

AB52 Tribal Consultation with Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kitzh Nation and the City of Inglewood for the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC) Project

Date of Meeting: March 20, 2019

Participants:

- **Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kitzh Nation:** Tribal Chairman Andrew Salas, Tribal Administrator Matthew Teutimer Salas, Administrative Specialist Brandy Salas
- **City of Inglewood:** Mindy Wilcox, AICP, Planning Manager
- **Environmental Science Associates (ESA):** Sara Dietler, Senior Cultural Resources Specialist
- **Trifiletti Consulting:** Perla Solis, Planning Associate

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Meeting Minutes

A conference call was held on March 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM with the above participants to initiate further consultations under AB 52 between the City of Inglewood, Lead Agency for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project, and the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation

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- Mindy Wilcox initiated the call by providing overview of the proposed Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (IBEC) Project and providing a status update on the Project Team's environmental process
 - Informed the team that we are still working/preparing the environmental draft (studies underway)
 - DEIR to be released in the SMR 2019
- ESA shared information on their process of developing proposed mitigation measures appropriate for the Project Site
 - Mitigations: (1) Prior to utility installation, the City will retain a qualified archaeologist to conduct sensitivity training to the workers that are involved to the ground disturbing activity. Archeologists will then train construction crew
 - If they encounter a resource, team will contact ESA and the City to contact the tribe members as appropriate
 - Tribe had questions on what other mitigation measures for ground disturbing activity the environmental team had drafted
 - ESA reported that they are still discussing the details of all proposed mitigations for ground disturbing activity.
- Response to Mitigation Measures summarized by ESA staff
 - ~~Tribe~~ Tribal Chairman Salas stated that the mitigation in Draft form does not fulfill their requirements as the California State Legislature identifies tribal government as their own experts to State Government.

- Also, it is important to note that archaeological resources differ from tribe cultural resources.
- Tribe requested to further coordinate with the City to refine the mitigation measures as the Tribe would prefer someone from their tribe at the site.
- Tribe/Tribal Chairman Salas also provided a broad overview of Assembly Bill 52 and emphasized the following:
 - Under AB52, Tribal Cultural resources are now their only element under CEQA meaning the City of Inglewood must consider their tribal cultural values in determination of impacts and mitigation measures.
 - Also, because tribal cultural resources are their own element within CEQA, they require their own mitigation within the environmental document specific to tribal cultural resources.
- Tribe/Tribal Chairman Salas also stated what a tribal cultural resource is for the Gabrieleno Tribe.
 - Tribal cultural resources are not just artifacts but includes site features, place, cultural landscape or a place or object that is of cultural value to the Tribe
 - Tribe/Tribal Chairman Salas reiterated that the Agua de Centinela site is a prominent site within the vicinity of the project location, and it should be considered a tribal cultural resource by law under PRC 21704.
 - Agua de Centinela site is located along a pre-historic and historic trading routes for the Gabrielino Tribe.
 - These trading routes could potentially contain cultural resources, and because of the proximity of the project location to these trading routes and waterways, the Tribe notes the project location had a higher than normal probability to encounter cultural resources.

Matthew Teutimez further elaborated that Tribe was not given the opportunity to consult on another project to the north of the current project site regarding the creek that goes through that project. The cultural that the tribe is trying to protect is found up to 40 feet deep and hydrologic events of the past could have buried cultural resources in this ecological zone. Excavation can remove a lot of the materials that could still be within the soils under the cap of urbanization. Matthew referenced the 1920's USGS topographic map which shows the stream. He went on to describe that when they have project areas they look at these areas and evidence shown on maps to help them identify their concerns. Should cultural resources be discovered, they don't want to be contacted after the materials have been desecrated but want to be on site and able to be in front of it.

Tribe Chairman Salas further elaborated that having other entities handle their cultural resources is disrespectful and mentioned they are much more comfortable with their guys out there identifying the resources. They want to work alongside the archeologists and have their people on their tribal lands protecting their resources.

- It is critical that the City of Inglewood understand the IBEC project area is “highly sensitive” meaning that there is a high probability of finding cultural resources and human remains related to the trading routes and village activity.

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The meeting concluded with Tribe Chairman Salas reiterating that the Tribe's goal is to help the City be compliance with AB52 and would like to work with the City to move forward in a way that is respectful to their cultural history and resources.

City appreciated the tribes time and hear their concerns loud and clear and will be working with ESA and finalizing the study.

If we're the tribe mitigation and consulting, it is always wise to work with the Tribe that is involved. And then you get someone on the call for 10minutes.

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