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Hi, Laverne

In case you didn't see it in the notice about the availability of the Revised EIR/S, two virtual public meetings will also be held on Wednesday (December 15) and Thursday (December 16) at 6pm and 9am, respectively. More information is at <https://sitesproject.org/environmental-review/>.

Also, per our conversation on Friday, I looked at the mitigation measures in the EIR. I have enclosed just those pages here, so that you don't have to wade through the entire chapters, if you don't want to.

I encourage you to read the mitigation measures thoroughly, but have provided excerpts of two that I think are most pertinent to your concerns.

Mitigation Measure CUL-3.2: Avoid, Protect, and Treat Human Burials

The Authority and its qualified contractors will prepare a plan for treating human remains and/or grave goods encountered during archaeological investigations, Project construction, or Project operations. The Burial Treatment Plan will identify ways to avoid or reduce the likelihood of encountering as yet unidentified burials.....

The Native American portion of the Burial Treatment Plan will be developed in consultation with consulting tribes and may include individual tribes' burial treatment plans.

Mitigation Measure TCR-1.3: Implement Agreed-Upon Protocol for the Treatment of Human Remains and Cultural Items

- Treatment of all cultural items, including ceremonial items and archeological items will reflect the religious beliefs, customs, and practices of the culturally affiliated Tribe. All cultural items, including ceremonial items and archeological items, discovered during Project construction and operation will be turned over to the Tribe for appropriate treatment, unless otherwise ordered by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction. The Authority will waive any and all claims to ownership of Tribal ceremonial and cultural items that may be found.
- Work of Tribal monitors and treatment of human remains will proceed in accordance with treatment plans developed in consultation with the most likely descendant of the culturally affiliated Tribe as identified by the NAHC.

Let me know if you have any comments or questions about any of the mitigation measures.

Thanks

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