

**APPENDIX B.3**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION**



25 July 2007

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Native American Heritage Commission  
Attn: Dave Singleton  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Gill Ranch Gas Storage Initial Assessment Project, Mendota, Fresno County, California.

Dear Mr. Singleton:

Applied Earthworks, Inc. (Æ) is currently assisting NW Natural (NWN) with the Gill Ranch Gas Storage project in Fresno County, California. On behalf of NWN, we are conducting Native American consultation and performing other cultural resources management tasks in support of a Phase I Initial Assessment of the project area. The project is subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Æ formally requests that you review the Sacred Lands Inventory Files for sacred or sensitive areas that may be within or near the project area. The project lies approximately 20 miles west of Fresno, near the town of Mendota, California. It consists of a gas field along the northern bank of the San Joaquin River, primarily in Madera County, and two proposed pipeline routes that extend from the gas field approximately 20 miles west to a PG&E substation. The project area can be found within the Gravelly Ford, Mendota Dam, Coit Ranch, Tranquility, Chaney Ranch, and Chounet Ranch USGS 7.5' quadrangles. The gas field and proposed pipeline routes are indicated on the attached map.

Additionally, we request the names and contact information of the Native American representatives in the project vicinity in order to provide those individuals with information regarding the project. Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or require further information (559-229-1856, ext. 18). Please FAX the results to us at (559) 229-2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Baloian".

Mary Baloian, Ph.D.  
Project Manager

STATE OF CALIFORNIAArnold Schwarzenegger, Governor**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION**

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August 3, 2007

Mary Baloian  
Earth Works  
5090 North Fruit Avenue  
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Sent by Fax: 559-229-2019  
Number of pages: 2

Re: Proposed Gill Ranch Gas Storage, Fresno County

Dear Ms. Baloian:

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,

  
Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

**Native American Contacts  
Fresno County  
August 2, 2007**

**Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians**  
**Connie Lewis, Chairperson**  
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**(559) 855-4003**  
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**Dumna Wo-Wah Tribal Government**  
**Keith F. Turner, Tribal Contact**  
**P.O. Box 306** Dumna/Foothill  
**Auberry , CA 93602** Mono  
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**North Fork Mono Tribe**  
**Ron Goode, Chairperson**  
**13396 Tollhouse Road** Mono  
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**(559) 299-3729 Home**

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**This list is only applicable for contacting local Native American with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project near the town of Mendota; Fresno County, California for which a Sacred Lands File search request was made.**

**Native American Contacts  
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August 2, 2007**

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19 November 2007

Santa Rosa Rancheria  
Clarence Atwell, Chairperson  
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Lemoore, CA 93245

RE: Gill Ranch Gas Storage Environmental Assessment Project, Mendota, Fresno County, California.


Dear Mr. Atwell:

