

**CHAPTER 8.0**  
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#### 8.1 EIR/EA PREPARERS

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### **8.2 PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED**

The following persons and organizations were contacted in preparation of this document:

In addition to the scoping and Draft EIR/EA public review processes, the BLM has been consulting and coordinating with public agencies that may be requested to take action on the Centinela Solar Energy Project. That ongoing consultation and coordination is discussed in the following sections.

#### **8.2.1 UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

In accordance with requirements under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the BLM requested initiation of informal consultation for southwestern willow flycatcher and Yuma clapper rail and submitted a Biological Assessment to the USFWS on June 22, 2011, for the Centinela Solar Energy Project. On July 26, 2011, the USFWS provided concurrence with the “May affect, not likely to adversely affect” (MANLAA), determination. Informal consultation was reinitiated by BLM memo dated August 25, 2011, to modify proposed conservation measures. USFWS agreed that the changes were discountable and concurred with the MANLAA determination on September 07, 2011.

#### **8.2.2 NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION/COORDINATION AND SECTION 106 CONSULTATION/COORDINATION**

A key requirement of cultural resources analysis under CEQA, NEPA, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended 1992 (NHPA), is to ascertain if a proposed undertaking has the potential to impact historic sites and properties that qualify for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources.

36 CFR 800, the implementing regulations for the NHPA, outlines the process to be undertaken for the identification, evaluation, effect determinations, and development of treatments for properties that might be affected. The process is undertaken in consultation between the BLM, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), federally recognized Tribes (Tribes), and interested parties.

Historic properties and archaeological sites are avoided in the Centinela Solar Energy project by selection of the proposed action and alternatives. The proposed action and alternatives were developed with conditions or design features to purposely avoid all archaeological sites. The BLM has contacted SHPO and the Tribes for consultations towards a ‘no adverse’ effect determination under 36 CFR 800 for this undertaking.

The BLM initiated tribal consultation for the Centinela Solar Energy Project by letter on February 18, 2011, and continues to consult with the Tribes as outlined in 36 CFR 800. The BLM must consult to identify properties of religious and cultural significance to the Tribes to be addressed in the Section 106 process.

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The following Tribes or tribal organizations have been invited to be consulting parties:

Anthony Pico, Chairman – Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians  
Mary L. Resvaloso, Chairwoman – Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians  
Daniel Tucker, Chairman – Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation  
Virgil Perez, Chairman – Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Indians  
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Section 106 consultation with the SHPO, ACHP, Tribes, and interested parties for the Centinela Solar Energy Project is ongoing.