
Appendix E

Tribal Consultation Report



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**RE: Tribal Consultation Report for the SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Station
Modernization Project, City of Ventura, California**

Dear Kristin:

South Environmental was retained by Dudek to complete a detailed tribal consultation report for the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas, the Applicant) Ventura Compressor Modernization Project (Project) located in the City of Ventura, California. This report was prepared following the guidance provided in Required PEA Appendices and Supporting Materials, in the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) *Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments* (CPUC 2019). The purpose of this report is to summarize the detail and timing of all correspondence to and from any Tribes and the State Historic Preservation Office/Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), including Sacred Lands File search results, and full description of any issues identified by Tribes in their interactions with the Applicant.

Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to modernize the equipment and facilities of the Ventura Compressor Station in Ventura, California. The existing compression equipment was installed in the 1980s, and a compressor station has been in use since at least 1923. Due to the decreased functionality and reliability of the existing 40-year-old equipment, coupled with changes in system operations related to decreasing local supply and the need to support storage of natural gas, SoCalGas has proposed to modernize the Ventura Compressor Station through the installation of two gas driven and two electric motor driven compressors. In addition to modernizing equipment the project would create a compressor building, office building, and warehouse building to support the operations of the compressor station.



Outreach to Tribes

As part of the process of identifying cultural resources and TCRs within or near the Project site, South Environmental contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to request a review of the Sacred Lands File on January 27, 2023. The NAHC emailed a response on February 17, 2023, which indicated that the Sacred Lands File search was completed with negative results. Because the Sacred Lands File search does not include an exhaustive list of Native American cultural resources, the NAHC suggested contacting Native American individuals and/or tribal organizations who may have direct knowledge of cultural resources in or near the Project site. The NAHC also provided the contact information of 11 individuals and/or tribal organizations with whom to consult:

On March 6, 2023, SoCalGas sent informational outreach letters to all of these contacts. Follow-up emails were sent to all non-responsive contacts on March 23, 2023. As detailed in Table 1, two contacts have responded to the outreach letters to date: Committee Chair Ayala from the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians, who requested a copy of any archaeology reports completed for the Project; and Crystal Mendoza of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, who stated that the Elder’s Council does not request further consultation on the project. No archaeological resources, historical resources, or TCRs were identified as a result of SoCalGas’s coordination with these tribes. This outreach was conducted for informational purposes only and does not constitute government-to-government consultation as specified by Assembly Bill (AB) 52.

Table 1. Summary of Native American Outreach

Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Responses Received
<p>Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians Dayna Barrios, Chairperson 188 S. Santa Rosa Street Ventura, CA, 93001 Phone: 805.890.6855 barrios_dayna@yahoo.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	<p>No response received to date</p>
<p>Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians Annette Ayala, CRM Committee Chair 188 S. Santa Rosa Street Ventura, California 93001 Phone: 805.515.9844 annetteayala78@yahoo.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	<p>On March 8, 2023, Committee Chair Ayala responded via email and requested a copy of any archaeological reports completed for the Project.</p>

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Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Responses Received
Chumash Council of Bakersfield Julio Quair, Chairperson 729 Texas Street Bakersfield, California 93307 Phone: 661.322.0121 chumashtribe@sbcglobal.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation Mia Lopez, Chairperson PO Box 40653 Santa Barbara, California 93140 Phone: 805.324.0135 cbcntribalchair@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date
Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation Gabe Frausto, Vice Chair PO Box 40653 Santa Barbara, California 93140 Phone: 805.324.0135 cbcn22vicechair@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date
Gabrieleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians Anthony Morales, Chairperson PO Box 693 San Gabriel, California 91778 Phone: 626.483.3564 Fax: 626.286.1262 GTTribalcouncil@aol.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date
Gabrieleño/Tongva Nation Sandonne Goad, Chairperson 106 1/2 Judge John Aiso Street, #231 Los Angeles, California 90012 Phone: 951.807.0479 sgoad@gabrielino-tongva.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date
Gabrieleño-Tongva Tribe Charles Alvarez 23454 Vanowen Street West Hills, California 91307 Phone: 310.403.6048 roadkingcharles@aol.com Chavez1956metro@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	No response received to date



