Response to Comment Letter S2

Native American Heritage Commission
Dave Singleton
January 22, 2014

The County of San Diego appreciates this comment. The proposed project is conditioned with an archaeological monitoring program that includes both a County approved archaeologist and Kumeyaay Native American monitor. The monitoring program requires curation of artifacts at a San Diego County curation facility or culturally affiliated Tribal curation facility. In lieu of curation, the prehistoric artifacts may be returned to a culturally affiliated Native American Tribe. A final report will also be required whether the monitoring is positive or negative. A copy of the final report will be forwarded to the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and confidential information will not be made available for public disclosure. No revisions to the environmental document are required based on this comment.
The County concurs with this comment and has engaged in appropriate tribal consultation. Letters to the NAHC were sent on November 7, 2011, and the NAHC replied on November 18, 2011. Additional letters to tribal contacts were sent on June 18, 2012, July 5, 2012, and March 5, 2012. Furthermore, the County initiated SB-18 consultation on April 10, 2014. The NAHC replied on April 11, 2014 and letters requesting input from the Native American community were forwarded on April 14, 2014. To date, no response has been received from any contacted Tribe. No revisions to the environmental document are required based on this comment.

The County concurs with this comment. The Archaeological Monitoring condition includes language that avoidance of cultural sites including sacred sites should be considered first. If avoidance is not feasible, then data recovery is identified as an appropriate measure. Furthermore, the Monitoring Program also includes the requirement that State Law be followed in the event that human remains are discovered. No revisions to the environmental document are required based on this comment.
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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American tribes with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SOLAR SODA Notification of Completion (DEN) by the Solar Solar Development Program Environmental Impact Report Project, located in the Boulevard-Temecula area of eastern San Diego County, California.
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