

APPENDIX C

TRIBAL SCOPING LETTERS



March 28, 2008

Larry Meyers, Executive Secretary
Native American Heritage Commission
915 Capitol Mall, Rm. 364
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 7th Standard Substation Project, Kern County, California

Dear Mr. Meyers:

The purpose of this letter is to request any information or comments that you might have regarding cultural resources or areas of concern to Native American communities within or near PG&E's proposed 7th Standard Substation Project (see enclosed map). The Area of Potential Effect (APE) is located on private land; however, work is being conducted under a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide 3 Permit for maintenance of existing facilities. For this reason, Section 106 consultation is being conducted.

The proposed project area covers approximately four acres of almond orchard and is located within the W ½ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 1, T 29S, R 26E, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, as depicted on the Rosedale, CA 7.5-minute USGS topographic quadrangle. PG&E has retained Transcon Environmental, Inc. to conduct the evaluation and to do an archaeological survey of the APE.

Please let us know if you have any concerns with the project. Any other information that you can provide for this project area would also be helpful. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (480) 807-0095.

Sincerely,

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Everett Bassett

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Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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April 4, 2008

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Number of Pages: 2

Re: Proposed Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 7th Standard Substation Project, Kern County.

Dear Mr. Bassett:

The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area. The SLF failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not guarantee the absence of cultural resources in any 'area of potential effect (APE).'

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. A List of Native American contacts are attached to assist you. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. It is advisable to contact the person listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information about the impact on cultural resources, they may be able to refer you to another tribe or person knowledgeable of the cultural resources in or near the affected project area (APE).

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a 'dedicated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dave Singleton in black ink.
Dave Singleton
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

**Native American Contacts
Kern County
April 4, 2008**

Santa Rosa Rancheria
Clarence Atwell, Chairperson
P.O. Box 8
Lemoore , CA 93245
(559) 924-1278
(559) 924-3583 Fax

Tache
Tachi
Yokut

Tejon Indian Tribe
Kathy Morgan, Chairperson
2234 4th Street
Wasco , CA 93280

Yowlumne
Kitanemuk

Tule River Indian Tribe
Neil Peyron, Chairperson
P.O. Box 589
Porterville , CA 93258
chairman@tulerivertribe.nsn.
(559) 781-4271
(559) 781-4610 FAX

Yokuts

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1179 Rock Haven Ct.
Salinas , CA 93906
831-443-9702

Foothill Yokuts
Mono

Ron Wermuth
P.O. Box 168
Kernville , CA 93238
warmoose@earthlink.net
(760) 376-4240 - Home
(916) 717-1176 - Cell

Tubatulabal
Kawaiisu
Koso
Yokuts

Robert L. Gomez, Jr.
2619 Driller Ave.
Bakersfield , CA 93306
(661) 871-4760

Palute
Yokuts
Tubatulabal

Kitanemuk & Yowlumne Tejon Indians
Delia Dominguez
981 N. Virginia
Covina , CA 91722
(626) 339-6785

Yowlumne
Kitanemuk

Tubatulabais of Kern Valley
Donna Begay, Tribal Chairwoman
P.O. Box 226
Lake Isabella , CA 93240
(760) 379-4590
(760) 379-4592 FAX

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American with regard to cultural resources for the proposed, Pacific Gas & Electric Company's 7th Standard Substation Project located in northwest Kern County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Contacts list were requested.



October 31, 2008

Tribe/Nation
Address

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Consultation has been concluded with the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC). The NAHC had no information on the project area and recommended that you be consulted.

Please let us know if you have any concerns with the project. Any other information that you can provide for this project area would also be helpful. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (480) 807-0095.

