
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Andrew Salas, Chairperson
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
P.O. Box 393
Covina, CA, 91723

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Anthony Morales, Chairperson
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 693
San Gabriel, CA, 91778

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P.O. Box 490
Bellflower, CA, 90707

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Charles Alvarez, Chairperson
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
23454 Vanowen Street
West Hills, CA, 91307

SUBJECT: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014). Formal Notification of Decision to Undertake a Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1

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Ann Brierty, THPO
Morongo Band of Mission Indians
12700 Pumarra Road
Banning, CA, 92220

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Jonathan Koteen, President, Quechan Tribal Council
Quechan Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Reservation
P.O.Box 1899
Yuma, AZ, 85366-1899

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Alexandra McCleary, Senior Manager of Cultural Resources Management
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
26569 Community Center Drive
Highland, CA, 92346

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Steven Estrada, Tribal Chairman
Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
P.O. Box 391820
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Mark Cochrane, Co-Chairperson
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P. O. Box 343
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SUBJECT: Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014). Formal Notification of Decision to Undertake a Project, pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

Eduardo Espinoza, Assistant General Manager
On behalf of John Bosler, General Manager
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To:	Ben Roden
Cc:	General Manager; Eduardo Espinoza
Subject:	Tribal Cultural Resources under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB52. Project Name: Reservoir 6 and Almond Street Waterline Replacement Project
Date:	Monday, July 28, 2025 2:53:03 PM
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On Behalf of John Bosler, General Manager
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Subject: Formal Request for Government-to-Government Consultation – Reservoir 6 and Almond St. Waterline Replacement Project

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From: Ben Roden
To: Raylene Borrego
Cc: Tuan Truong; Kristen Tuosto
Subject: RE: Response to AB52: Reservoir 6 and Almond Street Waterline Replacement Project, City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County; [SD-CVWD-2025-1]

Thank you Raylene,

We will review the language you provided and provide the revised Initial Study once it is available. In the meantime, I will reach out if we have any questions.

Best regards,

Ben Roden
Assistant Engineer
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From: Raylene Borrego <Raylene.Borrego@sanmanuel-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 3:05 PM
To: Ben Roden <BenR@cvwdwater.com>
Cc: Tuan Truong <Tuant@cvwdwater.com>; Kristen Tuosto <Kristen.Tuosto@sanmanuel-nsn.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to AB52: Reservoir 6 and Almond Street Waterline Replacement Project, City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County; [SD-CVWD-2025-1]

Hello Ben,

Thank you for providing requested project documentation. The Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (YSMN, also known as the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians) appreciates the opportunity to review the project documentation, which was received by our Cultural Resources Management Department on July 23rd, 2025, pursuant to CEQA (AB 52) and CA PRC 21080.3.1. The proposed project area exists within Serrano ancestral territory and, therefore, is of interest to the Tribe. However, due to the nature and location of the proposed project, and given the CRM Department's present state of knowledge, YSMN does not have any concerns with the project's implementation, as planned, at this time. As a result, YSMN requests that the following language be made a part of the project/permit/plan conditions:

CUL MMs

1. In the event that cultural resources are discovered during project activities, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find (within a 60-foot buffer) shall cease and a qualified archaeologist meeting Secretary of Interior standards shall be hired to assess the find. Work on the other portions of the project outside of the buffered area may continue during this assessment period. Additionally, the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Cultural Resources Department (YSMN) shall be contacted, as detailed within TCR-1, regarding any pre-contact finds and be provided information after the archaeologist makes his/her initial assessment of the nature of the find, so as to provide Tribal input with regards to significance and treatment.

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Note: Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation realizes that there may be additional tribes claiming cultural affiliation to the area; however, Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation can only speak for itself. The Tribe has no objection if the agency, developer, and/or archaeologist wishes to consult with other tribes in addition to YSMN and if the Lead Agency wishes to revise the conditions to recognize additional tribes.

Please provide a draft and the final copy of the project/permit/plan conditions so that YSMN may review the included language. If you should have any further questions with regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tribal Archaeologist, Kristen Tuosto (cc'd), or myself, as we will be your Point of Contacts (POC) for YSMN with respect to this project.

