
TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: SB18 Notification for the Proposed SPA PL26-0010 & GPA PL26-0014 Project

Dear Ms. Staar:

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Tribe/MBMI) Tribal Historic Preservation Office received the City of Chino's (City) letter regarding the above referenced project on March 31, 2026. The proposed Specific Plan Amendment (SPA) PL26-0010 and General Plan Amendment (GPA) PL26-0014 Chino Community Core Project (Project) is located within the ancestral territory and traditional use area of the Cahuilla and Serrano people of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

Tribal cultural resources are non-renewable resources and therefore of high importance to the Morongo Tribe, therefore, tribal participation (a.k.a. tribal monitors) is recommended during all ground disturbing activities. We look forward to working with your agency to protect these irreplaceable resources out of respect for ancestors of the Morongo people who left them there, and for the people of today and for generations to come.

Projects within this area are potentially sensitive for cultural resources regardless of the presence or absence of remaining surface artifacts and features. Our office requests to initiate government-to-government consultation under Senate Bill (SB) 18 (Government Code §65352.3) and requests the following from your agency to ensure meaningful consultation:

- Currently proposed Project design and Mass Grading Maps
- A records search conducted at the appropriate California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) center with at least a 1.0-mile search radius from the project boundary. If this work has already been completed, please furnish copies of the cultural resource documentation (ArcMap Shapefiles, reports, and site records) generated through this search so that we can compare and review with our records to begin productive consultation.
- Tribal participation (a.k.a. tribal monitors) during the pedestrian survey and testing, if this fieldwork has not already taken place. In the event that archaeological crews have already completed this work, our office requests a copy of the current Phase I study or other cultural assessments (including the cultural resources inventory).
- Shapefiles of the Project's area of effect (APE)
- Geotechnical Report

This letter does not conclude consultation. Upon receipt of the requested documents the MBMI THPO may further provide recommendations and/or mitigation measures.

The lead contact for this Project is Bernadette Ann Brierty, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). MBMI On-Call Tribal Archaeologist, George Dicken Everson, will be assisting the Tribe in the review of this project. Please do not hesitate to contact us at ABrierty@morongo-nsn.gov, THPO@morongo-nsn.gov, gdeverson@morongo-nsn.gov or (951) 663-2842, should you have any questions. The Tribe looks forward to meaningful government-to-government consultation with the City of Chino.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernadette Ann Brierty". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Bernadette Ann Brierty

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

CC: Morongo THPO