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Luke- Another email from the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians, thanks Vikki

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COMMENTS----

On behalf of the Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians, a federally recognized tribal nation with tribal lands in Riverside County, please accept this email as the Tribe's comments regarding the Notice of Preparation for a Draft Program EIR for the Public Safety Enterprise Communication Project. The project, as proposed, may have impacts on tribal resources located within Riverside County.

While the proposed project is not within the Reservation boundaries, the project site lies within the traditional territory of the Cahuilla People, and 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 also requests a meeting to consult with the project proponents and lead agency to address issues of importance to the Tribe.

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

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