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From: Farrell, Jenna
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 12:42 PM
To: 'Native American Heritage Commission'
Subject: Sacred Lands File Search Request-Sand Hill Wind Project-Alameda County
Attachments: Sand Hill Project Quad Map.pdf

Hi Karen/NAHC

Please conduct a sacred lands file search for the proposed Sand Hill Wind Project near the city of Tracy, Alameda County, CA. FloDesign proposes to install 40 test turbines and widen approximately 7 miles of existing road within an existing windfarm in the Altamont Pass Wind Resources Area (approximately 400 existing turbines). They will remove the 40 existing turbines and pads and install the new foundation/pads/ and turbine within the old turbine locations. They are testing a new wind turbine design against the existing turbines. The remaining existing turbines will remain in place and some will be used as a control group. The testing results will determine future removal and repower of the existing wind turbines.

The direct Project area is described below (map Attached):

7.5 Quad: Altamont
TR: R3E, T2S
Section: S1/2 21, N1/2 28

Quad: Midway
TR: T2S, R3E
Section: E1/2 23, W1/2 24

TR: T2S, R4E
Section: SW1/4 29

Quad: Clifton Court Forebay
TR:T2S, R3E
Section: SE1/4 14, SW 1/4 of 7, NW1/4 18

You can contact me via email or fax. Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you,

Jenna

Jenna Farrell | Archaeologist

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March 18, 2013

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Sent by Fax: 916-852-0307
Number of Pages: 2

Re: Sand Hill Wind Project, Alameda County

Dear Ms. Farrell:

A record search of the sacred land file has failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the sacred lands file does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations who may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation or preference of a single individual, or group over another. This list should provide a starting place in locating areas of potential adverse impact within the proposed project area. I suggest you contact all of those indicated, if they cannot supply information, they might recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If a response has not been received within two weeks of notification, the Commission requests that you follow-up with a telephone call to ensure that the project information has been received.

If you receive notification of change of addresses and phone numbers from any of these individuals or groups, please notify me. With your assistance we are able to assure that our lists contain current information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 653-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Pilas-Treadway".

Debbie Pilas-Treadway
Environmental Specialist III

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Sand Hill Wind Project, Alameda County



March 20, 2013

The Ohlone Indian Tribe
Andrew Galvan
P.O. Box 3152
Fremont, CA 94539

Subject: PROPOSED SAND HILL WIND PROJECT, EASTERN ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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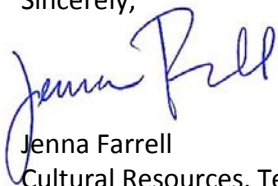
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Jenna Farrell
Cultural Resources, Tetra Tech

Cc: Peter Pawlowski, FloDesign Wind Turbine Corp.

Attachment A: Map



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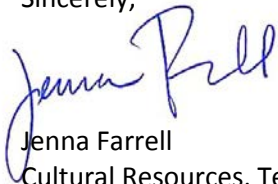
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Jean-Marie Feyling
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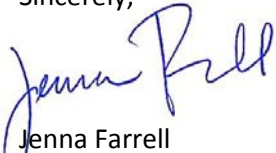
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Muwekma Ohlone Indian Tribe of the SF Bay Area
Rosemary Cambra, Chairperson
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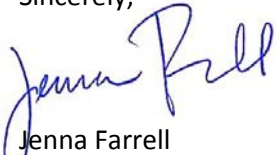
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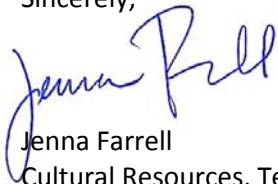
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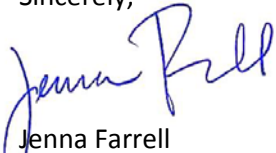
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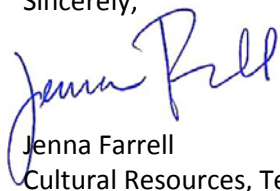
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Jenna Farrell
Cultural Resources, Tetra Tech

