



TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

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Luis Lopez, Development Services Director
City of Coachella – Development Services Department
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**RE: Coachella Travel Center
City of Coachella**

Dear Mr. Lopez:

The City of Coachella requested comments regarding the project design with respect to physical impacts of the project on public resources, facilities and/or services; recommended conditions that the agency believes would improve the design of the project; and recommended improvements to satisfy other regulations and concerns. As stated in previous correspondence the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), established to protect and preserve cultural resources that are within the ancestral territory of the Chemehuevi, has concerns in regards to the project. The subject property, located on APN 760-020-021 is adjacent to numerous cultural resources and is approximately 1-mile from the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) Reservation. From the Cultural Resources Report, it is noted that there are three (3) cultural resources within the project area. Additional review of historic aerials and topographic maps indicate that the project area has been minimally disturbed. For these reasons, the project area has the possibility of inadvertent discoveries, which could have an adverse effect on potential cultural resources that concern the Tribe.

Since there are historic resources located within the project area and the THPO is aware of numerous sites within the vicinity. For this reason, the THPO requests that Tribal Monitors from the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians are included in project mitigation measures. Since there is a historic component in the project area, the THPO recommends that an archaeological firm is contracted to consult with the project as needed. The Tribe and THPO look forward to working with the City of Coachella on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at (760) 775-3259 or by email: TNPConsultation@29palmsbomi-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Madrigal, Jr.", is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Anthony Madrigal, Jr.
Director of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office

cc: Darrell Mike, Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal Chairman
Sarah Bliss, Twenty-Nine Palms Cultural Resources Manager