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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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**Re: Mid-County Parkway Draft Environmental Studies Extended  
Deadline to submit comments**

The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided on said project(s) has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although this site is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas.

At this time the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians is requesting:

1. Further consultation with the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Cultural Resource Department on the project listed above.
2. Provision of future updates on this project.
3. Copies of any archeological and/or cultural resource documentation.
4. Working in and around traditional use areas intensifies the possibility of encountering cultural resources during the construction/excavation phase. For this reason the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians requests that proper notification be given prior to any surveys and ground disturbances so that a Native American Monitor from the Soboba Cultural Resource Department can be present during these proceedings.
5. At this time the Soboba Band does see a direct need for a Native American Monitor(s) due to the high cultural significance of the area and is asking that the monitor(s) be compensated for his/her time.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the following number 951-487-8268.

[SPECIAL NOTE (for projects other than cell towers): If this project is associated with a city or county specific plan or general plan action it is subject to the provisions of SB18-Traditional Tribal Cultural Places (law became effective January 1, 2005) and will require the city or county to participate in formal, government-to-government consultation with the Tribe. If the city or county are your client, you may wish to make them aware of this requirement. By law, they are required to contact the Tribe.]

Sincerely,

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