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December 1, 2016

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,, Impact Section 320 W. Temple St. Rm 1356 Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: California Environmental Quality Act Public Resources Code section 21080.3, subd. (b) Request for Formal Notification of Proposed Projects Within the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Tribe's Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation

CC: Native American Heritage Commission

To whom it may concern:

As of the date of this letter, in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, which is traditionally and culturally affiliated with a geographic area within your agency's geographic area of jurisdiction, requests 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), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), and until further notice, we hereby designate the following person as the tribe's lead contact person for purposes of receiving notices of proposed projects from your agency:

San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Anthony Morales, Chief P. O. Box 693 San Gabriel, CA 91778

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We request that all notices be sent via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt. Following receipt and review of the information your agency provides, within the 30-day period prescribed by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (d), the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians may request consultation, as defined by Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1, subd. (b), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 to mitigate any project impacts a specific project may cause to tribal cultural resources.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our lead contact person listed above.

Sincerely,

Anthony Morales

San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

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Chief





December 1, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the Morales family of the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians to help facilitate communication regarding the Gabrieleno cultural resources and archaeological studies. The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians gained recognition from the state of California in 1994 as an indigenous tribe within the Los Angeles basin (California Legislature Assembly Joint Resolution No. 96, adopted in Senate August 11,1994). The Morales family has been an active participant in the preservation of Gabrieleno tribal resources since the early 1970s. As early as 1978, the Native American Heritage Commission identified the Morales family as important Tribal Leaders in Southern California for their tenacious efforts to preserve Gabrieleno cultural resources. Today, the Morales family continues to help preserve their culture through a new partnership with Scientific Resource Surveys, Inc (SRSINC).

SRSINC is recognized as the oldest Cultural Resource Management (CRM) firm in Southern California, if not the United States. For over 43 years, SRSINC has worked side-by-side with the Gabrieleno in the Los Angeles basin to provide support to the Southern California building industry. SRSINC was formed in 1973 (incorporated in 1977) and currently operates as a California and Alaska Small Business, UDBE, DBE, and Woman-owned Corporation out of Orange County, California. As an equal opportunity employer, SRSINC employs a diverse staff of specialists to conduct archaeological, ethnographic, historic, and paleontological studies throughout Southern California. SRSinc is more than a Cultural Resource Management firm; it is a consortium of very talented scientists, artists, and support staff who have worked for decades in the fields of Archaeology, History, Ethnography, Genealogy, Archival Research, Museum Displays, Graphic Arts, Paleontology, Zoology, Bioarchaeology and Forensic Sciences. Each person has his/her own exceptional skills, which together, overlap and intertwine to form a cohesive team.

The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians have united with SRSINC to facilitate seamless interaction between developers and the tribe, as dictated by the new CRM laws. The most recent changes to state statutes were put into effect in 2015. Assembly Bill No. 52 (AB-52) was passed late-2014 to amend the current policy surrounding Native American resources. The implementation of AB-52 mandates tribal consultation and emphasizes tribal knowledge during CEQA review. Additionally, AB-52 has broadened the definition of what constitutes as a cultural resource. Previously, a cultural resource was reserved to archaeological and historical objects and buildings. AB-52 has coined a new term, Tribal Cultural Resources (TCR), to be more inclusive of culturally valued resources, whether they be tangible objects or conceptual. The enactment of AB-52 has placed a new emphasis on collaboration with tribal governments to help understand how indigenous populations used, and continue to use, local landscapes.

The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians have requested to be consulted for all developments located within the Los Angeles Basin. As a partner and qualified expert, SRSINC can provide the required information to help save time and money. By working together, we can help you navigate through your legal obligations and facilitate all of your cultural resource management needs for the Los Angeles basin. Please feel free to contact SRSINC's tribal liaison, Kassie Sugimoto, for additional information or with any questions. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Kassie Sugimoto Tribal Liaison Scientific Resource Surveys, Inc. 2324 N. Batavia St. Ste. 109, Orange, CA 92865 Tel: 714-685-0204

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September 2, 1978

Mr. Fred Morales
Gabrieleno/Tongva Tribal Council

211 East Main Street San Gabriel, CA 91776

Dear Mr. Morales:

As you know, the State of California Native American Heritage Commission was created by AB 4239 in 1976 and the Commission began its work January 1, 1977 with new authority codified in Public Resources Code Section 5097. 9.

You have been identified as an important Tribal Leader in Southern California. The Commission looks forward to working with you and Tribal Elders as it makes plans and services to protect California Native American burial sites and artifacts associated with burials. The Commission is also concerned about development activities that might threaten Native American sacred sites.

Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and your suggestions that will make the work of the Commission effective in cooperation with California Native American Tribes.

Sincerely,

Steve Rios

Executive Secretary



Adopted in Senate August 31, 1994

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Attest:

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