



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



Richard J. Bruckner
Director

DATE: May 1, 2014

TO: Esther L. Valadez, Chair
Laura Shell, Vice Chair
David W. Louie, Commissioner
Curt Pedersen, Commissioner
Pat Modugno, Commissioner

FROM: Samuel Z. Dea
Section Head, Special Projects

SUBJECT: **PROJECT NOS. R2011-00833-(5), R2011-00798-(5), R2011-00799-(5),
R2011-00807-(5), R2011-00801-(5), R2011-00805-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NOS. 201100079, 201100070, 201100071,
201100076, 201100072, 201100074
ZONE CHANGE NO. 2011000109
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 201100109
SILVERADO POWER WEST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROJECTS 1-6
AGENDA ITEMS 6-11**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 5th District Supervisor, Michael D. Antonovich requested that the Silverado Power West, Los Angeles County Projects 1-6 public hearing scheduled for May 7, 2014, be continued to a date certain that would include attendance by the 5th District Commissioner, Pat Modugno, who is not able to attend the May 7, 2014 public hearing. Consequently, staff recommends that the May 7, 2014 public hearing be continued to June 11, 2014.

Additional comment letters regarding the Silverado Power Projects 1-6 have been received and are attached including an additional letter from representatives of the Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, and letters from the public.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Kim Szalay at (213) 974-4876, or, by email at kszalay@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments: Additional Comment Letters



Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation

Larry J. Ortega Sr.
Tribal President

*Tribal Historic & Cultural
Preservation Committee*
Steve Ortega
Chairman
Berta Pleitez

March 6, 2014

Carolina Blengini
County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning
Special Projects Section, Room 1362
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Silverado Power West Project

Dear Carolina Blengini,

The Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians thanks you for the request of consultation for your proposed project. Your project has been identified as breaking ground in traditional Tataviam tribal lands and may disturb culturally sensitive deposits.

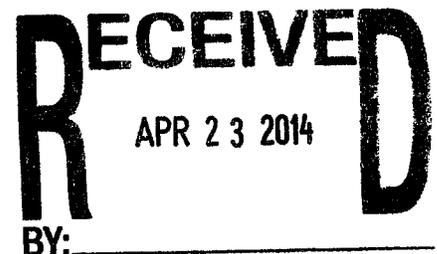
In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, consultation with the tribe is legally mandated. Failure to comply with the minimum consultation requirement will result in the notification of such to applicable lead agencies. Moreover, it is required that federal agencies consult with tribal authorities before permitting archaeological excavations on tribal lands (16 U.S.C. §§ 470aa–470mm). Additionally, it is necessary to protect and preserve the access to all, if any, sites the tribe believes sacred (42 U.S.C. § 1996). As expressed in 14. Cal.Code Regs §15064.5, if significant Native American artifacts that meet the definition of a “historical resource” are found, work shall not resume until the archaeologist has recovered them for the tribal monitor.

Please contact our offices so we can begin consultation. The Tataviam charge standard fees to fund the necessary and extensive research required to fulfill your needs. Attached is information regarding our consultation rates.

Regular updates in regards to your project would be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to working with you on this matter to the satisfaction of all those involved

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gulley
Tribal Historic and Cultural Preservation
cgulley@tataviam-nsn.us



TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES SERVICES

The Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) has the necessary qualifications, experience and abilities to provide Native Monitoring for scared lands and burial sites to the Client. Also the Tribe is prepared to work with the Client to provide any and all documentation needed to facilitate permit process. The Tribe is agreeable to provide Native Monitoring and Consulting on the terms and conditions as set out in this Agreement.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Native Monitoring and Consulting

The Tribe would provide the services consisting of Tribal Consulting and Monitoring (the "Services"), and the Tribe would also provide the services if agree upon duration the solid disturbance of the project.

2. Compensation

For the Services provided by the Tribe will pay to the Tribe in accordance to the Fee Structure. Compensation will be set upon terms agree by both interested parties as the Services are render.