Kind Regards,
Raylene

Raylene Borrego
Cultural Resources Technician

From: Kristen Tuosto <Kristen.Tuosto@sanmanuel-nsn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2025 8:26 AM
To: Ben Roden <BenR@cvwdwater.com>; Raylene Borrego <Raylene.Borrego@sanmanuel-nsn.gov>
Cc: Tuan Truong <Tuant@cvwdwater.com>
Subject: RE: Response to AB52: Reservoir 6 and Almond Street Waterline Replacement Project, City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County; [SD-CVWD-2025-1]

Hello Ben,

Thank you for the reports, YSMN has received them, and I will get back to you shortly with our reply.

From:	THPO Consulting
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From: Tuan Truong
To: Tony DeLuca
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Subject: FW: CVWD Tribal Consultation Gabrielino Band of Indians
Date: Monday, October 20, 2025 3:11:10 PM
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Hi Tony,

Attached are the documents the District has received from Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians. It is my understanding that they are proposing mitigation measures and that a response letter is expected. Please review the documents and let me know if you are able to assist in drafting a response to their requests.

Thanks,
Tuan Truong, P.E.
Engineering Manager
Cucamonga Valley Water District
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From: Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Tuan Truong <Tuant@cvwdwater.com>
Subject: Re: CVWD Tribal Consultation Gabrielino Band of Indians

Hello Tuan Truong,

Please find below the substantial evidence submitted by the **Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation** in relation to your project. This documentation fulfills the legal requirement under the **California Government Code** and **Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130)** to establish our Tribe's cultural and ancestral affiliation to the project area.

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Please confirm receipt of these attachments.

On Mon, Oct 20, 2025 at 11:51 AM Gabrieleno Administration <admin@gabrielenoindians.org> wrote:

> Thank you for providing the project map
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> Best regards,
> Brandy Salas
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> Tribal Administrative Coordinator
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Legal Thresholds for "Substantial Evidence" in Tribal Consultation

RE: CEQA and AB 52 Tribal Consultation

Attn: Lead Agency Representative

This letter is submitted by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation to clarify the legal definition and threshold of "substantial evidence" as required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52). These statutes govern how Tribes are determined to be eligible for consultation and involvement in cultural resource protection.

I. Legal Definition of "Substantial Evidence"

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15384(a):

> *"Enough relevant information and reasonable inferences from that information that a fair argument can be made to support a conclusion, even though other conclusions might also be reached."*

In practical terms, "substantial evidence" is fact-based, documented proof, and not merely opinion or unverified narrative. Lead agencies are required to rely on this standard when determining which tribes have legal standing in consultation, mitigation, monitoring, and repatriation processes under CEQA and AB 52.

Valid examples of substantial evidence include:

- Archaeological records
- Historical documentation
- Spanish/Mexican land grant records and mission-era maps
- Genealogical data showing ancestral ties to the area
- Oral histories (when supported by documentation)
- Expert reports or peer-reviewed scholarly assessments

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II. What Does Not Qualify as Substantial Evidence?

The intent of CEQA and AB 52 is not to create symbolic inclusivity, but to ensure that only those tribes with documented, lineal, cultural, or ancestral affiliation to a project area are consulted. The law is clear: participation must be based on fact-based documentation, not preference, emotion, or assumption.

According to **CEQA Guidelines § 15384**:

> *"Substantial evidence shall include facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinion supported by facts."*

Conversely, **§ 15384(b) states**:

> *"Argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, evidence that is clearly inaccurate or erroneous, or evidence that is not credible shall not constitute substantial evidence."*

Invalid examples include:

1. Unsubstantiated Opinions – Generalized claims such as "we feel connected to this area" without accompanying documentation.
2. Speculative Assertions – Guesswork or assumptions without factual or historical support.
3. Form Letters or Equity-Based Requests – Requests made "in the spirit of respect" or for equitable inclusion with no specific tie to the site.
4. NAHC List Status Alone – Being listed on the NAHC Consultation Contact List does not establish cultural affiliation or descent. The NAHC has clarified this list is strictly for contact purposes.
5. Unverified or Fabricated Sources – Misrepresented or plagiarized documents, or third-party claims made without evidence.