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Tribal Contact	Method of Notification/Date	Responses Received
<p>Northern Chumash Tribal Council Violet Walker, Chairperson PO Box 6533 Los Osos, California 93412 Phone: 760.549.3532 violetsagewalker@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	<p>No response received to date</p>
<p>San Luis Obispo County Chumash Council 1030 Ritchie Road Grover Beach, California 93433</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	<p>No response received to date</p>
<p>Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Kenneth Kahn, Chairperson PO Box 517 Santa Ynez, California 93460 Phone: 805.688.7997 Fax: 805.686.9578 Chairman@chumash.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed on March 6, 2023 • Certified Mail on March 7, 2023 	<p>On May 4, 2023, Administrative Assistant, Crystal Mendoza responded via email and stated that the Elder’s Council does not request further consultation on the project.</p>

Tribal Cultural Resources

No TCRs were identified within the Project site as a result of ethnographic research or outreach with applicable tribes.

Attempts to identify possible TCRs included review of publicly available documentary resources, such as archaeological site records, reports, and maps on file with the South Central Coastal Information Center (SCCIC) as part of the cultural resources records search (completed on February 13, 2023), a search of the NAHC Sacred Lands File (completed February 13, 2023), and an intensive-level cultural resources survey (completed February 3, 2023). Details of these efforts are provided in the following subsections.

CHRIS Records Search

On February 13, 2023, South Environmental principal archaeologist Samantha Murray, MA, RPA, completed a CHRIS records search at the SCCIC that included the existing Project site, staging area, and a 0.5-mile radius. This search included their collections of mapped prehistoric and historic archaeological resources and historic built-environment resources, State of California





Department of Parks and Recreation Site Records (DPR forms), technical reports, archival resources, and ethnographic references. Additional consulted sources include historical maps of the study area, the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, the lists of California State Historical Landmarks and California Points of Historical Interest, and the Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility. The results of the records search are presented in Confidential Appendix A to Appendix B of this PEA.

Previously Conducted Cultural Resource Studies

No previously completed cultural resources or TCR studies overlap the Project site or the proposed staging area. However, the SCCIC records search results indicate that 22 studies were previously conducted within 0.5 miles of the Project site between 1977 and 2012 (Table 2). The studies are a mix of archaeological field studies, architectural and historical evaluations, and survey reports.

One previous study (VN-1275) was identified directly adjacent to the western side of the proposed staging area: Cultural Resources Investigation: Ventura River Trail (Schmidt and Schmidt 1994, as provided in Table 2). This project followed what was then an abandoned railroad corridor right-of-way and portions of the Ventura River flood control levee. The study identified six cultural resources, only one of which falls within the vicinity of the proposed Project site: the Ventura River and Ojai Valley Railroad (CA-VEN-1109H).

Table 2. Previous Cultural Resources Investigations Within 0.5-Mile of the Project Site

SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Project Site
VN-00127	Clellow, William C. Jr.	1978	An Archaeological and Historical Assessment of Areas Within the Takelines of the Proposed Features of the Ventura County Water Management Project	Outside to southwest
VN-00411	Lopez, Robert	1982	Archaeological Investigations of a Section of Mission San Buenaventura's Aqueduct Located Between Lewis and Vince Streets Within the City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to southeast
VN-00519	Singer, Clay A.	1987	Cultural Resources Survey and Impact Assessment for Four Potential Borrow Sites Near the Ventura River, Ventura County, California	Outside to west
VN-00790	Maxwell, Thomas J.	1989	Phase One Archaeological Survey of Southern Pacific Milling Company Plant and Quarries Along the Lower Ventura River, Ventura Quadrangle, California	Outside to west