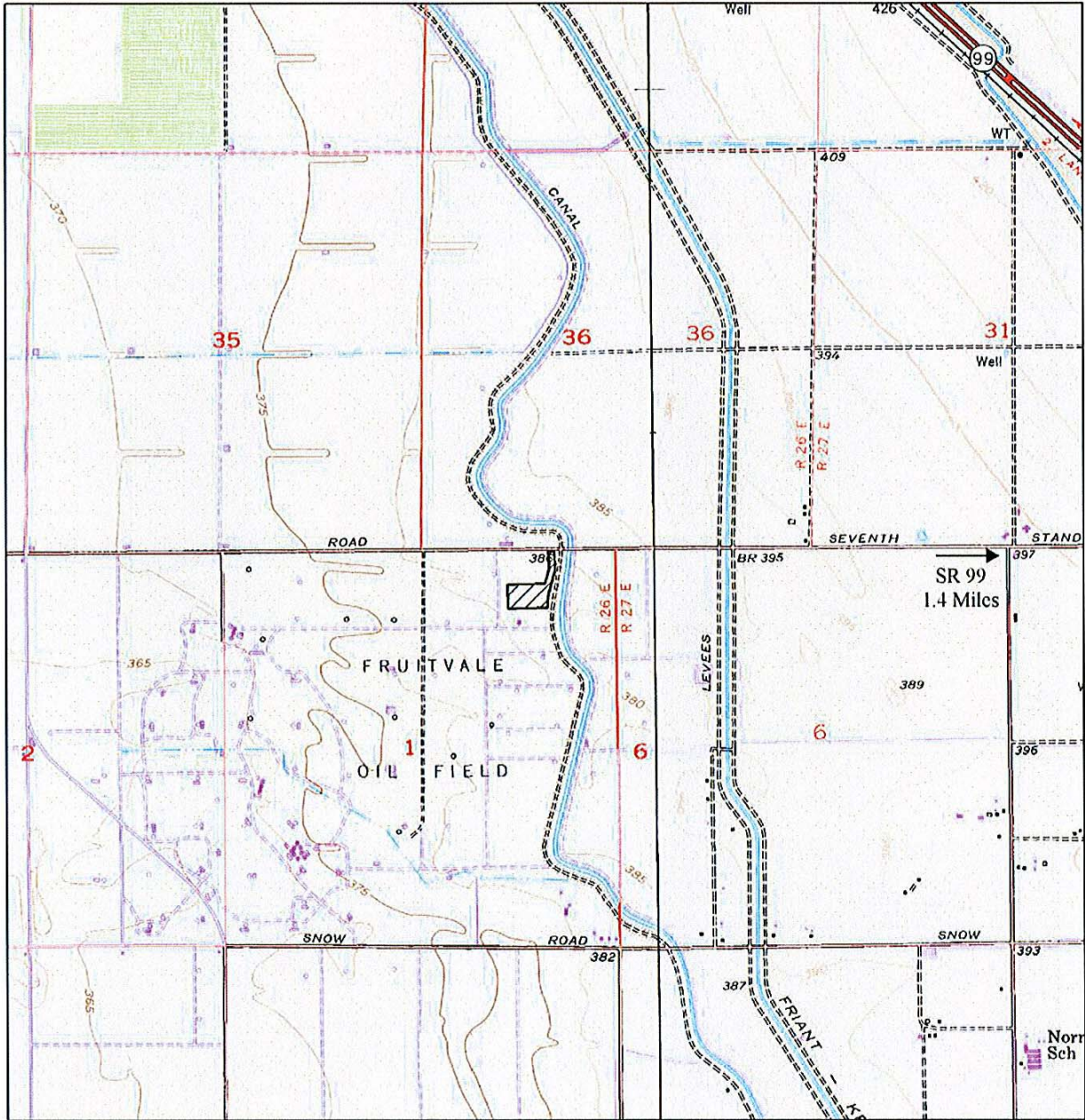
Sincerely,



Transcon Environmental

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Everett Bassett
Cultural Resources Director

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- Legend**
-  7th Standard Substation
 -  Private

**7th Standard
Substation Project**
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