Allowing participation based on such unsupported assertions undermines the legal foundation of CEQA, violates the rights of lineal descendant tribes, and puts the lead agency at legal risk.

III. Legal Precedent: *Koi Nation v. City of Clearlake* (2020)

This pivotal court case illustrates the legal requirement to honor substantial evidence. The Koi Nation provided maps, Tribal records, and historical evidence of its ancestral ties to a project site in Clearlake. The City dismissed the evidence and issued a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) instead of conducting full consultation.

The California Court of Appeal ruled in favor of the Koi Nation, concluding that:

- The Tribe met the substantial evidence standard, triggering the requirement for full CEQA review;
- The city violated CEQA by dismissing the evidence and failing to conduct proper consultation;

- The presence of substantial evidence that cultural resources may be affected required the preparation of an EIR.

Lead agencies are legally obligated to consult and coordinate with tribes that present documented, fact-based evidence of cultural affiliation to a project area. This case confirms that agencies may not substitute convenience, preference, or assumptions in place of the legal requirement to engage Tribes who provide substantial evidence of *ancestral* connection.

IV. Why This Matters

Pursuant to AB 52 and CEQA, consultation must be based on "substantial evidence" demonstrating a tribe's cultural or ancestral affiliation to the specific project area. Failure to apply the substantial evidence standard results in:

- Invalidation of tribal consultation efforts
- Potential CEQA litigation and project delays
- Legal and ethical harm to culturally affiliated tribes
- Risk of project rejection or reversal

V. The Position of the Kizh Nation

The Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation maintains and submits substantial archaeological, historical, genealogical, and cultural evidence of our ancestral presence in the Greater Los Angeles Basin and associated project areas. This documented affiliation compels our inclusion in all stages of consultation, monitoring, and cultural resource treatment.

We respectfully urge your agency to uphold CEQA and AB 52's legal standards and to reject unsupported claims that seek involvement based on speculative or generalized assertions. Inclusion in tribal consultation is a legal matter—not a discretionary one.

Should your agency require further documentation, expert testimony, or legal case references to support this position, we are available to provide additional materials upon request.

Respectfully,

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Monday, October 20, 2025

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Dear Tuan Truong,

Please find below the substantial evidence submitted by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation in relation to your project. This documentation fulfills the legal requirement under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Assembly Bill 130 to establish our Tribe's cultural and ancestral affiliation to the project area.

Before Spanish colonization, the area now known as Rancho Cucamonga was inhabited by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation, the original and ancestral people of the Los Angeles Basin, extending into portions of present-day San Bernardino County. The Kizh, known ancestrally as Quiichi, sustained thriving communities through intricate social, ecological, and ceremonial systems.

The Kizh people occupied a network of permanent and seasonal villages along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, including near San Antonio Creek and the Cucamonga alluvial fan. These areas provided abundant resources essential to daily life, including water, acorns, small and large game, fish, and native plants. The Kizh constructed dome-shaped homes (*kiiy*) from tule reeds and willow, practiced land stewardship through controlled burning and seasonal harvesting, and maintained extensive trade routes reaching the Channel Islands and coastal plains.

Ancestral Village and Natural Resources

The project area lies within proximity to the ancestral Kizh village of Wá'aachnga (Wa'aachnga), historically situated near present-day Cucamonga Creek and the San Gabriel foothills. This location provided continuous access to fresh water, fertile soils, and native plant life. The surrounding waterways, including Cucamonga Creek and San Antonio Wash, were vital to the Kizh Nation's sustenance, serving as sources for food, fiber, medicine, and ceremonial use.

The land was rich with oak groves, chia, yucca, sage, elderberry, and toyon, which the Kizh utilized for dietary, medicinal, and material needs. Through sustainable practices, the Kizh maintained ecological balance for thousands of years, ensuring that food and resources would be available for future generations. These natural systems were integral to their cultural and spiritual worldview, linking land, water, and community as one living entity.