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SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Project Site
VN-01102	Singer, Clay A.	1977	Preliminary Cultural Resource Survey and Potential Impact Assessment for Thirteen Areas in Southern Ventura County, California	Outside to east
VN-01275	Schmidt, James and June Schmidt	1994	Cultural Resource Investigation: Ventura River Trail	Adjacent to western side of staging area
VN-01849	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Underground Utility District 15/ Project No. 66094	Outside to east
VN-01850	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 2,800 Linear Feet Ramona Storm Drain Phase 5 Project City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to southeast
VN-01851	Maki, Mary K.	2000	Negative Phase I Archaeological Survey & Impact Assessment of Approximately 440 Linear Feet for the Westside Street Improvements Project Ventura Avenue	Outside to northeast
VN-01908	Duke, Curt	2001	Cultural Resource Assessment for At&t Fixed Wireless Services Facility No. Vc_043_a, Ventura Co.	Outside to south
VN-01910	Sriro, Adam	2000	Bridge Widening and Rail Installation on State Route 33, Ventura Co.	Outside to northwest
VN-02200	Bonner, Wayne H.	2001	Records Search Results for Sprint Pcs Facility Vr54xc425a (the Underwater Technical Services Site), Located at 2055 N. Ventura Ave., Ventura in Ventura County, California	Outside to northeast
VN-02202	Maki, Mary	2002	Negative Archaeological Survey Report of Approximately 1,800 Linear Feet, Stanley Ave. Widening Project, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to north
VN-02534	Maki, Mary K.	2002	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately 3,300 Linear Feet for the Underground Utility District 15 Addition, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to northeast
VN-02537	Foster, John M.	2004	An Extended Phase I Archaeological Program, Cedar Street Patio Housing, Ventura	Outside to southeast
VN-02543	Maki, Mary K.	2006	Phase I Archaeological Survey of Approximately One Acre at 185, 191, and 211 Stanley Avenue for the Avenida De La Futura Project, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to north
VN-02708	McKenna, Jeanette A.	2008	A Cultural Resources overview and Historic Building Evaluation for the Westside Villas Project Area, San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to east

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SCCIC Report Number	Author	Year	Report Title	Proximity to Project Site
VN-02785	Maki, Mary	2009	Archaeological Survey Report of 20.2 Acres for the Westview Housing Project, City of Ventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to south
VN-02802	Maki, Mary	2008	Archaeological Survey Report of 0.32 Acres for the SOHO Apartments Project 1150 North Ventura Avenue, City of San Buenaventura County, California	Outside to southeast
VN-02808	Maki, Mary	2008	Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation of Approximately 3 Acres for the Ventura County Watershed Protection District's Ventura River Bank Restoration Project Upstream of Stanley Avenue, City of San Buenaventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to northwest
VN-02953	Bonner, Wayne	2010	Cultural Resources Records Search and Site Visit Results for T-Mobile USA Candidate SV12194-C (T&T), 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, California	Outside to southwest
VN-03069	Loftus, Shannon	2012	Cultural Resource Records Search and Site Survey, AT&T Site SBOV, Stanley 1375 North Olive Street, Ventura, Ventura County, CA	Outside to south

Previously Recorded Cultural Resources

No previously recorded cultural resources or TCRs were identified within the Project site or the proposed staging area. However, the SCCIC records search identified five previously recorded cultural resources within 0.5 miles of the Project site (Table 3). One previously recorded resource, the Ventura River and Ojai Valley Railroad (CA-VEN-1109H), was identified adjacent to the western side of the proposed staging area. This resource was originally recorded by Macko in 1993 (see Table 3) as a historic-period railroad spur connecting the City of San Buenaventura and Ojai. However, a more recent update of the resource from 2012 indicates that it is no longer extant and has been replaced by a bike path/trail.

Table 3. Previously Recorded Cultural Resources Within 0.5-Mile of the Project Site

Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Project Site
56-000849	CA-VEN-849	Prehistoric: artifact scatter	Unevaluated	Singer, Clay A. 1987	Outside to west

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Primary Number	Trinomial	Resource Age/Description	Resource Eligibility	Recorded by and Year	Proximity to Project Site
56-001109	CA-VEN-1109H	Historic: Ventura River and Ojai Valley Railroad	Resource is no longer extant	Macko, M. 1993; Hubert Switalski and Andrea Bardsley 2012	Adjacent to western side of staging area
56-001547	CA-VEN-1547/H	Multicomponent: prehistoric artifact scatter and historic structures and refuse deposit	Unevaluated	Schmidt and Schmidt 1993	Outside to northeast
56-001600	CA-VEN-1600H	Historic: metal building, building foundations, and artifact scatter	Unevaluated	Toren and Toren 1999	Outside to northeast
56-152841	n/a	Historic: 1490 Ventura Avenue/36 Leighton Drive	Not Eligible	Jeanette A. McKenna 2008	Outside to southeast