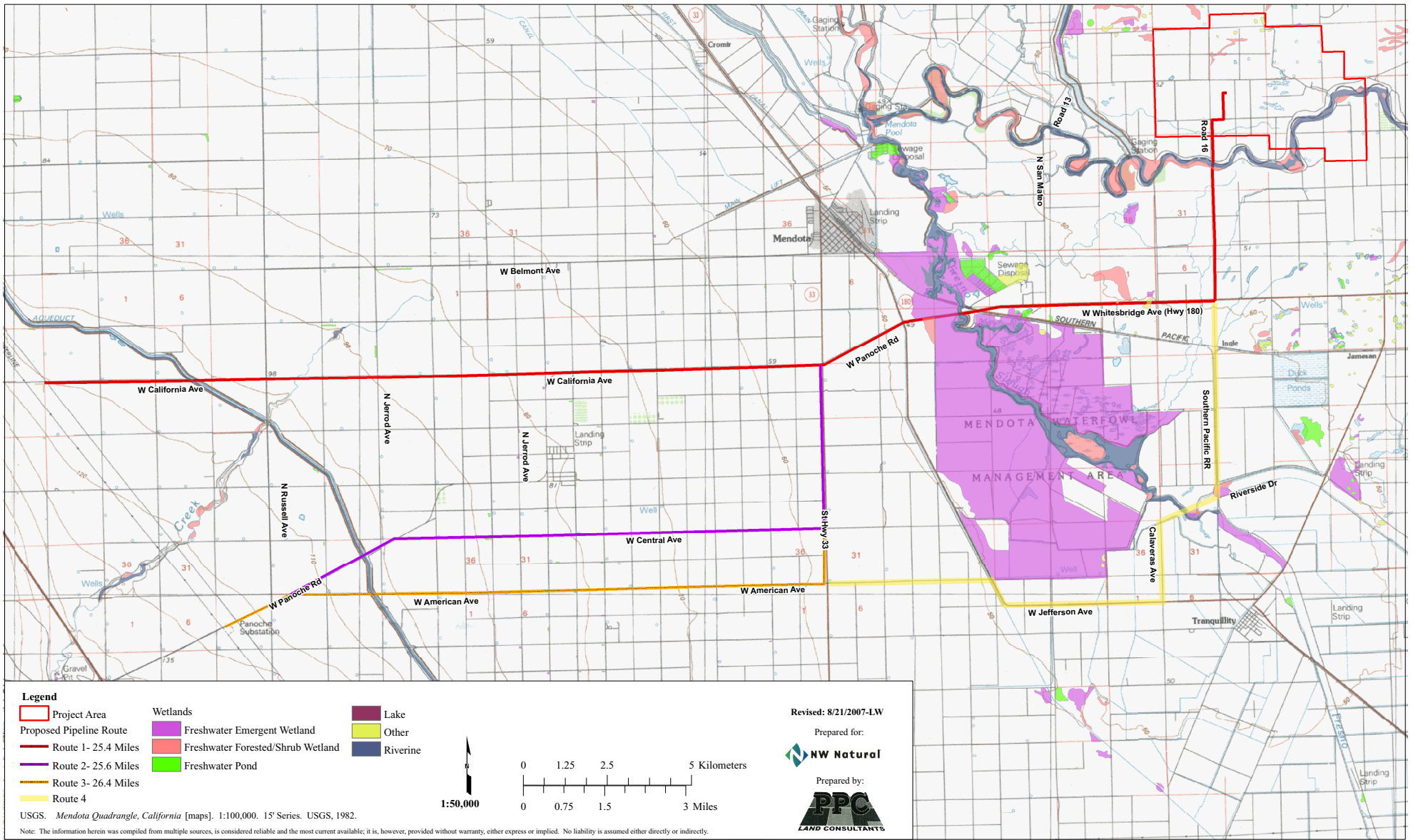
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The project lies approximately 20 miles west of Fresno, near the town of Mendota, California. It consists of a gas field along the northern bank of the San Joaquin River, primarily in Madera County, and four pipeline route options that extend from the gas field approximately 25 miles west to a PG&E substation. The project area can be found within the Gravelly Ford, Mendota Dam, Coit Ranch, Tranquility, Chaney Ranch, and Chounet Ranch USGS 7.5' quadrangles. The gas field and proposed pipeline route options are indicated on the attached map.

If you have and are willing to share information on any cultural resources (e.g., former village sites, traditional food gathering places, sacred sites, etc.) within the project area, please contact me by mail (see address above), email ([mbaloian@appliedearthworks.com](mailto:mbaloian@appliedearthworks.com)), or by phone (559-229-1856). I would be most grateful for any information you might provide. Be assured that any locations of archaeological sites, cemeteries, or sacred places will be treated confidentially, as required by law, and not disclosed in any document available to the general public. Additional information about the project is available on the project website at [www.gillranchstorage.com](http://www.gillranchstorage.com). Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

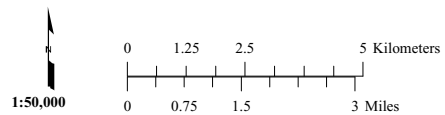
  
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Project Manager



- Legend**
- Project Area
  - Route 1- 25.4 Miles
  - Route 2- 25.6 Miles
  - Route 3- 26.4 Miles
  - Route 4

- Wetlands**
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
  - Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
  - Freshwater Pond

- Lake
- Other
- Riverine



Revised: 8/21/2007-LW  
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**NW Natural**  
 Prepared by:  
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USGS. *Mendota Quadrangle, California* [maps]. 1:100,000. 15' Series. USGS, 1982.  
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6 June 2008

Native American Heritage Commission  
Attn: Dave Singleton  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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**E** first contacted you regarding this project 25 July 2007. At that time we sent you a map of the project area and formally requested that you review the Sacred Lands Inventory Files for sacred or sensitive areas that may be within or near the project area, as well as provide us names and contact information of the Native American representatives in the project vicinity so that we could provide these individuals with information regarding the project. You promptly responded to our request in a letter dated 3 August 2007.

Since that time, however, the project area has been modified and new area has been added. Because of these changes we request that you review the Sacred Lands Inventory Files once more for sacred or sensitive areas that may be within or near the project area. Also, if there are additional Native American representatives who should be contacted regarding the project, other than those provided in your letter dated 3 August 2007, please give us their names and contact information.

