

SECTION 15

Tribal Entity Comments and Responses

15.1 Tribe

The following comment letters were received from tribal entities on the West Basin Municipal Water District (West Basin) Ocean Water Desalination Project (Project) Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR). The comment letters are grouped together and are followed by all responses as indicated in **Table 15-1**.

TABLE 15-1
LIST OF DRAFT EIR COMMENT LETTERS: TRIBAL ENTITY

Letter Code	Commenting Party	Letter Page Number	Response Page Number
GK	Gabrieleño Band of Missions Indians - Kizh Nation	15-3	15-9
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GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS — KIZH NATION
Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

Date April 1, 2018

Re: AB52 Consultation - CEQA Public Resources Code section 21080.3, sub. (b) request for formal notification of proposed projects within the Gabrieleño/Kizh Tribe's geographic area of traditional and cultural affiliation

Dear Lead Agency

Effective July 1, 2015, AB52 went into effect and we are initiating contact with you as you are listed as a lead agency through the Native American Heritage Commission or through CEQA. Your city lies within the Ancestral territory and sacred villages of our great tribal Nation . We, the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh(pronounced Keech) Nation, represent the indigenous peoples of a once vast territory extending through Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (see attached map showing our traditional tribal territory). We are grateful that this important bill is granting us better opportunity to protect our many tribal cultural resources, village sites and sacred/religious sites.

The Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation is a California State recognized American Indian Tribe centered at Mission San Gabriel. However, our Tribal territory was much bigger than this as it was the largest of all territories in Southern California. Please find included with this notification a map outlining our traditional tribal territory for your use as a planning tool. This map is a modern compilation of notes and maps from various ethnographers, historians, linguists, archaeologists and anthropologists dating back to the late 1700s. Even older than that, is the oral history of our elders and the elders of surrounding tribes. Within these boundaries were once found thousands of individual village sites, sacred sites, religious sites, and trading routes. Our Tribe has been designated by the NAHC as Most Likely Descendants on numerous projects within which reburial of human remains and associated grave goods and artifacts occurred. However, we are a Tribe with many facets in addition to protecting our sacred sites. In addition to educating the public about our culture, we have many projects to revitalize our lost culture and language, and we have published our first book.

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Andrew Salas, Chairman
Albert Perez, Treasurer I

Nadine Salas, Vice-President
Martha Gonzalez Lemos, Treasurer II

Dr. Christina Swindall Martinez, Secretary
Richard Gradias, Chairman of the Council of Elders

AB52 (Public Resources Code 21080.3.1) states that:

"Within 14 days of determining...to undertake a project, the lead Agency shall provide notification to...a tribal representative... Traditionally and culturally affiliated...that have requested notice... That includes a brief description of the proposed project and its Location, the lead agency contact information, and a notification That the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request Consultation...the parties may propose mitigation measures.... Capable of avoiding or substantially lessening potential significant Impacts to a tribal cultural resource or alternatives that would Avoid significant impacts..."

The following person is designated as our Tribe's lead contact person for the purposes of receiving notice:

of proposed projects from your agency:

Andrew Salas, Chairman
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
PO Box 393
Covina, CA 91723
Office: 1(844) 390-0787- (626) 521-5827
email: admin@gabrielenoindians.org

Following receipt and review of the information you provide, we will reply within 30 days to potentially request consultation to mitigate any impacts your project may cause to tribal cultural resources. Your response confirming receipt of this letter is greatly appreciated.

With respect,



Andrew Salas, Chairman

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APPENDIX 1: Map 1-2; Bean and Smith 1978 map.