Cultural Resources Survey

Methods

South Environmental archaeologist Samantha Jovanovic, MS, conducted a pedestrian survey of the Project site and adjacent staging area on February 3, 2023. Much of the Project site and staging area are paved with asphalt and/or gravel, making examination of the ground surface impossible in most areas. In limited areas with exposed ground surface, the archaeologist spot-checked the ground surface for the presence of prehistoric artifacts (e.g., flaked stone tools, tool-making debris, stone milling tools), historical artifacts (e.g., metal, glass, ceramics), sediment discolorations that might indicate the presence of a cultural midden, depressions, and other features that might indicate the former presence of structures or buildings (e.g., post holes, foundations).

Results

Ground surface visibility throughout the Project site was poor (approximately 2%) because the entire Project site is fully developed with the existing Ventura Compressor Station, including asphalt paving, imported gravel, buildings, structures, and related gas equipment. Exposed ground surface was only present in limited areas, which were heavily disturbed by surrounding development, including along the eastern wall of the compressor station and in the strip of landscaping outside the compressor station on Olive Street, adjacent to the sidewalk. Vegetation observed on the Project site was limited to ornamental plants along the eastern boundary of the



Project site, and several mature coast redwood trees (*Sequoia sempervirens*). No TCRs were identified within the proposed Project site or staging area as a result of the pedestrian survey.

Attempts to identify possible TCRs also included outreach with applicable tribes as recommended by NAHC. Table 1 summarizes attempts to identify TCRs by contacting tribal representatives directly.

Ethnographic Study

Prehistoric Context

While many chronological sequences have been developed to describe cultural changes in Southern California, the following builds on Wallace (1955, 1978), who developed a prehistoric chronology for the Southern California coastal region that is still widely used today. Four periods are presented in this sequence: Early Man, Milling Stone, Intermediate, and Late Prehistoric. The summary of prehistoric chronological sequences for Southern California coastal and near-coastal areas presented below is a combination of Wallace (1955) and Warren (1968) as well as more recent studies.

Early Man Horizon (ca. 10,000–6000 BC)

Many pre-8000 BC sites have been identified along the Southern California coast and Channel Islands (Moratto 1984; Erlandson 1991; Rick et al. 2001; Johnson et al. 2002; Jones and Klar 2007). The Santa Rosa Island Arlington Springs site produced human femur bones that dated to approximately 13,000 years ago (Johnson et al. 2002). The most widely accepted dates for archaeological sites on the Southern California coast are from two of the northern Channel Islands, located off the coast of Santa Barbara. On San Miguel Island, Daisy Cave clearly establishes the presence of people in this area about 10,000 years ago (Erlandson 1991, p. 105).

Early Man Horizon sites are generally associated with a greater emphasis on hunting than later horizons. Recent data indicate that the Early Man economy was a diverse mixture of hunting and gathering, including a significant focus on aquatic resources in coastal areas and on inland Pleistocene lakeshores (Moratto 1984).

Milling Stone Horizon (6000–3000 BC)

Set during the Altithermal, which began around 6000 BC, the Milling Stone Horizon is characterized by changing subsistence strategies in response to drier climate. This included a



greater emphasis on plant foods and small game. Extensive seed processing is evident in the dominance of stone grinding implements in contemporary archaeological assemblages; namely, milling stones (metates) and hand stones (manos). The mortar and pestle, associated with acorns or other foods processed through pounding, were first used during the Milling Stone Horizon and increased dramatically in later periods (Wallace 1955, 1978; Warren 1968). Other food resources included small and large terrestrial mammals, sea mammals, birds, shellfish and other littoral and estuarine species, near-shore fishes, yucca, agave, and seeds and other plant products (Kowta 1969). Depending on the environmental setting (coastal or inland), food procurement strategies are found to be highly variable (Byrd and Raab 2007, p. 220).

