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I attended the Solar PEIS Scoping Meeting in El Centro, California on July 10, 2008.

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) is the State of California 'trustee agency' with responsibility under California Public Resources Code Section 5097, 1 through 9, to protect and preserve Native American burial grounds and cultural resources/traditions cultural properties. The NAHC carries out its responsibility in partnership with local California Native American tribes and in coordination with appropriate local, state and federal agencies. Typically, the NAHC responds to requests by local tribes, local, state and federal agencies and their environmental and/or cultural resources consultants with information about sacred sites in a specific project area ('area of potential effect' or APE) and also with a list of Native American tribes and Native American individuals that may be of the opinion that cultural resources may be affected by a proposed project.

The NAHC assists requesters for Native American cultural resources information in compliance with both federal and state statutes.

Regarding the Solar PEIS and the environmental policies for the planning and implementation of specific projects, the California Native American Heritage Commission urges that existing Native American Tribal consultation requirements, embodied in the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other appropriate federal and state statutes and regulations, be honored.

In California, the NAHC pledges its assistance to lead agencies, their contractors and project partners with the Native American consultation process and with the process of identifying Native American cultural resources that may be affected by specific project plans.

Sincerely,

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