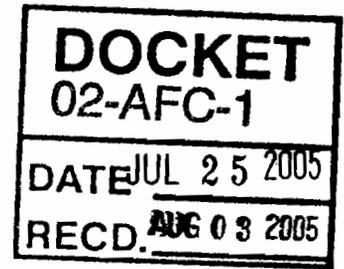




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SUBJECT: Proposed Blythe Energy Project, Phase II.

Dear Ms. Gaubatz:

The Western Area Power Administration (Western) appreciated the receipt of your comments. The Blythe II Energy Power Plant (Blythe II) will be sited on acreage previously inventoried for the Blythe I Energy Power Plant (Blythe I). The project location was included as the expansion of the Blythe I Power Plant Site, which included an additional 10-acre lay-down area and another adjacent 66-acre area to the initial 76-acre project area for the Blythe I Power Plant. This additional area will now be utilized by Caithness Blythe II, LLC for the construction of a second power plant (Blythe II). This proposed second power plant would be located southwest of the existing Blythe I Power Plant. The project is located in Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, SBM&B, U.S.G.S. Ripley 7.5' quadrangle, Riverside County, California (enclosure).

The following tribes have been contacted that could have possible interest in the project area.

- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Augustine Band of Mission Indians
- Cabazon Band of Indian Tribes
- Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians
- Campo Band of Mission Indians
- Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribe
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hualapai Indian Tribe
- Kaibab-Paiute Indian Tribe
- Manzanita Band of Mission Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- The Hopi Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
- Viejas Band of Kumeyaay
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

The following surveys were conducted for Blythe I Energy Project, which covered the area considered for the Blythe II Energy Project.

Pigniolo, Andrew, Michael Baksh and John Dietler

1999 "Cultural Resource Survey for the Blythe Energy Project, Riverside County, California."

Pigniolo, Andrew and Stephanie Murray

2001 "Cultural Resource Survey Report for the Expansion and Laydown Area of the Blythe Energy Project, Riverside County, California."

Pigniolo, Andrew and Stephanie Murray

2002 "Cultural Resource Survey Report for the Riverside County Power, 76-Acre Expansion Site, Riverside County, California."

Pigniolo, Andrew

2002 "Addendum to Cultural Resource Survey Report for the Riverside County Power, 76-Acre Expansion Site, Riverside County, California."

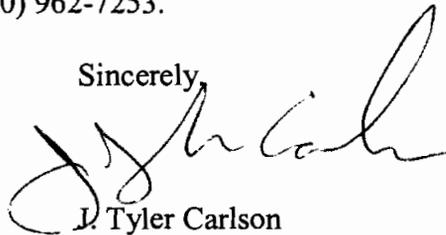
This acreage was previously consulted on with the California State Historic Preservation Office in several letters and a Memorandum of Agreement for a historic World War II dumpsite located in the aforementioned surveys.

Western has been working simultaneously with the California Energy Commission (CEC) for our NEPA requirement. The CEC's Final Staff Assessment is Western's Draft Environmental Assessment for the project. Western will assure that Caithness Blythe II, LLC provides for the accidental discovery of Native American human remains or cemeteries in the mitigation plans.

Previously for the Blythe I Energy Power Plant the CEC had contacted your staff to obtain a list of Native Americans to contact regarding the project. Your office provided names for contact for Riverside County. Western at this time is not certain what additional information you would be able to provide beyond what has already been received, but would be happy if you would like to provide a Sacred Lands File search of the project area and any additional information on tribal contacts in the project vicinity.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please contact Ms. Alison Jarrett at (602) 605-2434 or Ms. Mary Barger at (720) 962-7253.

Sincerely,



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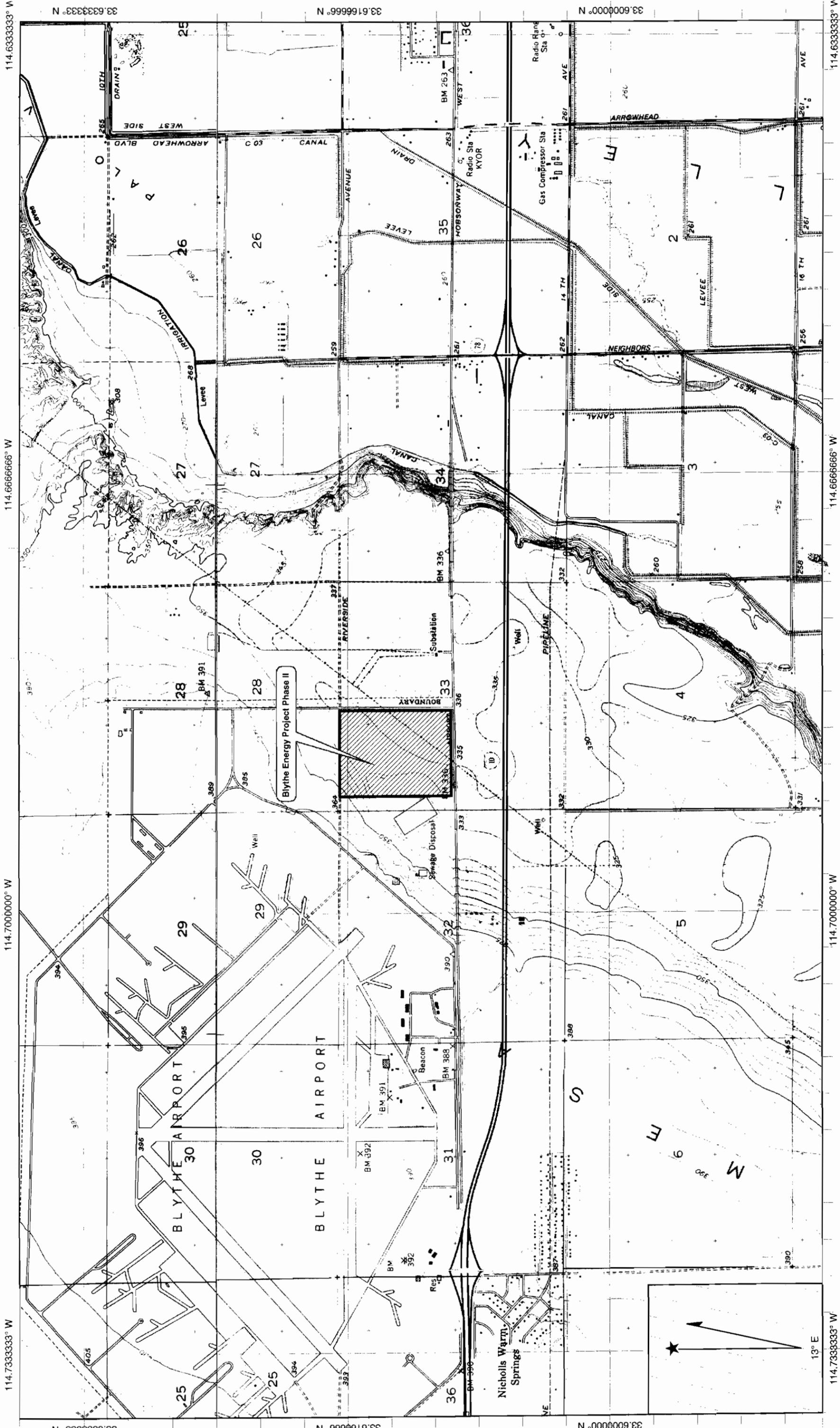
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