The project lies approximately 20 miles west of Fresno, near the town of Mendota, California. It consists of a gas storage field along the northern bank of the San Joaquin River, primarily in Madera County, a proposed pipeline routes that extends from the gas field approximately 20 miles west to a PG&E substation, and an electrical transmission line that extends approximately 10 miles northwest of the gas storage field. The project area can be found within the Gravelly Ford, Mendota Dam, Coit Ranch, Tranquility, Chaney Ranch, and Firebau USGS 7.5' quadrangles. The gas field and proposed pipeline and transmission routes are indicated on the attached map.

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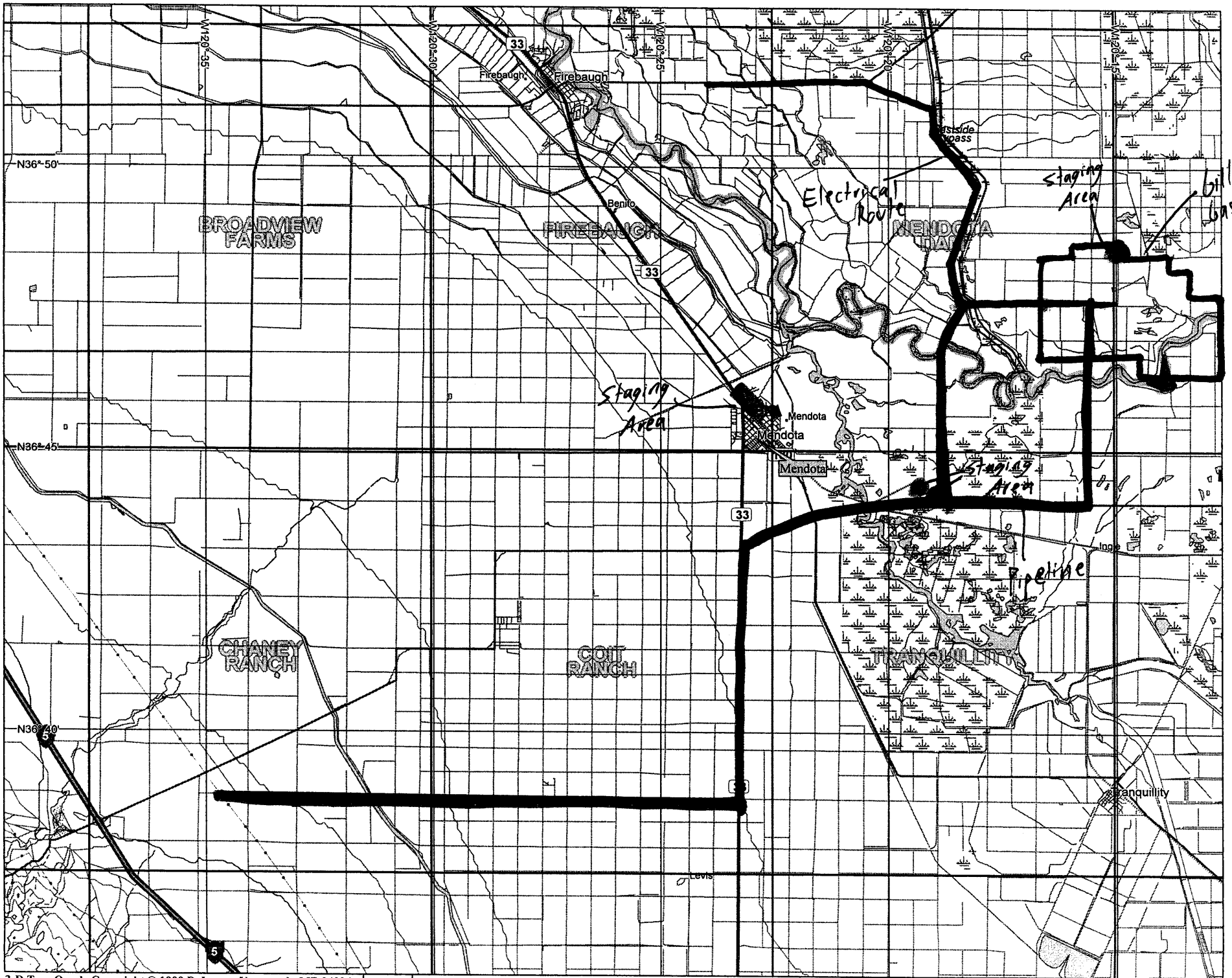
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June 16, 2008

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Sent by Fax: 559-229-2019  
Number of pages: 2

Re: Proposed Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project, Mendota, Fresno County

Dear Ms. Baloian:

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**Native American Contacts**  
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**June 13, 2008**

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20 June 2008

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Lorrie Planas  
2736 Palo Alto  
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RE: Gill Ranch Gas Storage Project, Mendota, Fresno County, California.

