

Comment Letter No. 15

January 18, 2012

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County of Riverside, Clerk of the Board  
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**Re: Draft EIR 524 Temecula Valley Wine County Community Plan**

The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians appreciates your observance of Tribal Cultural Resources and their preservation in your project. The information provided to us on said project(s) has been assessed through our Cultural Resource Department, where it was concluded that although it is outside the existing reservation, the project area does fall within the bounds of our Tribal Traditional Use Areas. At this time the Soboba Band does not have any specific concerns regarding this project, but wishes to defer to the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians (951-308-9295).

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[SPECIAL NOTE (for projects other than cell towers): If this project is associated with a city or county specific plan or general plan action it is subject to the provisions of SB18-Traditional Tribal Cultural Places (law became effective January 1, 2005) and will require the city or county to participate in formal, government-to-government consultation with the Tribe. If the city or county are your client, you may wish to make them aware of this requirement. By law, they are required to contact the Tribe.]

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Sincerely,

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- 15.1 This comment does not identify any specific concern with the adequacy of the Draft PEIR or any environmental issues. Therefore, no further response is warranted. (State CEQA Guidelines § 15088(a) (CEQA requires that a lead agency respond to *environmental* comments.)
- 15.2 The County initiated formal SB18 consultation with the Tribe through the NOP process and Draft PEIR Notice of Availability. Also refer to Response No. 3 to the California Native American Heritage Commission.