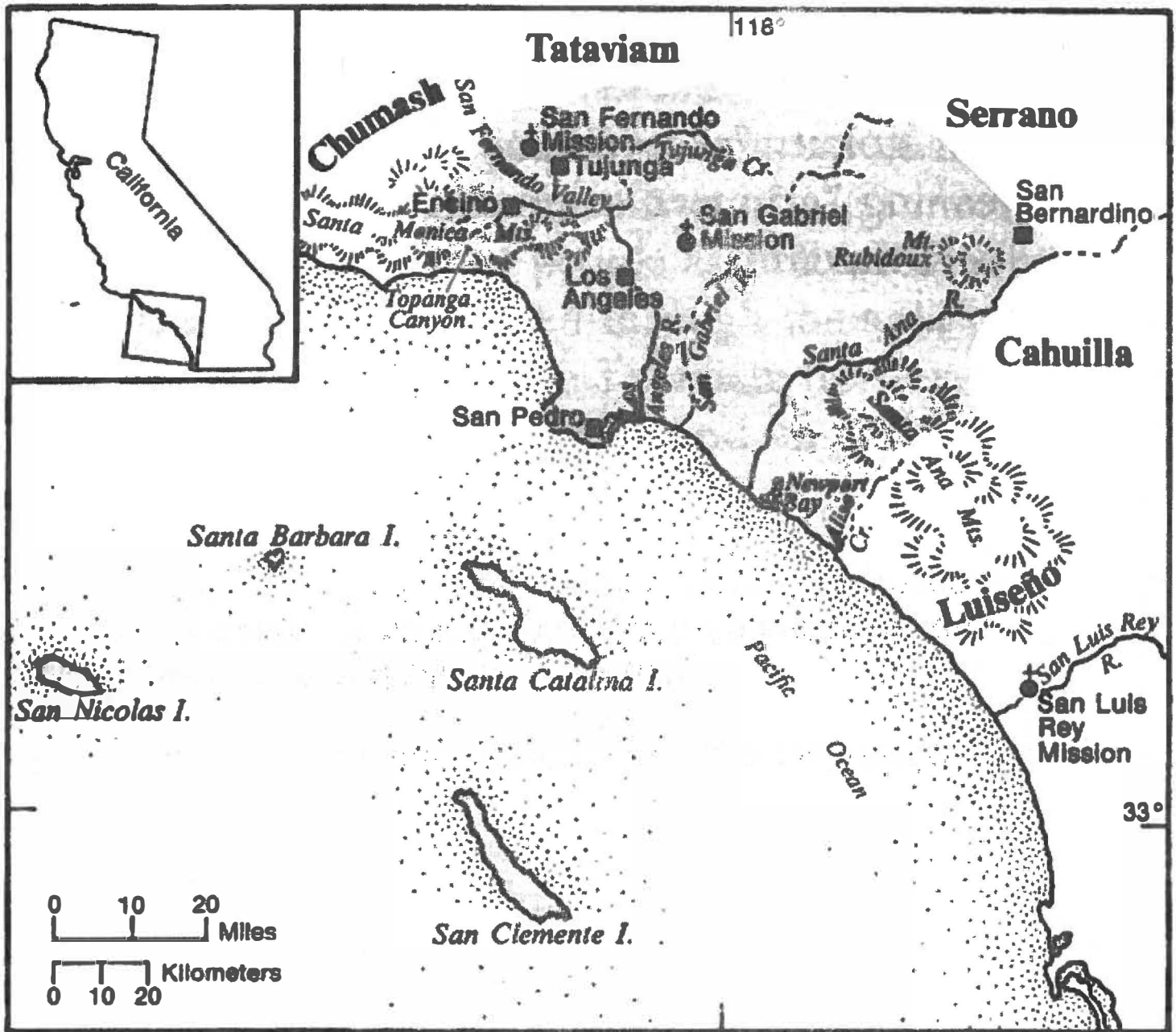
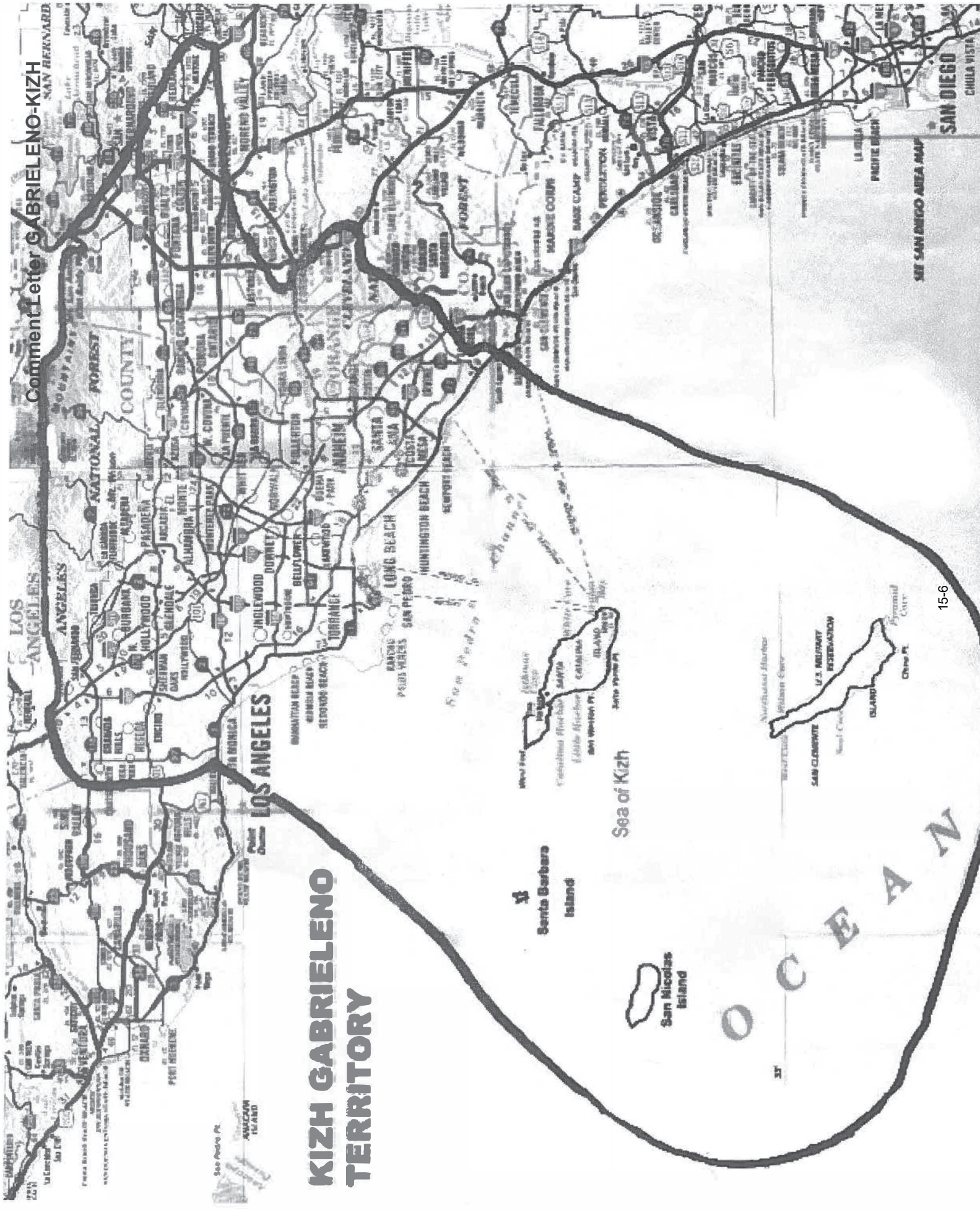


