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County of Riverside
Department of Facilities Management
ATTN: Ms. Ashley Mitchell
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Re: Notice of Preparation for a Draft Program EIR for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication (PSEC) Project

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

On behalf of the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians, a federally recognized tribal nation with tribal lands in Riverside County, please accept this letter as the Tribe's official comments regarding the Notice of Preparation for a Draft Program EIR for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project.

While the proposed project is not within the Reservation boundaries, the project site lies within the traditional territory of the Cahuilla People, and the project, as proposed, may have impacts on tribal resources located within Riverside County.

The Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians is concerned about the protection of unique and irreplaceable cultural resources, such as Cahuilla village and burial sites and archaeological items that may be displaced by work associated with any project within the aboriginal homelands of the Cahuilla people.

The Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians is also concerned about the proper and lawful treatment of any cultural or ceremonial items, Native American human remains, or sacred items which may be discovered during planning and/or construction of the project.

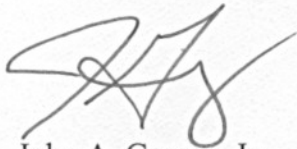
Please forward any cultural and/or archaeological surveys/reports/investigations prepared for the proposed project so that the Tribe may review and provide feedback.

The Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians looks forward to working with the County of Riverside on a government-to-government basis and requests a meeting to consult with the project proponents and lead agency to address issues of importance to the Tribe.

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Please feel free to contact me at the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal offices address listed above, or via phone at (951)763-4105 or on my cell phone at (951)941-4943.

Sincerely,



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