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How would the fees be determined for projects within the corridor? Does it vary by County, State, appraised value of land etc. Also, are fees paid on an annual basis? Who ultimately calculates the fees and how is it done?

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Thanks.

Jim Fraser

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West-wide Energy Corridor PEIS
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Re: West-Wide Energy Corridor Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

The Campo Band of Mission Indians ("Tribe") provides the following comments upon the Draft West-Wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PEIS). The Tribe appreciates this opportunity to comment upon the Draft PEIS. We look forward to future cooperation and consultation on this and any related projects.

The Tribe does not feel that adequate consultation has occurred in this project. One of the proposed routes goes through Campo Indian Reservation through the Interstate 8 easement.

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The Tribe does not object to energy corridors necessarily and, in fact, some types of corridors may benefit the tribe. In this regard we wish to register our comments based on the different energy types contemplated.

First, we'd like to make an overall comment on the document. A common misconception is that tribal input in the NEPA process is solely focused on archeological and religious sites. While these issues are certainly important, tribal nations are also a part of the national economy. Many tribes are pursuing energy production as a means to utilize existing resources in the most productive manner for their economies. There does not appear to be a Campo tribal tie-in with existing and potential tribal economic benefits both as producers and consumers of energy from the corridor. This also seems evident for other tribal communities.

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Second, Campo is not opposed to the underground component of the energy corridor. In fact, there may be potential benefits and tie-ins to our transportation facilities adjacent to the route and this should be included in the review. We do, however, have a considerable amount of concern that the excavation could impact cultural resources. We would want to work closely with the appropriate agencies to ensure that such impacts were avoided or adequately mitigated.

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Third, Campo has taken a position in opposition to the routing of overhead transmission lines through the Reservation. This was stated in formal comments to the use of the Reservation as an alternate route for the Sunrise Powerlink under a California EIR/EIS. We believe that this routing would have a dramatic and detrimental impact to our travel and tourism based industry adjacent to the route. Further, we believe that optional routing around the Campo, Manzanita and La Posta Reservations would have unmitigatable impacts to archeological resources. It is our preference that one of the many alternatives identified by the California Public Utilities Commission be used instead.

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It is the Tribe's concern that, if these concerns and the other concerns of Tribes are not expressly incorporated and addressed in the PEIS, and the participation of all potentially impacted tribes in the transmission planning process is not assured, substantial problems and delays will be encountered in future projects. We also feel that the lack of equity in dealing with the production/consumer access, tribal industrial and commercial needs and the routing preferences could violate Environmental Justice guidelines.

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The Final PEIS must follow the government-to-government policy established by Presidential Executive Order for working with tribes. If this process is genuinely followed we believe that potential concerns of the Tribe can be adequately addressed.

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In conclusion, the Tribe requests consultation with the Department of Energy concerning the PEIS and the Final Map in order that these significant concerns can be addressed. We also support the extension of this consultation to other Tribes.

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Sincerely,



H. Paul Cuero, Jr.
 Chairman
 Campo Band of Mission Indians