



GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS — KIZH NATION  
Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

**Request for formal notification of proposed projects within the Gabrieleno/Kizh Tribe's geographic area of traditional, ancestral and cultural affiliation**

July 2016

In accordance with AB52<sup>1</sup> the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation is the tribe traditionally and culturally affiliated with the area within your agency's geographic area of jurisdiction. We are requesting formal notice of and information on proposed projects for which your agency will serve as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).<sup>1</sup> Andrew Salas, Tribal Chairman, is the Tribe's lead contact person for the purposes of receiving notices of proposed projects from your agency. We will respond within the 30 day period prescribed<sup>1</sup> to mitigate any impacts a specific project may cause to tribal cultural resources. Please send all notices via certified US Mail with return receipt to:

Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation  
Attn: Andrew Salas, chairman  
PO Box 393  
Covina, CA 91723  
cell: (626)926-4131  
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The attached map shows the boundaries of our once vast traditional tribal territory. It extended from Malibu on the northern coast down to Aliso Creek on the southern coast, although it also included the Channel Islands. Our northern border extended over the peaks of the San Gabriel Mountain range eastwardly to Riverside and then back south through Orange County. Our current tribal members are involved in a wide variety of tribal affairs of which revitalizing our culture is of utmost importance. Dating well back to the 1950s we have also been working alongside private, City, County, State and Federal agencies to provide Native American monitoring consultations.

When you contact the Native American Heritage Commission for a sacred lands search for your project, they will give you specific information about the project area. However, the NAHC is not an expert on this matter and they often state that there are "no records of sacred sites in the project area." They will then refer you to us, whom they consider the experts for our tribal territory. Our Elder Committee & Tribal historians are the experts for our Tribe and are able to provide a more complete history (both written and oral) regarding the location of historic villages, trade routes, cemeteries and sacred/religious sites within your project area. Even if a property is located in an area that has been previously developed, there still is a possibility that unknown, yet significant, cultural resources will be encountered during ground disturbance activities. Our goal is to avoid damage and protect cultural resources without delay or conflicts – to consult with you to avoid unnecessary destruction of cultural and biological resources - to protect what resources still exist at the project site for the benefit and education of current and future generations.

In addition, the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians LLC has met the requirements and qualifications and is now certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) with the Department of Transportation CUCP (Regulation 49 CFR Part 26; verification #43503) listed under the following areas of expertise: NAICS 2007 541620 (Environmental consulting services), 541690 (other scientific and consulting services) and 541990(all other professional, scientific and technical services). In addition, we are also now a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) with the Supplier Clearinghouse (pursuant to Commission General Order 156; verification order #16000312) and thus listed in the CUCP. If applicable, we are now able to partner with you to help you meet your small business/DBE goals.

We look forward to working with you in the future,

Andrew Salas, Chairman

<sup>1</sup> Public Resources Code section 231080.3.1 subd (b) and (d) and PRC section 21080.3.2, and PRC section 21000

Andrew Salas, Chairman  
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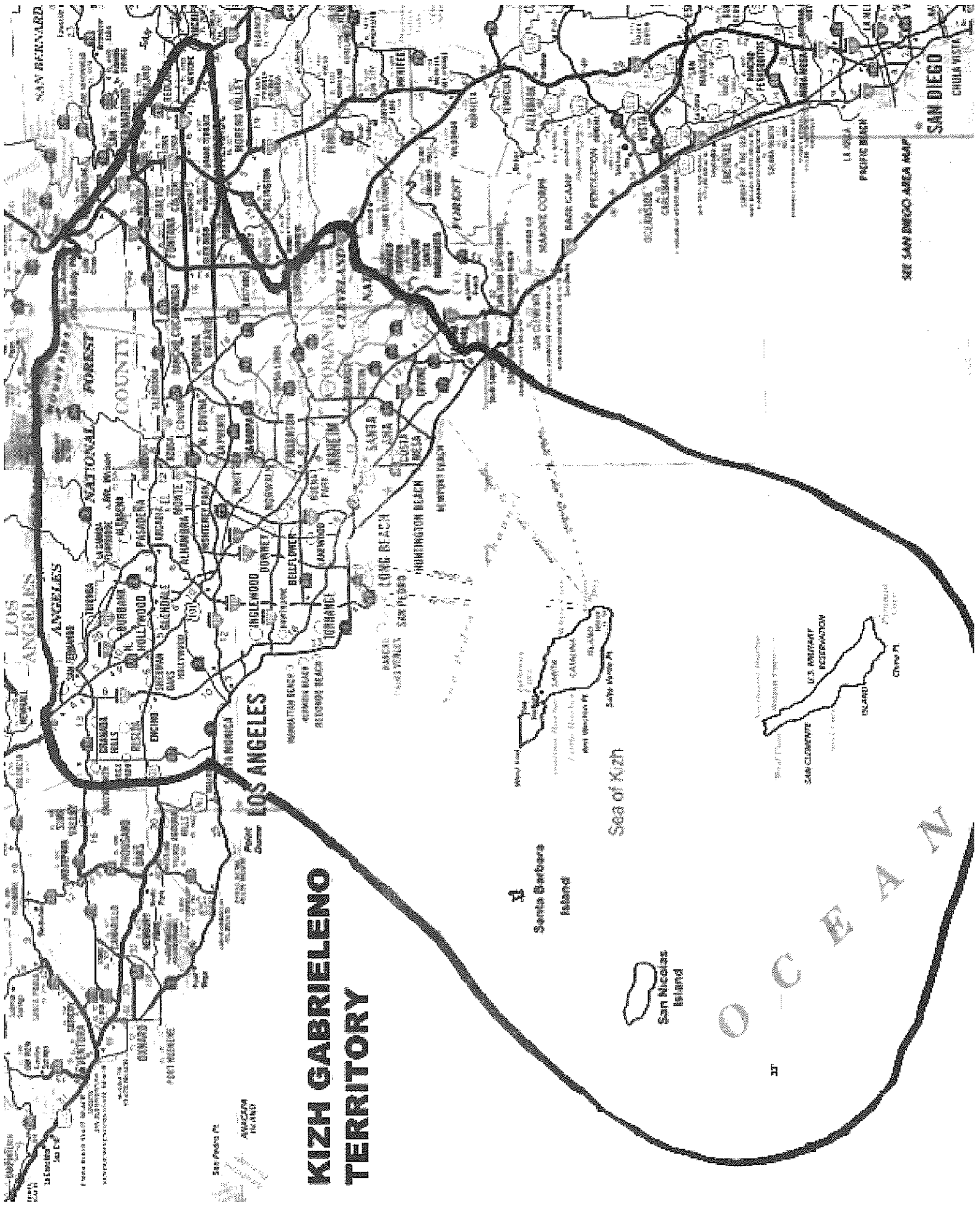
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# KIZH GABRIELENO TERRITORY

