Appendix G

AB 52 Tribal Consultation
January 29, 2019

Ms. Louise J. Miranda Ramirez
OCEN Tribal Chairwoman
P.O. Box 1301
Monterey, CA 93942

RE: Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration Monterey Storm Drainage System Maintenance Project - AB 52 Notification Requirements

Dear Ms. Ramirez,

The purpose of this letter is to satisfy the notification requirements of AB 52 at Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1. The City of Monterey has determined that a project application is complete and is in the process of preparing an initial study and mitigated negative declaration consistent with California Environmental Quality Act requirements.

Below please find a description of the proposed project, a map showing the project location, and the name of our project point of contact, pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 (d).

**Project title:** Monterey Storm Drain Maintenance Plan

**Lead agency name and address:** City of Monterey, 580 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940

**Contact person and phone number:** Elizabeth Caraker, AICP, Principal Planner, (831) 646-1739

**Project location:** The proposed project consists of the implementation of the a Storm Drain Maintenance Plan (SDMP), prepared by the City of Monterey, that would involve drainage system maintenance activities throughout the City and on the city limit boundary between the cities of Monterey and Seaside. The project includes work at 29 locations in the City’s storm and surface drainage system. Each maintenance site consists of a drainage channel and associated culvert or a detention basin for stormwater (See Map).

**Project sponsor’s name and address:** City of Monterey, 580 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940

**Description of project:** The proposed project consists of the implementation of the SDMP. The purpose of the project is to guide the City of Monterey in its oversight responsibilities and management of its storm drainage system by outlining drainage maintenance planning and implementation projects. The SDMP identifies 29 priority locations targeted for maintenance activities. These maintenance sites are within the City’s surface system channel network that conveys stormwater runoff to the Monterey Bay. Performing maintenance at these sites would maximize stormwater conveyance and reduce flood risk. The SDMP describes operations and maintenance activities over the next five-year period necessary for upkeep and function of the drainage system. The following are the objectives of the SDMP:
• Providing an inventory of conditions at 29 high priority storm drain maintenance locations within the City's storm drainage system
• Identifying the methods by which the storm system locations would be maintained
• Outlining the authorized activities as a guide to the City, as well as state and federal agencies with regulatory authority over the biological resources and water quality that could be affected by the maintenance.
Project location map: Drainage areas highlighted in green.
Pursuant to PRC § 21080.3.1 (d), you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request consultation, in writing, with the City of Monterey.

Please give me a call at 831-646-1739 or email caraker@monterey.org should you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Caraker, AICP
Housing and Community Development Manager
February 26, 2019

Saleki Atsa,

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented previously recognized tribe. OCEN is the legal tribal government representative for over 600 enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and/or Costanoan Mission Indian descent of Monterey County. Though other indigenous people may have lived in the area, the area is the indigenous homeland of our people. Included with this letter please find a territorial map by Taylor 1856; Levy 1973; and Milliken 1990, identifying Tribal areas.

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation objects to all excavation in known cultural lands, even when they are described as previously disturbed, and of no significant archaeological value. Please be advised that it is our priority that our ancestor’s remains be protected and undisturbed. We desire that all sacred burial items be left with our ancestors on site or as culturally determined by OCEN. We request all cultural items returned to Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation. We ask for the respect that is afforded all our current day deceased, by no other word these burial sites are cemeteries, respect for our ancestors as you would expect respect for your deceased family members in today’s cemeteries. Our definition of respect is no disturbance.

OCEN request consultation with the lead agency and with all soil disturbance.

OCEN’s Tribal leadership desires to be provided with:
Archaeological reports/surveys, including subsurface testing, and presence/absence testing. 
OCEN request to be included in mitigation and recovery programs,
OCEN request that Cultural and Tribal mitigation measures reflect request for OCEN Tribal Monitor,
Reburial of any of our ancestral remains, burial artifacts,
Placement/return of all cultural items to OCEN, and that
A Native American Monitor of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, approved by the OCEN Tribal Council is used within our aboriginal territory.

Please feel free to contact me at (408) 629-5189. Nimasianexelpasaleki. Thank you

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,

Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Chairperson
Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation
(408) 629-5189

Cc: OCEN Tribal Council
Distribution of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation Tribal Rancherias, Districts, Landgrants and Historic Landmarks

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Figure 2:

Map after Taylor 1856; Levy 1973; Hester 1978; Milliken 1990