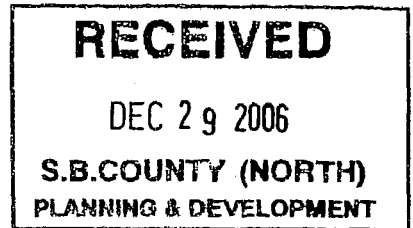


SANTA YNEZ BAND OF MISSION INDIANS
Tribal Elders Council

December 27, 2006

Gary Kaiser, Project Planner
County of Santa Barbara, Planning and Development
624 Foster Road, Suite C
Santa Maria, CA 93455



RE: Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine and Processing Facility

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

Thank you for contacting the Tribal Elders Council for the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians in regards to the above mentioned project.

The Tribal Elders Council feel there is the strong possibility that unrecorded deposits are present in the project area. Therefore we would like additional information from you in order to give an accurate response.

When availability allows, we kindly request copies of one or more of the following:

- Record search from the Central Coast Information Center
- Response letter from the Native American Heritage Commission
- Field survey report of the project area
- Archaeological survey and historic property survey report

If regulations that apply to this project do not require the presence of a Native American monitor, we ask that you please consider having a monitor in place during ground disturbance. If you decide to honor our request, please contact our office or Chumash in the project area.

We thank you for remembering that at one time our ancestors lived on this sacred land.

Sincerely yours,

Tribal Elders Council Governing Board

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PROPOSEDDIAMOND ROCK SAND AND GRAVEL
MINE AND PROCESSING FACILITY
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PROPOSED
MITIGATION MEASURES

By David Paul Dominguez

Blackbird Clan, Santa Ynez Chumash Reservation

Cultural Resource Manager, Chumash Council of Bakersfield

We the Chumash Council of Bakersfield are responding in regards to the proposed, Diamond Rock Sand and Gravel Mine Processing facility. Our Cultural Resource Department is working its way to achieving the goals of preserving and protecting burials and sacred sites when it comes to the actual construction and earth moving activities that occur in Santa Barbara and Kern Counties. At this time we are familiarizing ourselves with the processes of consultation as well as what we need to do to accomplish our goals in a timely and professional manner. We appreciate your time, effort and patience that it is involved on your part of this early stage of planning. Our main concern is that our mitigation proposals are taken seriously as well as our intentions to be good stewards and caretakers of the land of our predecessors. As far as this particular project is concerned we see a need address the ongoing earth disturbing process as well as implementing new procedures to identify Cultural Resources for a full time operation such as this. In the past there have been scarce regulations to deal with a continuous digging operation. When it comes to preferred habitation during prehistoric times, Native populations would always be found near a dependable water source. Most of the recorded archaeological sites are situated near water especially in the mountainous interior. Even though there has been a record search done as well as a phase 1 pedestrian survey that revealed no Cultural Resources we have to disagree with the findings of, less than significant impact. There is no reason to assume that there are no Cultural Resources beneath the surface until it is un-earthed. We feel that there needs to be more data and research done on mining operations to fully understand the full scope.

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ADDITIONAL PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES:

- a) All excavation work to be monitored.
- b) Archaeologist and Native American monitors.
- c) If significant Cultural Resources are found, work stops until mitigation is carried out.
- d) Report must be prepared when work is finished.

Sincerely,

David Paul Dominguez

Cultural Resource Manager

Chumash Council of Bakersfield