

APPENDIX G
AB 52 Consultation Documentation

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Andrew Salas
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
P.O. Box 393
Covina, CA 91723

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

Dear Mr. Salas,

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Charles Alvarez
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
23454 Vanowen St.
West Hills, CA 91307

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Linda Candelaria
Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe
80839 Camino Santa Juliana
Indio, CA 92203

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Sandonne Goad
Gabrielino/Tongva Nation
106 ½ Judge John Aiso Street, #231
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Robert F. Dorame
Gabrieleno Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
P.O. Box 490
Bellflower, CA 90707

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Anthony Morales
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
P.O. Box 693
San Gabriel, CA 91778

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Joseph Ontiveros
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
P.O. Box 487
San Jacinto, CA 92581

Subject: Invitation to Begin Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Consultation for the Cal Water Well and Water Treatment Plant Project, City of Long Beach, California.

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Michael Mirelez
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
P.O. Box 1160
Thermal, CA 92274

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