3. Fee Structure

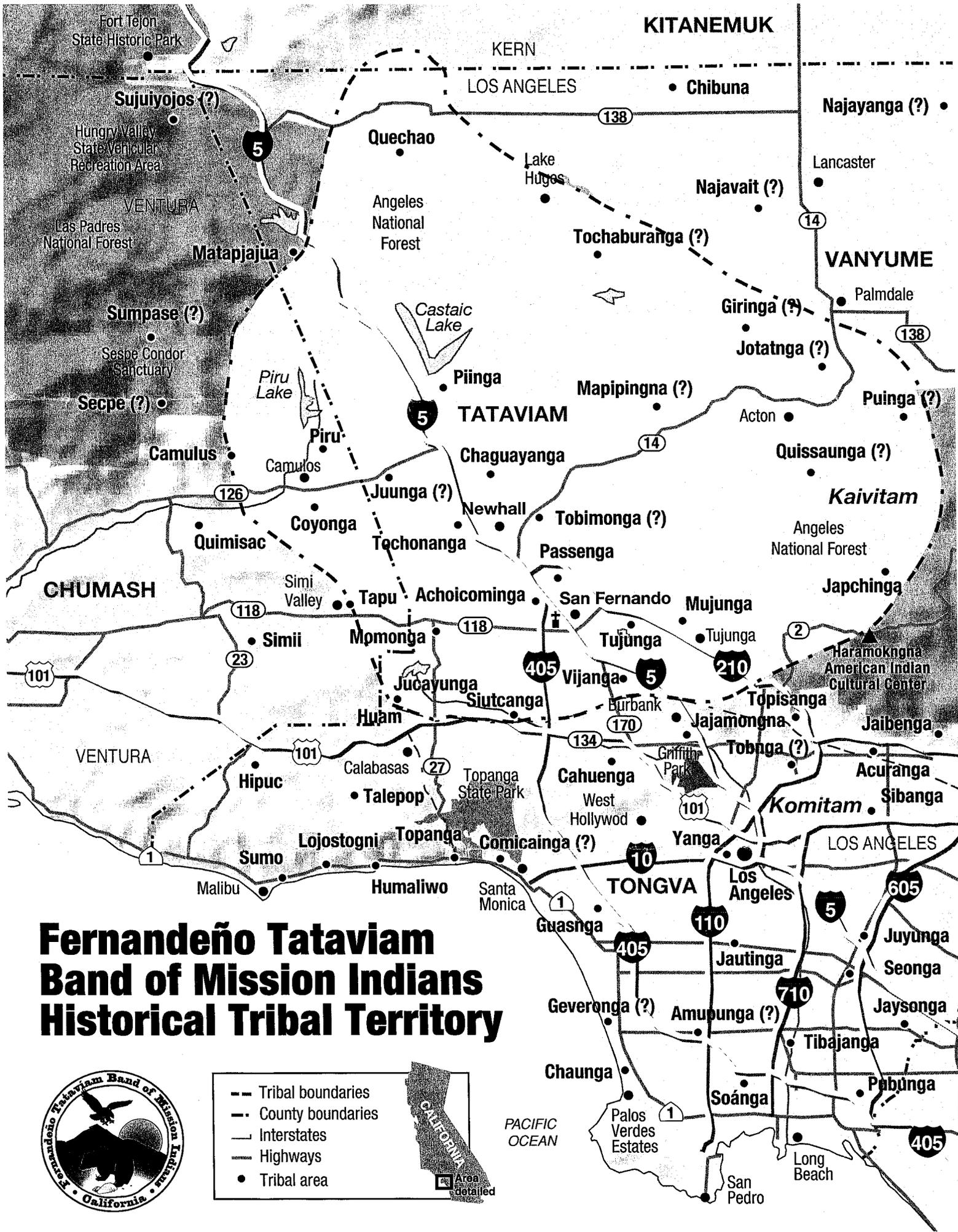
Time spent on the project by professional, monitor, and clerical personnel will be billed hourly. The following ranges of hourly rates for various categories of personnel are currently in effect:

<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Category</u>
\$75	Consultation
\$55	Monitoring
\$35	Clerical

Hourly rates will be adjusted semi-annually to reflect changes in the cost-of-living index as published. If overtime for nonprofessional personnel is required, the premium differential figured at time and one-half of their regular hourly rates are charged at direct cost to the project. Unless otherwise stated, any cost estimate presented in a proposal is for budgetary purposes only, and is not a fixed price.

4. Capacity/Independent Contractor

It is expressly agreed that the Tribe would be acting as an independent contractor and not as an employee in providing the Services hereunder.



Fernandeano Tataviam Band of Mission Indians Historical Tribal Territory



- Tribal boundaries
- - - County boundaries
- Interstates
- Highways
- Tribal area

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LANCASTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 24, 2014

Esther L. Valadez
Chair, Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioner Valadez,

I am writing on behalf of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce to express support for Silverado Power's six proposed Solar Generating Facilities (SGFs) located in the Antelope Valley in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The projects will have a combined generating capacity of 172 megawatts, enough electricity to power more than 51,000 homes. The projects will produce a local source of clean, renewable energy, help the County meet its ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and help meet state mandates to produce 33% renewable power by 2020.

Los Angeles County has been hard hit by the recession and construction jobs in the region have decreased by 26 percent since 2007. Silverado's projects will create approximately 40 to 150 construction jobs at each site. Eighty-five percent of construction work is expected to come from the local workforce and many of the construction subcontracts will be assigned to firms based in the region. In addition, the projects have the potential to introduce millions of dollars into the local economy through construction materials purchases and tax revenue. This is economic stimulus our region desperately needs.

Silverado has worked closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, state and local agencies, community groups and area residents to ensure the projects are developed in a responsible manner. Silverado's proposed projects have negligible environmental impacts, provide direct access to existing transmission infrastructure, and enable the development of cost-effective projects to deliver clean, renewable, domestically-produced energy to the region.

