



TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Scott Taschner
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RE: Native American Consultation (SB 18 Consultation) for the Akopyan Change of Zone/General Plan Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Taschner:

In regards to consultation in compliance with Senate Bill 18 (California Government Code § 65352.3) for the Akopyan Change of Zone, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is not aware of any archaeological/cultural sites or properties in the project area that pertain to the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. However, the project is located within the Chemehuevi Traditional Use Area. While there is no construction proposed at this time, the project area has the possibility of inadvertent discoveries, which may have an adverse effect on potential cultural resources that concern the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians.

The Tribe is interested in this project and to further ascertain impacts requests a copy of the cultural resources report. Please do not hesitate to contact the THPO at (760) 775-3259 or by email: TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,


Anthony Madrigal, Jr.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Darrell Mike, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Chairman
Sarah Bliss, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Cultural Specialist