TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS
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Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) and Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)

COMMENT FORM

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1	iii	9	4			The Torres Martinez desert Cahuilla Indians (Tribe) would like to expand on the information that was provided in our letter dated August 2, 2012. We initially, identified our lands as "Cultural Resources Sensitivity" areas. We understand that this identification may be interpreted to mean that the lands are not open for energy development. Contrary to that, the Tribe wishes to make clear that we encourage and support renewable energy proposals for development in our Tribal lands. Hence, at this time, we request that the Desert Renewable Energy Development Plan identify our lands as "Open For Development" so that the Tribe may determine development on a case by case basis. Please note that the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians Tribe's mission is to assure the protection and preservation of our Tribal heritage for the cultural stability of present and future

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						generations. Therefore, it is critical for the Tribe to protect and preserve all sacred sites within the defined area known as the Tribe's Traditional Ancestral Territory. In order to protect the Tribe's sacred sites and cultural resources, the Tribe shall not disclose any such locations to the public. In any development of the Tribe's resources, the Tribe will require the following actions: 1.) Acknowledgement and respect for the Tribe's cultural and spiritual values/rights, customs, and traditions. 2.) Meaningful government-to-government consultation with the Tribe. 3.) Confidentiality. 4.) The Tribe shall determine importance and interest. 5.) Tribal partnership in management and protection. 6.) Process for acquisition, conservation and /or repatriation As explained above, we will address the issues in-house with potential developers. Please continue to work with our staff and cultural consultant on these matters. The primary contact person is Gary Resvaloso, Tribal MLD and the alternate is Robert Powell, GIS Analyst. The contact number is (760) 397-0300.

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