Silverado Power is an established solar developer with an excellent reputation for responsible solar development in the Antelope Valley. We appreciate the outreach efforts that Silverado has undertaken and we look forward to them being a part of our community. The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce encourages the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission to approve the Conditional Use Permits for the six projects.

Sincerely,

Sandy Smith
Chief Operating Officer
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce



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Department of Regional Planning

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April 30, 2014

Richard J. Bruckner
Director

Ms. Annella Whitehead
44505 90th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

Dear Ms. Whitehead:

**SILVERADO POWER WEST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS 1 - 6**

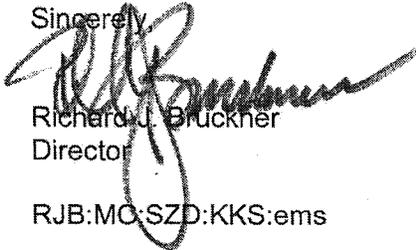
Thank you for your recent correspondence to Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich regarding the public hearing process for the Silverado Power West, Los Angeles County Solar Energy Projects (Projects 1-6). Supervisor Antonovich has requested that the Department of Regional Planning respond to you directly with a copy to his office.

At this time staff is providing case materials, including your letter, for distribution to the Regional Planning Commission for the upcoming public hearing. The public hearing was originally scheduled and noticed for 9:00 a.m., May 7, 2014, at the downtown hearing room located at 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Room 150. The hearing will be continued to Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at the downtown hearing room. You are welcome to testify on either date, although no decision will be made on the matter until the June 11 hearing date. The department is also exploring the possibility of remote testimony from our Lancaster field office on June 11. If this interests you, please contact staff for further details.

Your questions about air quality, health, and safety are addressed in the Environmental Impact Report, within the conditions of project approval, and in the mitigation monitoring and reporting program required as part of the conditions of project approval. A link to these documents is as follows: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/silverado/>.

We appreciate your input and look forward to hearing from you regarding the public hearing on these projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Kim Szalay of my staff at (213) 974-4876 or by e-mail at specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Bruckner
Director

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c: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich (Edel Vizcarra, Norm Hickling)

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Director

April 30, 2014

TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich
Fifth Supervisorial District

Attention: Edel Vizcarra
Norm Hickling

FROM: Richard J. Bruckner
Director

**RESPONSE TO MS. ANNELLA WHITEHEAD REGARDING THE SILVERADO
POWER WEST, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS 1 - 6**

Attached is a copy of our response to Ms. Annella Whitehead regarding the Silverado Power West, Los Angeles County Solar Energy Projects 1 - 6. I trust this meets with your approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Kim Szalay of my staff at (213) 974-4876 or by e-mail at specialprojects@planning.lacounty.gov.

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SZD:KKS:ems

Attachment

Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR

April 11, 2014

Ms. Annella Whitehead
44505 90th Street West
Lancaster, CA 93536

Dear Ms. Whitehead:

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

By copy of this letter, I am asking that Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of the Department of Regional Planning, look into your concerns and respond directly to you, with a copy of his response to my Antelope Valley office.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Supervisor

MDA:cbd

c: Mr. Richard Bruckner ✓

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BY: _____

April 1, 2014
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich
Antelope Valley
1113 W. Avenue M-4, Suite A
Palmdale, CA 93551

Re: Silverado West, Los Angeles County Project Panel

To whom it may concern.

I live at 44505 90th St. West, Lancaster. I am deeply concerned about the Solar Projects slated for construction around my home. Not only is this address my place of residence, it is the headquarters of All Nations International and Sommer Haven Ranch. These organizations host community projects such as gardening, animal husbandry; offer Religious Training and educational workshops; and provide sanctuary for local and international individuals seeking personal refreshment.

During construction of the Solar Projects, the digging of the dirt will unearth bacteria and mold spores. With the winds this is going to be a major health hazard. This affects people as well as our livestock.

- After construction the land will still be exposed continuing to affect the air quality.
- This raises an alarm, as there have been reports of an increase of Valley Fever in the surrounding areas.
- The sites will also have large equipment and heavy machinery along our street, posing a danger to us and those who come for volunteer work and seminar training.
- One of our elderly staff already has breathing difficulties, this situation will only exacerbate these situations.

My petition is:

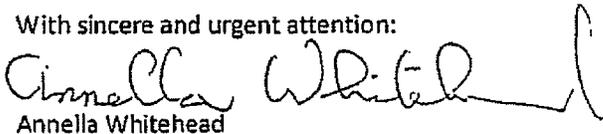
A. Apply specific methods to keep dust at a minimum during construction of all the proposed solar construction.

B. Provide our property with continued ability to protect it from the dust during and after construction.

Maybe: A tree barrier along the perimeters of our property.
A mister system around the houses to settle the dust.
Or other means to have good air quality.

This will of course have to be maintained for the life of the solar projects.

With sincere and urgent attention:


Annella Whitehead