

3.6 Comments from Tribes and Responses

This section contains copies of comment letters (and any attachments) from the tribes listed in Table 3.6-1. As noted previously, each comment in the comment letters was assigned a number, in sequential order (note that some letters may have more than one comment). The numbers were then combined with an abbreviation for the tribe (example: NFR-1).

Responses to the comments follow the comment letters, and are also numbered, corresponding to the numbers assigned in the letters. The letters and associated responses are sorted alphabetically by abbreviation and appear in this section in that order.

**Table 3.6-1.
Tribes Providing Comments on
Draft Program Environmental Impact Statement/Report**

Abbreviation	Tribe
NFR	North Fork Rancheria
UAIC	United Auburn Indian Community

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3.6.1 North Fork Rancheria

Banonis, Michelle

From: Brett Matzke [mailto:bmatzke@northforkrancheria-nsn.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 8:03 AM
To: Banonis, Michelle
Subject: RE: Need maps

Thank you very much Michelle. I have been up your way in Sac for a few days working on other issues. I appreciate your help.

Best

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From: Banonis, Michelle [mailto:MBanonis@usbr.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 1:46 PM
To: Brett Matzke
Subject: RE: Need maps

Just to follow up, Brett. We will be putting together some GIS maps for you for Reaches 1 and 2 and sending them your way to incorporate your information into, along with a cover letter from our office.

Thanks again. Also, I just wanted to inform you that the comment period for the SJRRP PEIS/R document has been extended to September 21, 2011 based on a recent request, so this provides a little extra time for review.

Michelle

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From: Banonis, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 12:48 PM
To: 'Brett Matzke'

San Joaquin River Restoration Program

Cc: 'Reed, Rhonda'
Subject: RE: Need maps

Thanks, Brett. I am coordinating with our cultural resources folks on the first part of your e-mail to see how we typically approach this and/or what we might be able to include for an additional information exchange. More to come on this one as soon as I hear from them.

For NMFS, Rhonda Reed would be the most appropriate person to chat with. Her phone number is (916)930-3609 and I am cc-ing her on this e-mail if you would prefer her e-mail address instead.

Thank you again for attending the Fresno public hearing for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program EIS/R. I appreciate your input.

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From: Brett Matzke [<mailto:bmatzke@northforkrancheria-nsn.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 8:05 AM
To: Banonis, Michelle
Subject: FW: Need maps

Oops, the right email might work better.

From: Brett Matzke
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2011 7:59 AM
To: 'Michelle L. Banonis (mbanonis@usrb.gov)'
Subject: Need maps

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Michelle: It was a pleasure meeting you the other night in Fresno. After I got back and started to read (Uggh!) I saw that a lot of the tribes, like I mentioned failed to give you exact location of many special or spiritual locations on the river. I was wonder what you thought of what we do with Cal Trans, and that is to give you circles of approximately 1/4th mile in size to show you areas that are of special concern to us. With that said I would like to ask you for some GIS maps, large ones from Reach 1 and Reach 2. This tribe does not have GIS capability to print and wondered if we could either get one large map of each reach, or two maps of both reach 1 and 2. With these I can get my Environmental Advisory Committee and other elders to actually mark areas and give us names and hopefully tentative uses in the area.

I have a lot of questions on the fish aspect, and also wonder if you could send me the name of the National Marine Fisheries Person who was there and her contact information. She was out of cards, and my brain is moving slower the older I get. I will remember her face, but not her name.

Thank you Michelle, for the help in this matter. I look forward to working with you on this project and seeing Salmon/Steelhead/Eels return to their rightful homes.

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Response to Comment from North Fork Rancheria

NFR-1: In response to this comment, the commenter was provided on May 31, 2011 with contact information for the NMFS staff member referenced in the comment. Printed maps were provided on June 25, 2011 by mail. Text has not been revised.

3.6.2 United Auburn Indian Community

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United Auburn Indian Community
of the Auburn Rancheria

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May 11, 2011

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Subject: San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Draft Program EIS/EIR

Dear Ms. Banonis,

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS		
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Thank you for requesting information regarding the above referenced project. The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria is comprised of Miwok and Nisenan (Southern Maidu) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and ancestral territory spans into El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The UAIC is concerned about development within its aboriginal territory that has potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

UAIC-1 In order to ascertain whether or not the project could affect cultural resources that may be of importance to the UAIC, we would like to receive copies of any archaeological reports that have been, or will be, completed for the project. We also request copies of future environmental documents for the proposed project so that we have the opportunity to comment on potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures related to cultural resources. The information gathered will provide us with a better understanding of the project and cultural resources on site and is invaluable for consultation purposes. Please contact us if any Native American cultural resources are in, or found to be within, your project area.

Thank you again for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC early in the planning process. We look forward to reviewing the aforementioned documents as requested. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, cultural resources specialist, at (530) 883-2364 or email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Baker,
Tribal Administrator

CC: Marcos Guerrero, UAIC

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Response to Comment from United Auburn Indian Community

UAIC-1: In response to the request for information made in the comment, Reclamation Archaeologist Adam Nickels contacted the United Auburn Indian Council on May 31, 2011, to discuss the availability of the requested information. United Auburn Indian Council has been added to the distribution list for SJRRP environmental documents and program news. Text has not been revised.