

GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS — KIZH NATION

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians cognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Ang



Date April 1, 2018

Re: AB52 Consultation - CEQA Public Resources Code section 21080.3, sub. (b) request for formal notification of proposed projects within the Gabrieleño/Kizh Tribe's geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation

Dear Lead Agency

Effective July 1, 2015, AB52 went into effect and we are initiating contact with you as you are listed as a lead agency through the Native American Heritage Commission or through CEQA. Your city lies within the Ancestral territory and sacred villages of our great tribal Nation. We, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh(pronounced Keech) Nation, represent the indigenous peoples of a once vast territory extending through Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (see attached map showing our traditional tribal territory). We are grateful that this important bill is granting us better opportunity to protect our many tribal cultural resources, village sites and sacred/religious sites. The Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation is a California State recognized American Indian Tribe centered at Mission San Gabriel. However, our Tribal territory was much bigger than this as it was the largest of all territories in Southern California. Please find included with this notification a map outlining our traditional tribal territory for your use as a planning tool. This map is a modern compilation of notes and maps from various ethnographers, historians, linguists, archaeologists and anthropologists dating back to the late 1700s. Even older than that, is the oral history of our elders and the elders of surrounding tribes. Within these boundaries were once found thousands of individual village sites, sacred sites, religious sites, and trading routes. Our Tribe has been designated by the NAHC as Most Likely Descendants on numerous projects within which reburial of human remains and associated grave goods and artifacts occurred. However, we are a Tribe with many facets in addition to protecting our sacred sites. In addition to educating the public about our culture, we have many projects to revitalize our lost culture and language, and we have published our first book.

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Dr. Christina Swindall Martinez, Secretary Richard Gradias, Chairman of the Council of Elders 'AB52 (Public Resources Code 21080.3.1) states that:

"Within 14 days of determining...to undertake a project, the lead Agency shall provide notification to...a tribal representative... Traditionally and culturally affiliated...that have requested notice... That includes a brief description of the proposed project and its Location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification That the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request Consultation...the parties may propose mitigation measures.... Capable of avoiding or substantially lessening potential significant Impacts to a tribal cultural resource or alternatives that would Avoid significant impacts..."

The following person is designated as our Tribe's lead contact person for the purposes of receiving notices of proposed projects from your agency:

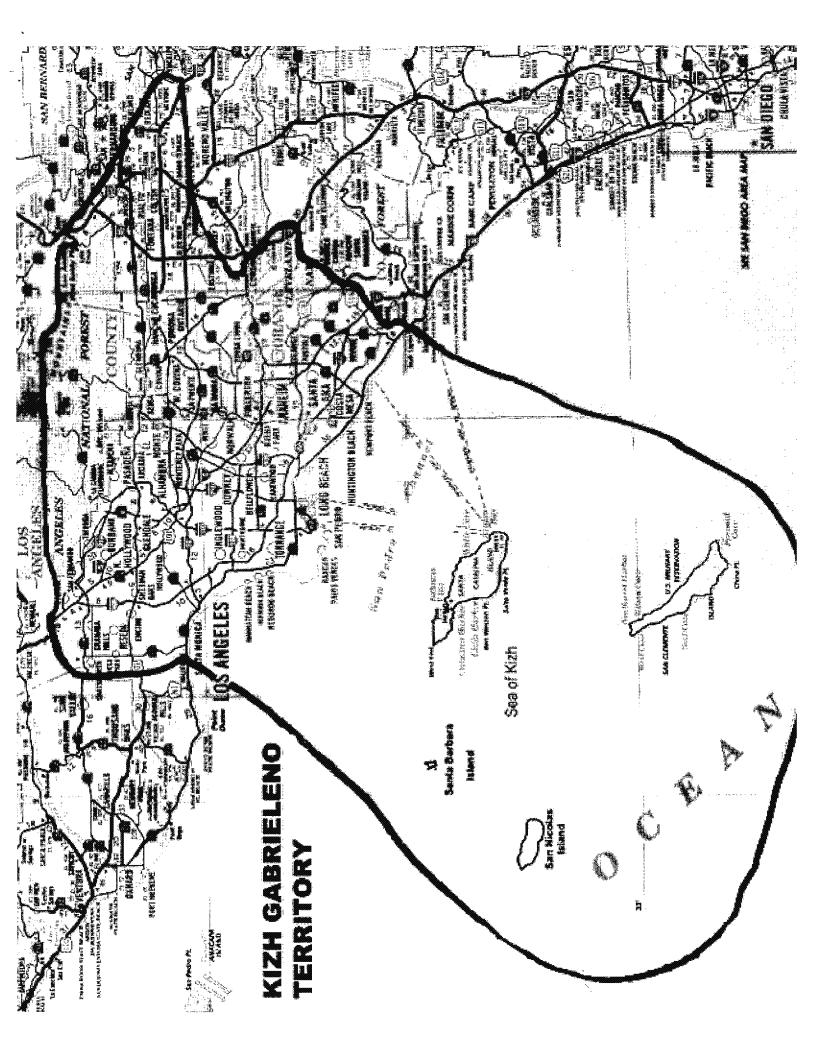
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Following receipt and review of the information you provide, we will reply within 30 days to potentially request consultation to mitigate any impacts your project may cause to tribal cultural resources. Your response confirming receipt of this letter is greatly appreciated.

With respect,

Andrew Salas, Chairman



APPENDIX 1: Map 1-2; Bean and Smith 1978 map.

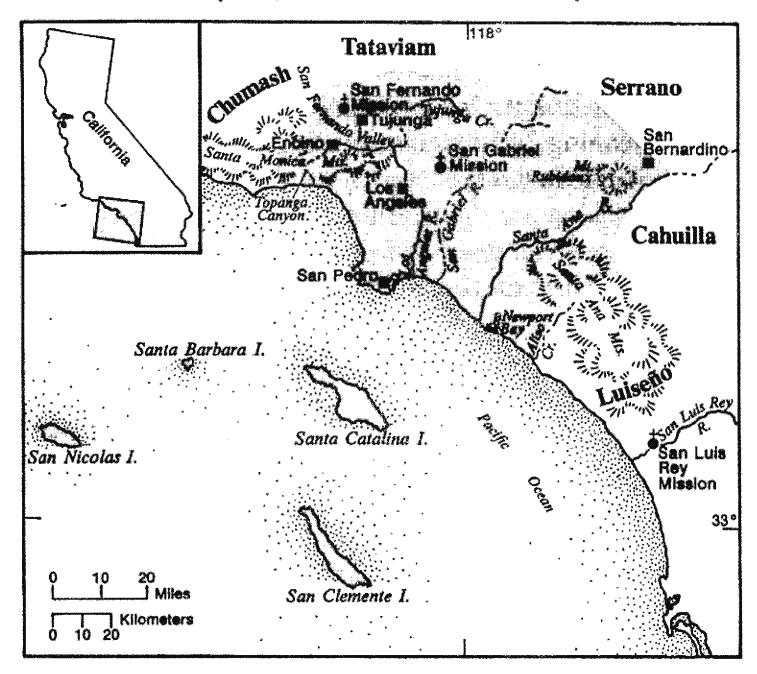


Fig. 1. Tribal territory.

The United States National Museum's Map of Gabrielino Territory:

Bean, Lowell John and Charles R. Smith
1978 Gabrielino IN *Handbook of North American Indians,*California, Vol. 8, edited by R.F. Heizer, Smithsonian
Institution Press, Washington, D.C., pp. 538-549