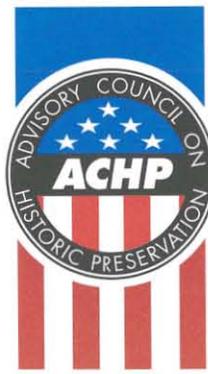


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Mr. Robert Abbey
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Bureau of Land Management
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***REF: Proposed McCoy Solar Energy Project
Riverside, California***

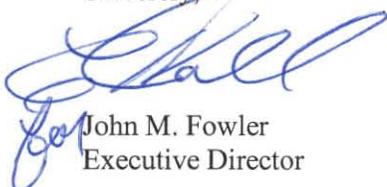
Dear Director Abbey:

On February 16, 2012, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) received the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) notification and supporting documentation regarding the adverse effects of the McCoy Solar Energy Project in California on a property listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We understand that we were invited to participate under the *Programmatic Agreement Among the Bureau of Land Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers regarding the Manner in which BLM will meet its Responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act*. The ACHP has decided to participate in consultation on this undertaking. Our decision is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because this proposal presents issues of concern to Indian tribes.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations further requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying John Kalish, Field Manager, of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Nancy J. Brown, who can be reached at 202-606-858,2 or via email at nbrown@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a memorandum of agreement.

Sincerely,



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