

Vargas, Donald A

From: Contreras, Destiny M
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 7:50 AM
To: Vargas, Donald A
Subject: FW: AB 52 Consultation for the Cook Street Substation Project

Good Morning Donald,

I received this email from the Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe.

Thank you



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Good morning,

This email is to inform you that the Historic Preservation Office of the Ft. Yuma Quechan Tribe does not wish to comment on this project. We defer to the local Tribes and support their determinations on this matter.

Email correspondence is the preferred method of communication with this office. Hard copies of project letters are not required if an email containing the project documents has been sent to the Historic Preservation Office.

Jill

H. Jill McCormick, M.A.

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May 7, 2025

Geoffrey P. Holbrook
General Counsel
Imperial Irrigation District

Re: Assembly Bill 52 Consultation for the Cook Street Substation Project

Dear Geoffrey P. Holbrook:

The Pala Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office has received your notification of the project referenced above. This letter constitutes our response on behalf of Robert Smith, Tribal Chairman.

We have consulted our maps and determined that the project as described is not within the boundaries of the recognized Pala Indian Reservation. It is, however, within the boundaries of the territory that the tribe considers its Traditional Use Area (TUA) or it is situated in close proximity to the Reservation and information generated would likely be useful in better understanding regional culture and history. However, we decline AB-52 consultation at this time, but do not waive our right to request consultation under other applicable laws in the future.

We appreciate involvement with your initiative and look forward to working with you on future efforts. Pala is now offering tribal monitoring services. If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the THPO Office by e-mail at THPO@palatribe.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shasta C. Gaughen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shasta C. Gaughen, PhD
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
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TO: Destiny M. Contreras, Clerical Technician

FROM: Brandon Walter, Cultural Resources Manager

DATE: Friday, May 30, 2025

RE: AB 52 Consultation for the Cook Street Substation Project

Greetings Ms. Contreras,

The Cocopah Indian Tribe acknowledges your request for consultation pursuant to the regulations governing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Tribe considers the federal, state, and local governments' responsibility to safeguard Cocopah cultural heritage and that of other Colorado River Indigenous Nations critical to upholding their legal commitments to Indigenous Nations and the American public.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe has the following comments:

- 1) The traditional homelands of the Cocopah people are outside the project area, and the Cocopah Indian Tribe is consequently deferring to the Indigenous Nations whose ancestral lands are in the vicinity of the project area. No further communication to the Cocopah Indian Tribe will be required for this project.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe supports all consultations with Indigenous Nations and encourages the Imperial Irrigation District to make every effort to address the concerns of the affected tribes.

Please contact Brandon Walter, Cultural Resources Manager, at walterb@cocopah.gov or 928-722-7521 with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon S. Walter".

Brandon Walter

Cultural Resources Manager



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May 16, 2025

[VIA EMAIL TO:dmcontreras@iid.com]
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Re: Cook Street Substation

Dear Destiny Contreras,

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) appreciates your efforts to include the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) in the Cook Street Substation project. The project area is not located within the boundaries of the ACBCI Reservation. However, it is within the Tribe's Traditional Use Area. For this reason, the ACBCI THPO requests the following:

- *Formal government to government consultation under California Assembly Bill No. 52 (AB-52).
- *A cultural resources inventory of the project area by a qualified archaeologist prior to any development activities in this area.
- *Copies of any cultural resource documentation (report and site records) generated in connection with this project.
- *A copy of the records search with associated survey reports and site records from the information center.

Again, the Agua Caliente appreciates your interest in our cultural heritage. If you have questions or require additional information, please call me at (760) 423-3485. You may also email me at ACBCI-THPO@aguacaliente.net.

Cordially,

Xitlaly Madrigal
Cultural Resources Analyst
Tribal Historic Preservation Office
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OF CAHUILLA INDIANS