

COMMENTS

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Comment Letter O5

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RE: Notice of Extended Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report, General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan, and Draft Habitat Loss Permit for the Harmony Grove Village South Project

Ms. Michelle Irace:

This letter is sent on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians. We have received the notice of June 2, 2017 regarding the above named project. The identified project location is within the historic Luiseno Territory and it is also situated within Rincon's specific area of cultural interest. Embedded in the Luiseno Territory are Rincon's history, culture, and identity.

Rincon previously commented on this project to your office via our letters of October 21, 2015 and July 17, 2015. As the Draft EIR identified numerous cultural resources within the vicinity of the project, and as the project is in our Traditional Use Area, we believe there is the potential for cultural findings, including inadvertent discoveries. We agree with the Draft EIR's stated cultural impacts at Impact CR-1 and Impact CR-2 and we support mitigation measures M-CR-1 and M-CR-2 requiring archaeological monitoring and Luiseno Native American monitoring for the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and to preserve and protect our Luiseno cultural heritage.

Sincerely,

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Cultural Resources Manager  
Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians

Bo Mazzetti Tribal Chairman    Tishmall Turner Vice Chairwoman    Steve Stallings Council Member    Laurie E. Gonzalez Council Member    Alfonso Kolb, Sr. Council Member

O5-1

Response to Comment O5-1

The comment acknowledges the receipt, as well as accepting the impacts and mitigation measures under Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources (Subchapter 2.4), of the EIR. The comment will be included as part of the administrative record and made available to the decision makers prior to the final decision on the Proposed Project.