

**Attachment I**

**The California SHPO Acknowledgment of the Initiation of Consultation**

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re: Initial Section 106 Consultation: Proposal to Install  
Prototype Concrete Lining in Coachella Canal [BUR ref. LC-  
158A RES-3.400) Riverside and Imperial Counties.

Dear Mr. Rinne:

Thank you for initiating consultation us in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800 and for soliciting our comments on your historic property identification efforts to date.

As we understand the proposal, a section of the Coachella Canal will be lined with concrete using a newly developed technique by which the canal may remain in use during construction. A BUR archaeologist conducted a reconnaissance along a 37 mile section of the canal and along an adjacent access road. No archaeological sites were found, but it was ascertained that the local Cahuilla people consider the nearby Dos Palmas Spring area sacred.

We thank you for the map showing the general project area, but it is unclear what the boundaries of the undertaking's Area of Potential Effect (A.P.E.) are, or if the entire A.P.E. was investigated for cultural resources. Also, the location of Cahuilla sacred areas are not shown. Presumably, this information is in the archaeologist's report. The report should include maps showing all sections of the canal under consideration and the extent of survey coverage for proposed borrow areas from which construction materials will be taken, staging areas, access roads, and any other areas potentially subject to disturbance. The comments of the local Cahuilla people should also be included in any cultural resources documentation submitted for review.

We look forward to continuing consultation with your agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Del Cioppo, State Archaeologist II, at (916) 322-4419.

Sincerely,



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