SEE SAN DIEGO AREA MAP

APPENDIX 1: Map 1-2; Bean and Smith 1978 map.

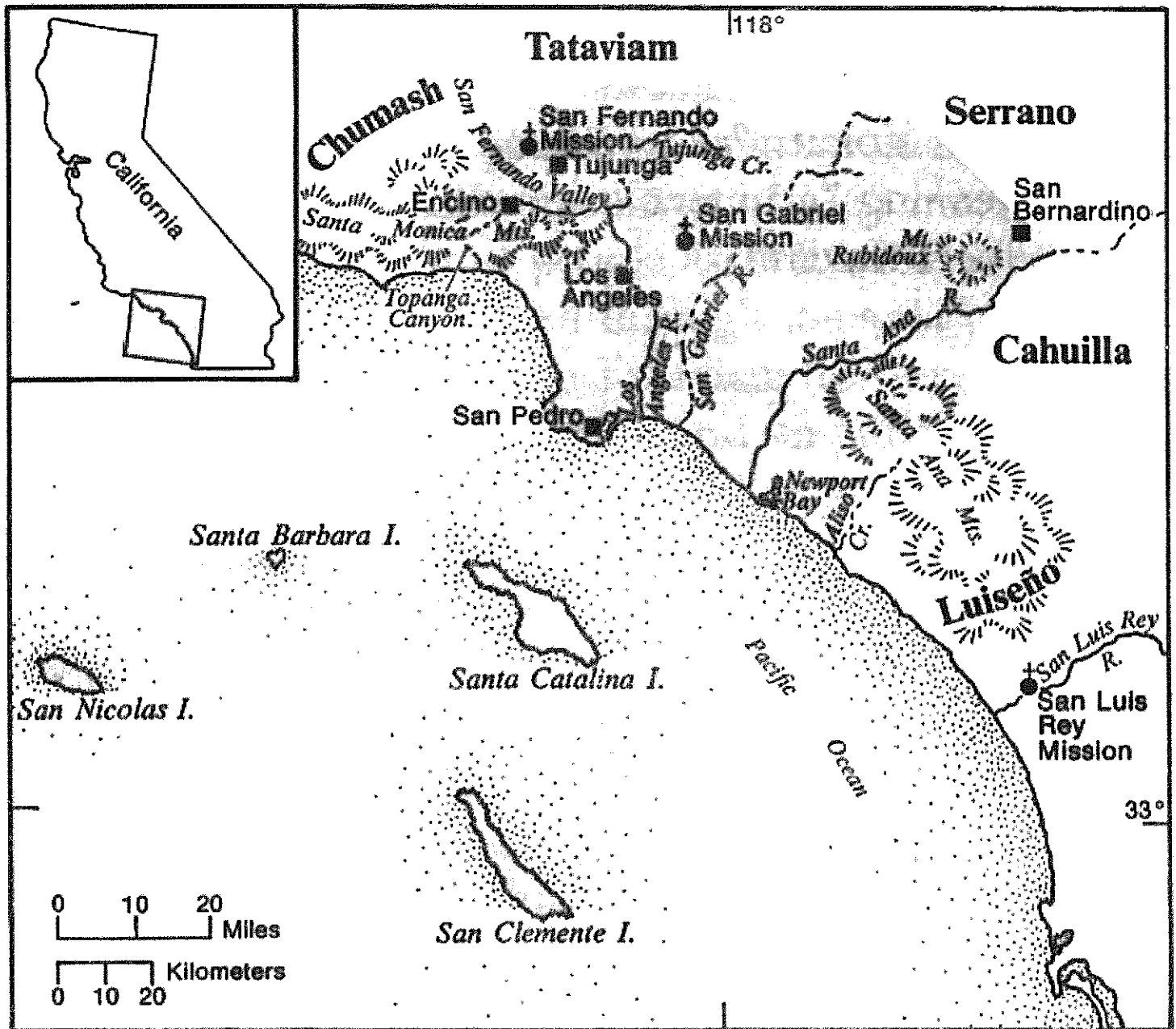


Fig. 1. Tribal territory.

The United States National Museum's Map of Gabrielino Territory:

Bean, Lowell John and Charles R. Smith

1978 Gabrielino IN *Handbook of North American Indians, California*, Vol. 8, edited by R.F. Heizer, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C., pp. 538-549