Intermediate Horizon (3000 BC–AD 500)

The Intermediate Horizon is characterized by a shift toward a hunting and maritime subsistence strategy, as well as greater use of plant foods. During the Intermediate Horizon, a noticeable trend occurred towards a greater adaptation to local resources, including a broad variety of fish, land mammals, and sea mammals along the coast. This diversity was reflected in tool kits for hunting, fishing, and processing food and materials, with flake scrapers, drills, various projectile points, and shell fishhooks being manufactured. Mortars and pestles became more common during this period, gradually replacing manos and metates as the dominant milling tool. This change in milling stone technology indicates a transition from the processing and consumption of hard seed resources to the increased reliance on acorns (Glassow et al. 1988; True 1993).

Late Prehistoric Horizon (AD 500–Historic Contact)

The Late Prehistoric Horizon is characterized by an increased diversity of plant food resources and land and sea mammal hunting. Material culture became more complex as demonstrated through more diverse classes of artifacts. During this period, the northern Channel Islands populations further developed craft specializations, including shell bead manufacture, that sustained trade with mainland settlements and with further trading partners to the east, creating a regional economy. Steatite quarried on Santa Catalina Island was used to make stone bowls, pipes, comals, sucking tubes, pendants, beads, and effigies. The lack of pottery in coastal and near-coastal sites implies that ceramic technology was not widely used, or that ceramics were obtained by trade with neighboring groups to the south and east. The lack of widespread pottery manufacture may also be due to the utility of tightly woven and watertight basketry that functioned in much the same way as ceramic vessels.

In areas of inland settlement, by the end of the Intermediate Period, mobility and long-distance migration towards the coast from seasonal camps was replaced by the development of permanent settlements. The period between AD 500 and historic contact is divided into three regional



patterns: Chumash (Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties), Takic/Numic (Los Angeles, Orange, and western Riverside Counties), and Yuman (San Diego County). Modern Gabrieleño/Tongva, Juaneño, and Luiseño people in this region are considered to be the descendants of the Uto-Aztecan, Takic-speaking populations that settled along the California coast during this period (Warren 1968).

Ethnographic Context

Ventureño Chumash

The Project site is located within an area historically occupied by the Ventureño Chumash (named for their historic association with Mission San Buenaventura) (Grant 1978). The Chumash spoke six closely related Chumashan languages, which have been divided into three branches — Northern Chumash, consisting only of Obispeño; Central Chumash, consisting of Purisimeño, Ineseño, Barbareño, and Ventureño; and Island Chumash (Jones and Klar 2007, p. 80). Groups neighboring Chumash territory included the Salinan to the north, the Southern Valley Yokuts and Tataviam to the east, and the Gabrieleño (Tongva) to the south.

Early Spanish accounts of the total Chumash population vary from estimates of around 8,000–10,000 (Kroeber 1976) to 18,000–22,000 (Cook and Heizer 1965, p. 21) along the Santa Barbara Channel coast. These coastal Chumash villages included large, round dwellings made of tule reed mats and arranged in close groups. Lodging as many as 60 people, the houses supported large family groups (Brown 2001).

Subsistence strategies for the Chumash included both coastal and inland food resources. The acorn was a staple food, for which the Chumash developed a variety of tools, including different baskets for processing, cooking, and serving acorns and other plant foods, and mortar and milling stones for crushing and grinding. Hunting was also an important component of daily life, with bows and arrows used to hunt large game and snares and traps used to capture smaller animals (Brown 2001; Hudson and Blackburn 1983).

Being located on the coast, the tomol, or wooden plank canoe, became essential to facilitating both marine resource procurement and to maintaining active trade networks between inland and coastal groups. Large marine mammals such as whales and seals were hunted with harpoons. Fish were captured using hooks, lines, and nets. Additionally, shellfish were procured from the coast, including clams and scallops, which could be dug up with sticks and other tools; and mussels and abalone, which could be gathered from rocks using prying tools.