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March 20, 2013

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PO Box 717
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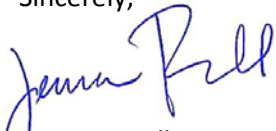
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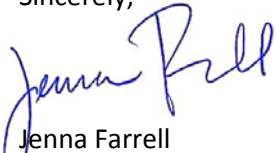
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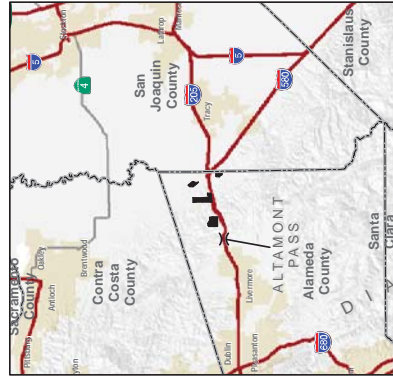
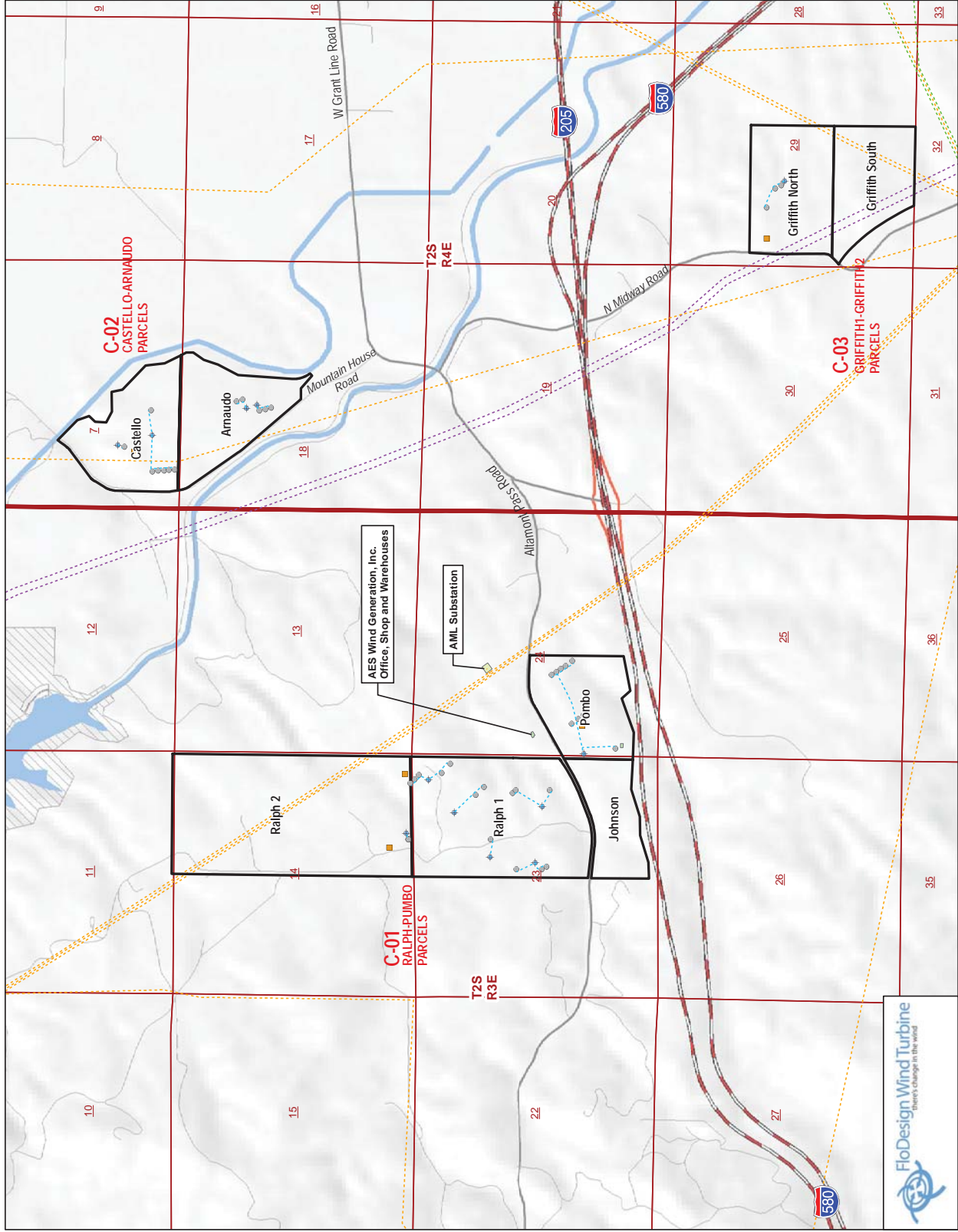
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Legend

- Land Owner Parcels
- Collection Lines
- Proposed Turbines
- Existing MET Towers
- Proposed U/G to OH Tie-In

Transmission Lines

- 100-161 kV Transmission Line
- 230-287 kV Transmission Line
- 500 kv Transmission Line

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ATTACHMENT A
PROJECT AREA

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Farrell, Jenna

From: Katherine Perez <canutes@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 5:50 PM
To: Farrell, Jenna
Subject: Re: PROPOSED SAND HILL WIND PROJECT, EASTERN ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Hi Jenna:

I am not aware of any cultural sensitive area within your project.

Sincerely,
Katherine Perez

From: "Farrell, Jenna" <Jenna.Farrell@tetrattech.com>
To: "canutes@verizon.net" <canutes@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 3:14 PM
Subject: Re: PROPOSED SAND HILL WIND PROJECT, EASTERN ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Hi Katherine:

Thank you for your reply. In response to your questions presented below on March 22, 2013.

Tetra Tech conducted a cultural resources literature review at the Northwest Information Center (NWIC) (Alameda County) of the California Historical Resources Information System, at the California State University, Sonoma California on March 8, 2013. The search focused specifically on lands comprising the entire proposed project location and adjacent areas to a distance 1 mile. Twenty historic sites (homesteads, ranch features, roads, transmission lines) and no prehistoric sites were identified within the Project study area. Only one site, a historic transmission line was identified within the Project area.

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was contacted by e-mail on February 28, 2013 to request a sacred lands file search and a list of Native American contacts with interest in the project area. The NAHC responded on March 19, 2013 that no Native American resources were identified within the project area. A list of nine Native American contacts (your name was included on the NAHC list) was also provided. On March 21st, 2013, Tetra Tech provided each individual on this list a certified letter and email containing information regarding the Project, a map of the Project areas, and a request for any comments and/or information regarding cultural resources in the Project area.

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Please let me know if you have any information regarding potential resources within the proposed repowering project and/or any additional questions or comments regarding the project. Thank you for your reply.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 6:45 PM

To: Garcia, Deeanna

Subject: Re: PROPOSED SAND HILL WIND PROJECT, EASTERN ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

I need to know whether you have completed your survey of the area for cultural resources and if you have requested a cultural investigation from the CCIC and the Native American Heritage Commission of the area?

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