Spanish and Rancho Period

With the establishment of Mission San Gabriel Arcángel in 1771, the Kizh Nation was among the first Indigenous people in California to experience missionization. Many Kizh families from the Cucamonga region were forcibly relocated to Mission San Gabriel, where they endured labor exploitation, cultural suppression, and displacement from their ancestral villages.

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Following the secularization of the missions, the Mexican government granted Rancho Cucamonga to Tiburcio Tapia in 1839. The rancho encompassed approximately 13,000 acres of former Kizh territory, including the lands once inhabited by the people of Wá'aachnga. Despite the drastic social changes imposed during the Rancho era, many Kizh descendants remained in the area, serving as laborers and keepers of the land. They continued to maintain intimate knowledge of local water sources, traditional gathering sites, and sacred places that persisted within the Rancho boundaries.

Archaeological and Cultural Resources

Archaeological investigations conducted within and around Rancho Cucamonga have revealed substantial evidence of continuous Indigenous occupation, confirming the Kizh Nation's deep ancestral presence in this region. Documented archaeological findings include:

- Lithic scatters and bedrock milling stations along Cucamonga Creek and Day Canyon, used for acorn and seed processing.
- Habitation sites and burials located near the San Antonio Wash, corresponding to ancestral village locations.
- Projectile points, shell beads, and ceramic fragments associated with the Late Prehistoric and Early Mission periods, reflecting long-term habitation and adaptation during European contact.

These cultural materials provide direct evidence of the Kizh Nation's historical and spiritual relationship with this landscape, reinforcing the significance of maintaining protection protocols during modern development.

Significance and Need for Onsite Tribal Monitoring

Given the abundant evidence of ancestral occupation and cultural sensitivity in the Rancho Cucamonga region, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation maintains its position as the lineal descendants and original stewards of this land. The Tribe respectfully requests that a qualified Kizh Nation tribal monitor be present during all ground-disturbing activities to ensure that any potential tribal cultural resources (TCRs) are protected and properly treated according to tribal cultural protocols and state law.

The Kizh Nation's mitigation measures are designed to protect irreplaceable cultural resources in accordance with Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These measures uphold both the integrity of sacred sites and the Tribe's sovereign responsibility to safeguard its ancestral heritage.

AB 130 Consultation and Mitigation Measures

Given the substantial evidence provided and the high sensitivity of these areas, Chairman Andrew Salas of the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation formally requests that the City of Rancho Cucamonga implement the Tribe's specific mitigation measures to ensure the protection and preservation of any cultural resources that may be discovered during ground disturbances. These measures have been carefully developed to uphold the integrity of sacred sites and ensure compliance with AB 130 consultation requirements.

The measures are specific to the Kizh Nation, reflecting the Tribe's unique historical, cultural, and ancestral ties to these lands. We respectfully request confirmation of receipt of this letter and a timely response outlining the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures. The Tribe looks forward to collaborating with the City of Rancho Cucamonga to ensure responsible stewardship of these culturally significant areas.

Respectfully,

Hereditary Chief Andrew Salas
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians–Kizh Nation

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GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS – KIZH NATION - PROPOSED TCR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Reservoir 6 & Almond St Waterline Replacement Project

TCR-1: Retain a Native American Monitor Prior to Commencement of Ground-Disturbing Activities

