

T-1 VIEJAS TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

- T-1-1** The comment provides an introduction to comments that follow. The comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required or provided.
- T-1-2** The comment states the Project Area may contain sacred sites to the Kumeyaay people and requests the sacred sites be avoided. The County notes that, in discussions with Viejas, the comment is meant to be general and intended to address inadvertent discoveries of sacred sites. Impact to sacred sites were analyzed in the Section 2.11, Tribal Cultural Resources of the Draft EIR, specifically Section 2.11.2. Section 2.11, Tribal Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR analyzes whether the Proposed Project would have an adverse effect on tribal cultural resources. The assessment in the Draft EIR is based on Native American consultation and Appendix 2.5-1, Cultural Resources Technical Report. The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the Preserve Trails Option could result in a potentially significant indirect effect to tribal cultural resources (Impact TCR-1). As discussed in the Draft EIR, mitigation measure M-TCR-1 would reduce this impact to less than significant. No tribal cultural resources have been identified during the cultural evaluation or through government-to-government consultation. Should any such resources be identified during construction, compliance with mitigation measures including M-CR-2, M-CR-3, and M-TCR-1 would avoid, protect, and minimize impacts to the extent feasible (see Draft EIR Sections 2.5.5, 2.5.6, 2.11.5, and 2.11.6). Implementation of these measures would reduce potentially significant impacts to sacred sites and archaeological resources to less than significant.
- T-1-3** The comment requests that all NEPA/CEQA/Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act laws be followed. The comment also requests Viejas be contacted immediately on any changes or inadvertent discoveries. The County notes the Proposed Project has been analyzed in compliance with all applicable laws. Section 2.5.1.4, Regulatory Setting, of the Draft EIR discusses the regulatory setting for analyzing impacts to Cultural Resources. Section 2.11.1.6 of the Draft EIR discusses the regulatory setting regarding analyzing impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required or provided.
- T-1-4** The comment provides concluding remarks. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required or provided.

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