Dear Ms. Planas:

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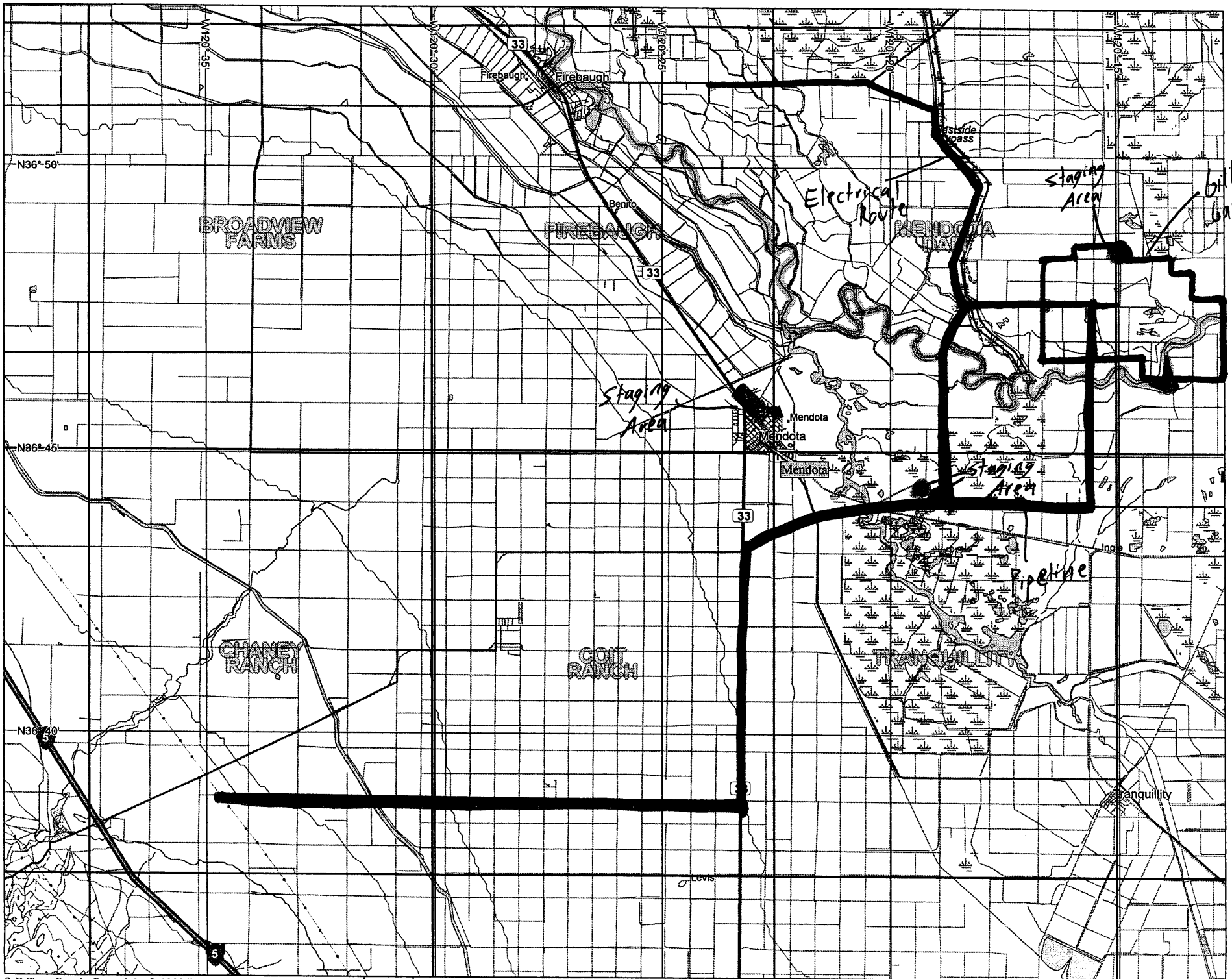
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Sincerely,

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Mary Baloian, Ph.D.  
Project Manager

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# **COLD SPRINGS RANCHERIA**

## **Environmental Department**

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November 26, 2007

Ms. Mary Baloin  
Earth Works  
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**RE: Gill Ranch Gas Storage Environmental Assessment Project,  
Mendota, Fresno Co., CA**

Dear Mary Baloin,

There is of concern on aboriginal areas of gathering near rivers, for instances of campsites, for instance, formation of camp-pits, so please send us some ground photos. Also on the old construction of roads and dams, is there any data on prior construction.

Please send the tribe more input on handling the pipeline over or under the rivers, and also emergency responses of environment to local plant life on disasters of gas leaks n/above grounds. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Eric Smith, Environmental Assistant at (559) 855-5043.

Sincerely,

Robert Marquez  
Vice-Chairman  
Cold Springs Rancheria