A. The project applicant/lead agency shall retain a Native American Monitor from or approved by the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation. The monitor shall be retained prior to the commencement of any "ground-disturbing activity" for the subject project at all project locations (i.e., both on-site and any off-site locations that are included in the project description/definition and/or required in connection with the project, such as public improvement work). "Ground-disturbing activity" shall include, but is not limited to, demolition, pavement removal, potholing, auguring, grubbing, tree removal, boring, grading, excavation, drilling, and trenching.
B. A copy of the executed monitoring agreement shall be submitted to the lead agency prior to the earlier of the commencement of any ground-disturbing activity, or the issuance of any permit necessary to commence a ground-disturbing activity.
C. The monitor will complete daily monitoring logs that will provide descriptions of the relevant ground-disturbing activities, the type of construction activities performed, locations of ground-disturbing activities, soil types, cultural-related materials, and any other facts, conditions, materials, or discoveries of significance to the Tribe. Monitor logs will identify and describe any discovered TCRs, including but not limited to, Native American cultural and historical artifacts, remains, places of significance, etc., (collectively, tribal cultural resources, or "TCR"), as well as any discovered Native American (ancestral) human remains and burial goods. Copies of monitor logs will be provided to the project applicant/lead agency upon written request to the Tribe.
D. On-site tribal monitoring shall conclude upon the latter of the following (1) written confirmation to the Kizh from a designated point of contact for the project applicant/lead agency that all ground-disturbing activities and phases that may involve ground-disturbing activities on the project site or in connection with the project are complete; or (2) a determination and written notification by the Kizh to the project applicant/lead agency that no future, planned construction activity and/or development/construction phase at the project site possesses the potential to impact Kizh TCRs.

TCR-2: Unanticipated Discovery of Tribal Cultural Resource Objects (Non-Funerary/Non-Ceremonial)

A. Upon discovery of any TCRs, all construction activities in the immediate vicinity of the discovery shall cease (i.e., not less than the surrounding 50 feet) and shall not resume until the discovered TCR has been fully assessed by the Kizh monitor and/or Kizh archaeologist. The Kizh will recover and retain all discovered TCRs in the form and/or manner the Tribe deems appropriate, in the Tribe's sole discretion, and for any purpose the Tribe deems appropriate, including for educational, cultural and/or historic purposes.

TCR-3: Unanticipated Discovery of Human Remains and Associated Funerary or Ceremonial Objects

A. Native American human remains are defined in PRC 5097.98 (d)(1) as an inhumation or cremation, and in any state of decomposition or skeletal completeness. Funerary objects, called associated grave goods in Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, are also to be treated according to this statute.
B. If Native American human remains and/or grave goods are discovered or recognized on the project site, then Public Resource Code 5097.9 as well as Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 shall be followed.
C. Human remains and grave/burial goods shall be treated alike per California Public Resources Code section 5097.98(d)(1) and (2).
D. Preservation in place (i.e., avoidance) is the preferred manner of treatment for discovered human remains and/or burial goods.
E. Any discovery of human remains/burial goods shall be kept confidential to prevent further disturbance.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Any/all revisions to the Kizh's proposed TCR Conditions of Approval set forth above must be requested in writing, and not more than ten (30) calendar days from the date that we consulted on the subject Project so that we can conclude consultation. Requested revisions shall be delivered to the Kizh via email at admin@gabrielenoindians.org, and in a Word document, redline format. Please include as the email subject: "REQUEST FOR MITIGATION REVISIONS," and identify the project name and location/address. If revisions are not requested within 10 calendar days of consultation, the Kizh's proposed Conditions of Approval are presumed accepted as proposed (i.e., as set forth above).

The laws preserving the confidentiality of Native American documents and records prohibits the inclusion of any information about the location of Native American artifacts, sites, sacred lands, or any other information that is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act. (Cal. Code Regs. § 15120(d) Rocklin (2011) 197 Cal.App.4th 200, at p. 220. Please be advised that these protective Conditions

of Approval are property of the KIZH Nation Tribal government and no other entity or Tribal government nor should they be utilized for any other Tribal government or entity and are protected under the AB52 confidentiality act During AB 52/AB 130/SB 18 consultation, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation provided substantial evidence: (1) confirming their direct ancestral connection to and cultural affiliation with the geographic area that encompasses the subject project; and (2) establishing their expertise of known and undiscovered tribal cultural resources located in the project's geographic area. Therefore, the parties acknowledge and agree that the project's impacts to tribal cultural resources will be mitigated by and through the Kizh Nation's tribal monitoring for all ground-disturbing project-related activities. To ensure fulfillment and compliance with the law and policy contemplated by CEQA, NEPA, CERCLA, and other relevant state and federal legislation, the parties further agree that the Kizh Nation's expertise of the tribal cultural resources located in the project's geographic area shall not be implemented by another entity without the prior written consent of the Kizh Nation.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.