Trade was an important aspect of both Chumash subsistence and maintaining social ties to other island and inland groups. Island, coastal, and inland Chumash traded a variety of materials including beads, tools, baskets, shells, acorns, steatite, obsidian, chert, and animal skins.

Like so many Native American groups, the Chumash were heavily affected by the arrival of the Spanish. The Spanish mission system, and later Mexican and American settlers, had devastating effects on native populations and dramatically altered traditional Chumash lifeways. The introduction of European diseases, against which native populations had no immunity, also took a tremendous toll on the Chumash (Johnson 1987). However, many Chumash descendants still inhabit the region today.

Review of various ethnographic studies and historic maps (King 19675; Johnson et al. 1999; Brown 2001; Grant 1978) indicate that while no known TCRs have been identified within the Project site, prehistoric utilization of the nearby Ventura River was extensive. Several Chumash placenames were identified within the Project vicinity, including the villages of quyuy, kamexmey, micqanaqan, and šišolop (King 1975). The site of the historic village of šišolop or Shisholop (CA-VEN-3) is located approximately 1.4 miles south of the Project site near the base of Figueroa Street (see Exhibit 1). The village dates from approximately AD 1000 and extends into the escribic period, being visited by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542. Shisholop ("in the mud") is estimated to have stretched from the beach inland past the San Buenaventura Mission and served as home to 300–400 Chumash at its peak. The location of the village and the Cabrillo Landing was designated as a historical point of interest with the City of Ventura.



could occur through short-term earthmoving activities during construction. Impacts from the proposed Project would be less than significant.

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

CPUC Draft Environmental Measures

No CPUC Draft Environmental Measures are included in Attachment 4 of the CPUC Guidelines that would be applicable to TCRs.

BMP-CUL-1: Inadvertent Discovery of Archaeological Resources

In the event that archaeological resources (sites, features, or artifacts) or tribal cultural resources (as defined by Pub. Resources Code, § 21074) are exposed during ground disturbing activities, all construction work occurring within 50 feet of the find shall immediately stop until a qualified archaeologist, meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, can evaluate the significance of the find and determine whether or not additional study and/or protocols are warranted in accordance with CEQA. Depending upon the significance of the find, the archaeologist may simply record the find and allow work to continue. If the discovery proves significant under CEQA, additional work such as preparation of an archaeological treatment plan, testing, or data recovery may be warranted.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this report, please contact Samantha Murray by mobile phone: 818-458-1162 or by email: smurray@southernenvironmental.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1. NAHC SLF Results and Tribal Outreach Letters



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Attachment 1:
NAHC SLF Results and Tribal Outreach
Letters

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

February 17, 2023

Samantha Murray
South EnvironmentalVia Email to: smurray@southenvironmental.com**Re: SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project, Ventura County**

Dear Ms. Murray:

A record search of the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) Sacred Lands File (SLF) was completed for the information you have submitted for the above referenced project. The results were negative. However, the absence of specific site information in the SLF does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Attached is a list of Native American tribes who may also have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated; if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call or email to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from tribes, please notify me. With your assistance, we can assure that our lists contain current information.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at my email address: Cody.Campagne@nahc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Cody Campagne
Cultural Resources Analyst

Attachment

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources assessment for the proposed SoCalGas Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project, Ventura County.



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March 6, 2023

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May 4, 2023

SoCalGas
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Att.: Laura Hoffman, Team Lead, Major Projects Environmental

Re: Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

Thank you for contacting the Tribal Elders' Council for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians.

At this time, the Elders' Council requests no further consultation on this project; however, we understand that as part of NHPA Section 106, we must be notified of the project.

Thank you for remembering that at one time our ancestors walked this sacred land.

Sincerely Yours,

Crystal Mendoza

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If you have knowledge of cultural resources that may exist within or near the Project site, please contact me directly either by phone at (213) 393-7354, by email at lhoffman2@socalgas.com, or by mail at the address above within 2 weeks of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive a response within this timeframe, we will follow-up to ensure receipt of this information.

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- Project Location
- Staging Area
- City Boundary

SOURCE: Esri and Digital Globe, Open Street Map





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