

Tribal Consultation and Coordination

Correspondence from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Tribal Representatives



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Los Angeles District, Corps of Engineers
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6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 105
Carlsbad, CA 92011

April 27, 2011

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief
Regulatory Division

Diana L. Chihuahua, Cultural Resources
Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
P.O. Box 1160
Thermal, California 92274

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Ms. Chihuahua,

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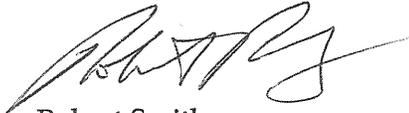
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief
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Bridget Nash-Chrabascz, THPO
Quenchan Indian Nation
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, Arizona 85366

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Ms. Nash-Chrabascz,

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Leroy J Elliott, Chairperson
Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Nation
P.O. Box 1302
Boulevard, California 91905

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Chairperson Elliott,

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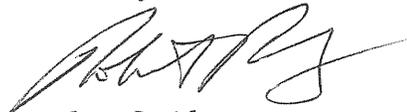
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Gwendolyn Parada, Chairperson
La Posta Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 1120
Boulevard, California 91905

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Carmen Lucas
Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 775
Pine Valley, California 91962

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Ms. Lucas,

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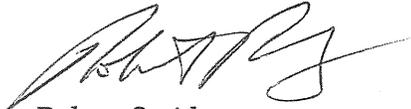
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Paul Cuero
Kumeyaay Cultural Heritage Preservation
36190 Church Road, Suite 5
Campo, California 91906

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Mr. Cuero,

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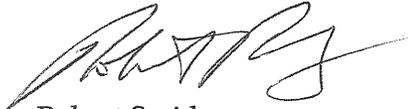
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief
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Mike Jackson, Sr., President
Fort Yuma Quechan Indian Nation
P.O. Box 1899
Yuma, Arizona 85366

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

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Michael Garcia, Vice Chairperson
Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office
4054 Willows Road
Alpine, California 91901

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

Dear Vice Chairperson Garcia,

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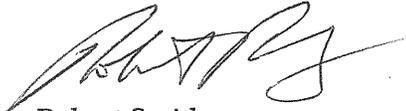
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Will Micklin, Executive Director
Ewiiapaayp Tribal Office
4054 Willows Road
Alpine, California 91901

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

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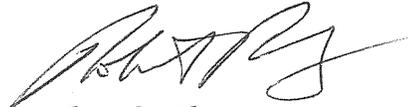
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Jill McCormick, Tribal Archaeologist
Cocopah Museum
County 15th & Avenue G
Sommerton, Arizona 85350

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

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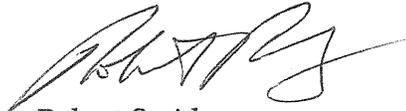
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Monique LaChappa, Chairperson
Campo Kumeyaay Nation
36190 Church Road, Suite 1
Campo, California 91906

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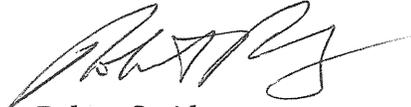
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Karen Kupcha
Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians
P.O. Box 846
Coachella, California 92236

SUBJECT: Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Consultation- Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project (Corps File No. SPL-2010-00142-LLC).

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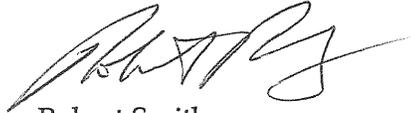
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Preston J. Arrow-weed
Ah-Mut-Pipa Foundation
P.O. Box 160
Bard, California 92222

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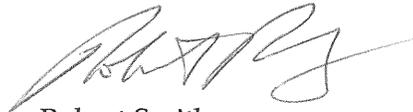
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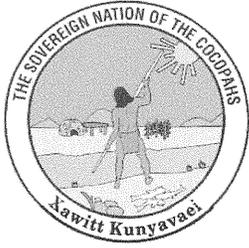
If you have any questions, please contact Lanika Cervantes at 760.602.4838 or via e-mail at Lanika.L.Cervantes@usace.army.mil. Please refer to this letter and SPL-2010-00142-LLC in your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', written in a cursive style.

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RE: Section 106 Consultation – Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project – SPL-2010-000142-LLC

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Cultural Resources Department of the Cocopah Indian Tribe appreciates your consultation efforts on this project. We are pleased that you contacted our department on this issue for the purpose of solicitation of our input and to address our concerns on this matter. At this time, we wish to make no comment on the development of the project at this time.

We would like to continue to be kept informed progression of the project and be a part of the consultation process in the future. Additionally, we expect to be provided with all pertinent documents for this project in both draft and final format. If you have any questions or need additional information please feel free to contact the cultural resource department. We will be happy to assist you with any future concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

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H. Jill McCormick, M.A.

Cultural Resource Manager

From: [Bridget Nash](#)
To: [Cervantes, Lanika L SPL](#)
Subject: SPL-2010-00142-LLC
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 10:13:35 AM

Thank you for notifying us of the proposed Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Project.

While the Cultural Committee supports the project as it will create additional habitat for the animals located within the area, there is some concern as to whether or not the discharged fill would impact Obsidian Butte. Looking at the maps it appears that Obsidian Butte is located just outside of the project area but there were questions about indirect impacts as a result of the proposed discharge.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

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