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To: All CA Field Managers
Attn: All CA Field Office Archaeologists

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Subject: Draft State Protocol Agreement and Historic Preservation Program Documents for Review
DD: 06/01/07

Enclosed for your review and comment are three documents associated with our Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for compliance with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The documents are a revised draft Protocol, existing Exemptions under the Protocol (Appendix D), and a draft Historic Preservation Program.

Our Protocol implemented on October 25, 2004, was implemented with a 2-year termination date with an agreed upon 1-year extension during 2006 to enable us to prepare the enclosed draft revised Protocol Agreement. We have met with staff of SHPO and have responded to their input in this draft. The enclosed document is very similar to our existing Protocol.

We are also requesting your review of Appendix D, Exemptions, to ascertain any proposed additions, deletions, or wording changes to this section of our Protocol. Exemptions are very important, as undertakings that are exempted save us monies and time in the implementation of projects.

Finally, we have included a draft of our Historic Preservation Program (HPP), which is a required document we agreed to undertake within our 2004 Protocol. The HPP describes how we will meet our Section 110 responsibilities. We are tying our HPP to our cultural resources 1050 funding, performance elements, and workload measures. The HPP will become an amendment to our Protocol.

Our revised Protocol will include our three existing Amendments, Supplemental Procedures for Desert Routes of Travel, Livestock Grazing Permit/Lease Renewals, and Protection of Cultural Resources from Prescribed Fire Effects. Besides the HPP, we plan to add two additional amendments to our revised Protocol – Supplemental Procedures for Fluid Minerals Leasing and the Treatment of Historic Structures.

It is very important that we receive your input on the enclosed documents. We will utilize your input for our final negotiations with SHPO on what will be implemented under the revised Protocol.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wilson, State Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison at (916) 978-4648. Also, please send all comments to Ken by June 1, 2007.

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Attachments - 4
Protocol Agreement (21 pp)
Appendix D, Exemptions (7 pp)
Historic Preservation (18 pp)
Classification of Activity Types by Program Focus (1 p)