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Subject: Rockport Ranch Project-Rincon Band Response to Notice of Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Fowler,

This letter is written on behalf of the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. Thank you for providing us with the Public Notice of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the above referenced project. The identified location is within the Territory of the Luiseño people.

1. We understand that the project will consist of 79.68 acres and will be comprised of residential land use and open space land use. In addition, a cultural resource assessment was conducted in December 2017 by Laguna Mountain Environmental, Inc. The assessment was negative for cultural resources within the proposed project site, however, 58 archaeological sites have been recorded within a one-mile radius of the proposed project site, 47 of which are prehistoric sites.

2. Upon review of the DEIR, the information provided by the City of Menifee, and our internal records, we have concluded that the draft mitigation measures (SC-CUL-1 through SC-CUL-9) address Rincon's concerns pertaining to inadvertent discoveries. In addition, we understand that these measures are the City's Standard Conditions and include the following:

1. Protocols for discovery of Human Remains
2. Non-Disclosure of Reburial Location
3. Protocols for inadvertent archaeological discoveries
4. Options for Cultural Resource disposition, to include preservation in place
5. Archaeological Monitoring
6. Luiseno Monitoring - Pechanga
7. Luiseno Monitoring - Soboba
8. An Archaeological Report
9. Paleontological monitoring.

3. We have no further concerns pertaining to potential discovery of cultural resources and human remains during ground disturbing activities for this project. However, we request that a copy of the Archaeological Report be provided to the Rincon Band upon completion.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to protect and preserve our cultural assets.

Sincerely,

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