

Comment Letter I14

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ATT: PDS PROJECT MANAGER: ASHLEY, GUNGLE RE: COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIR: JACUMBA SOLAR
 MAJOR USE PERMIT, PDS 2014-MUP-14-041; PDSS2014-ER-22-001

To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the Jacumba Solar Energy Project requested a list of tribes and contacts from the NAHC. I should have been on the contact list, but never received any letter of consultation from the Jacumba Solar Energy Project. I have previously worked on numerous projects throughout the Jacumba region, the Sunrise Powerlink,

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The Eco Substation and survey for the National Register for Historic Places nomination (on Sunrise Powerlink). I am a tribal member of the Campo Band of Mission Indians. I have worked in both repatriation and cultural resources consultation for the past 21 years. In addition I work at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum as the Cultural Collections Programs Manager. My family members have lived in the Jacumba region historically. Any projects that pertain to this area are of concern to me. At the Imperial Valley Desert Museum, I have worked on curation on the Sunrise Powerlink, Southwest Powerlink and the Eco Substation. All of which cross through the Jacumba area. The integrity of all projects that connect these traditional cultural properties is significant and needs to be taken into account.

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I am a team member of the permanent exhibit at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum which interprets the local Kumeyaay historical/prehistorical existence. I think it is important that any cultural resources collected remain in the local region to maintain physical and informational integrity. The Imperial Valley Desert Museum is an approved federal curation facility and also closest to Jacumba Most Likely Descendants. At the IVDM, we have MLD board members, elders visitors and will have tribal curatorial training conducted here.

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Please consider these my comments on the Environmental Impact Review.

Sincerely,

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Response to Comment Letter I14

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 June 1, 2015

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The commenter identifies that he has not been involved in Native American consultation related to the project. County staff requested a Sacred Lands check from the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). The NAHC response included a list of tribes; however, the Campo Band, of which the commenter is a member, was not identified as a Native American group in which the County should contact. County staff has responded to the request for consultation. The comment is not at variance with the environmental document; therefore no changes were made to CEQA documentation as a result of this comment.

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The commenter states that “the integrity of all projects (Sunrise Powerlink, Southwest Powerlink, and the Eco Substation) that connect these traditional cultural properties (Jacumba area) is significant and needs to be taken into account.” As identified in Section 2.3.3.1 of the Draft EIR, the cumulative study area includes southeastern San Diego County and southwestern Imperial County and was selected because these areas include the relatively undeveloped portions of the ancestral Kumeyaay territory, and those rural areas outside of the historically developed urban population centers in San Diego and southwestern Imperial County.

	<p>The EIR analyzed the project’s contribution to cumulative impacts and it was determined that the implementation of the project would not contribute to a significant cumulative impact to cultural resources. See Section 2.3.3 (Cumulative Impact Analysis) for details related to the cumulative analysis. No changes were made to the environmental document as a result of this comment.</p> <p>I14-3 The commenter requests that “any cultural resources collected remain in the local region to maintain physical and informational integrity.” The project is conditioned with the disposition of artifacts as follows:</p> <p>Prehistoric</p> <p>Provide evidence that all Prehistoric archaeological materials collected during the survey, testing, and grading monitoring program have been submitted to a San Diego curation facility or a culturally affiliated Native American Tribal curation facility that meets federal standards per 36 CFR Part 79, and, therefore, would be professionally curated and made available to other archaeologists/researchers for further study.</p> <p>Historic</p> <p>Historic materials shall be curated at a San Diego curation facility and shall not be curated at a Tribal curation facility.</p> <p>No changes were made to the environmental document as a result of this comment.</p>
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