

## 8.2.2 Tribal Comments and Responses

The following Native American Tribes have submitted comments on the Draft EIR.

**Table 8.2.2-2. Tribal Comment Documents Received**

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians</b> Letter dated: July 31, 2025	T1	36190 Church Road, Suite 1 Campo CA 91906 United States <i>Contact: Daniel Tsosie, Cultural Resources Manager</i>
<b>Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation</b> Letter dated: September 15, 2025	T2	PO Box 1302 Boulevard CA 91905 <i>Contact: Veronica Santos, Fiscal Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer</i>

**From:** [Daniel Tsosie](#)  
**To:** [Koutoufidis, Nicholas](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR for the Starlight Solar Project (PDS2022-MUP-22-010)  
**Date:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 5:35:06 PM

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Received, thank you.

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**From:** Koutoufidis, Nicholas <Nicholas.Koutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2025 3:53:36 PM  
**Subject:** Notice of Availability for the Draft EIR for the Starlight Solar Project (PDS2022-MUP-22-010)

Hello,

Please see the attached Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Starlight Solar project (PDS2022-MUP-22-010).

I am also reaching out to make sure that you receive a link to the DEIR public disclosure website below for the Starlight Solar project. Hard copy notices have also been mailed out to the individuals that previously provided mailing addresses.

Public Disclosure Website:  
[Starlight Solar \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Nick Koutoufidis, MBA**  
Land Use & Environmental Planner | He/Him/His  
County of San Diego | Planning & Development Services  
~~Phone: (619) 356-8348~~ | Email: [Nicholas.Koutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Koutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov)  
**New Number: (619) 340-5481**

**8.2.2.1      *Response to Comment Letter T1 from Members of the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians (dated July 31, 2025)***

Comment No.	Response
T1-1	This comment confirms that the Draft EIR was received by the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians. No comments regarding the environmental effects of the project were included in the letter; therefore, no changes to the Draft EIR were determined to be necessary in response to this comment.

**From:** Veronica Santos veronicasantos@manzanita-nsn.gov  
**To:** NicholasKoutoufidis1 Nicholas.Koutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov  
**Subject:** [External] Starlight Solar Project  
**Date:** Mon, 15 Sep 2025 17:54:45 -0700  
Hi Nicholas,

My name is Veronica Santos and I am the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer here at the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation in Boulevard, Ca. We would like to request government to government consultation on this solar project. Please let me know a few dates that you have available.

T2-1

Thank you,

Veronica Santos  
Fiscal Officer  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation  
W:619-766-4930 ex 1004  
C:619-204-7514

### **8.2.2.2 Response to Comment Letter T2 from Members of the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (dated September 15, 2025)**

Comment No.	Response
T2-1	<p>The commenter requests government to government consultation between the Tribe and the County regarding the proposed project, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 52.</p> <p>The Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation were noticed on February 15, 2023, by email and certified mail of the project. The request for consultation was required by March 24, 2023. No response was received within the specified AB 52 timeline. In response to their request for consultation that came outside of the AB 52 consultation period, County staff met with the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation on September 29, 2025, to discuss the details of the project. No comments regarding the environmental effects of the project were presented at the September 29 meeting or included in the letter; therefore, no changes to the Draft EIR were determined to be necessary in response to this comment.</p>

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