



AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

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California Energy Commission
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DOCKET 05-AFC-3
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Re: Sun Valley Energy Project- Docket Number 05-AFC-3

Dear Mr. Bartsch:

Even though the proposed project is not located within the boundary of the Augustine Reservation, there is potential that the development might impact properties of traditional religious and cultural significance to the Augustine Band.

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians is part of the Cahuilla Indians groups who lived in south-central California. Historically, the Cahuilla occupied most of the area, from the summit of the San Bernardino Mountains to the north to Borrego Springs and the Chocolate Mountains in the south, a portion of the Colorado Desert west of Orocopia Mountains to the east, and the San Jacinto Plain near Riverside and the eastern slopes of Palomar Mountain to the west.

Although we might not be aware of any Native American resources or sacred sites located at or near the project at this moment, the Tribe recommends that other Tribes in the vicinity be contacted and that there should be a Native American Monitor on site during the ground breaking activities. In addition, the Tribe reserves the right to be notified of any potential discovery and request that the follow-up of any finding on site be submitted to the Tribe for further action.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kenneth Doran Tribal Coordinator at (760) 365-1373.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Green, Tribal Chairperson

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