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Ms. Debbie Pilas-Treadway
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**Subject: REQUEST FOR SACRED LANDS FILE SEARCH AND NATIVE AMERICAN
REFERRALS –SOUTH BAY SALT PONDS INITIAL STEWARDSHIP PROJECT,
ALAMEDA, SANTA CLARA, AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA**

Dear Ms. Pilas-Treadway

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) are preparing a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to address the potential impacts of the Initial Stewardship Project for the South Bay Salt Ponds (ISP) in Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties, California. Life Sciences! Inc. (LSI) has been contracted by the agencies to prepare the EIR/EIS and I am assisting Life Sciences! Inc. with this project. Maps showing the location of the project are attached.

The USFWS and CDFG are acquiring approximately 15,100 acres of salt production ponds from Cargill Salt Corporation. The proposed South Bay Salt Ponds ISP is intended to provide for management of the acquisition lands from the time management responsibility is transferred by Cargill to the USFWS and CDFG, until a long-term restoration and management plan for the South Bay is completed. It is anticipated that the planning and design process for long-term restoration, and thus the duration of the ISP, will require at least five years.

The objectives of the proposed ISP include:

1. Cease salt production.
2. Circulate Bay water through the ponds and introduce tidal hydrology to ponds where feasible.
3. Maintain existing open water and wetland habitat for the benefit of wildlife, including habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl and resident breeding species.
4. Maintain ponds in a restorable condition to facilitate future long term restoration.
5. Meet all regulatory requirements, including discharge requirements to maintain water quality standards in the South Bay.

Proposed changes to existing operations include:

1. Circulating bay waters through reconfigured pond systems and releasing pond contents into the Bay. The plan will require installing new water control features, consisting of intake structures, outlet structures and additional pumps to maintain existing shallow open water habitat.
2. Managing a limited number of ponds as seasonal wetlands, to reduce management costs and optimize habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl.

3. Managing different summer and winter water levels in a limited number of ponds to reduce management costs and optimize habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl.
4. Restoration of three ponds to muted tidal or full tidal influence.
5. Managing several ponds in the Alviso system as "batch ponds", where salinity levels would be allowed to rise in order to support specific wildlife populations.

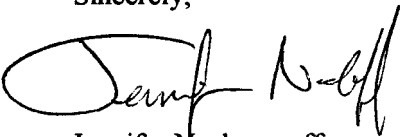
I am contacting you to request a search of the Sacred Lands File for areas potentially impacted by this project, and also to request a list of Native American representatives who may have an interest in heritage lands or other resources potentially affected by the proposed project.

Please FAX this information to 413-653-0655 or mail it to:

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You can contact me at (530) 757-6249 if you have any questions. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Nachmanoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "N".

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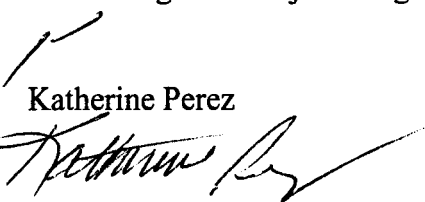
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Re: South Bay Salt Ponds Initial Stewardship Project, Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties, California.

Dear Jennifer Nachmanoff:

The impact of the project has a high potential for impacts to unknown burials.

It is the recommendation of the tribe to try and minimize ground disturbance so as to lessen the potential for impacts to unknown sites. It may even be safe to have monitoring done on just the ground disturbance.


Katherine Perez

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RE: Proposed South Bay Salt Ponds ISP Project; Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Joaquin Counties.

Dear Ms. Nachmanoff:

A record search of the sacred land file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend other with specific knowledge. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

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This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regards to the cultural assessment for the proposed South Bay Salt Ponds ISP project, San Mateo County.

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