Fig. 1. Tribal territory.

The United States National Museum's Map of Gabrielino Territory:

Bean, Lowell John and Charles R. Smith

1978 Gabrielino IN *Handbook of North American Indians, California*, Vol. 8, edited by R.F. Heizer, Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington, D.C., pp. 538-549



KIZH GABRIELENO TERRITORY



GABRIELEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

April 4, 2018

February 9, 2018

Re: AB52 Consultation request for the West Basin 301 Vista Del Mar El Segundo, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Gardena, Torrance, Hermosa Beach, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles county

To whom this may concern,

Please find this letter as a written request for consultation regarding the above-mentioned project pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subd. (d). Your project lies within our ancestral tribal territory, meaning belonging to or inherited from, which is a higher degree of kinship than traditional or cultural affiliation. Your project is located within a sensitive area and may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of our tribal cultural resources. Most often, a records search for our tribal cultural resources will result in a "no records found" for the project area. The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), ethnographers, historians, and professional archaeologists can only provide limited information that has been previously documented about California Native Tribes. This is the reason the NAHC will always refer the lead agency to the respective Native American Tribe of the area because the NAHC is only aware of general information and are not the experts on each California Tribe. Our Elder Committee & tribal historians are the experts for our Tribe and are able to provide a more complete history (both written and oral) regarding the location of historic villages, trade routes, cemeteries and sacred/religious sites in the project area. Therefore, to avoid adverse effects to our tribal cultural resources, we would like to consult with you and your staff to provide you with a more complete understanding of the prehistoric use(s) of the project area and the potential risks for causing a substantial adverse change to the significance of our tribal cultural resources.

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Consultation appointments are available on Wednesdays and Thursdays at our offices at 910 N. Citrus Ave. Covina, CA 91722 or over the phone. Please call toll free 1-844-390-0787 or email gabrielenoindians@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.

** Prior to the first consultation with our Tribe, we ask all those individuals participating in the consultation to view a video produced and provided by CalEPA and the NAHC for sensitivity and understanding of AB52. You can view their videos at: <http://calepa.ca.gov/Tribal/Training/> or <http://nahc.ca.gov/2015/12/ab-52-tribal-training/>

With Respect,

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Response to Letter GK: Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

Response GK-1

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Response to Letter GK2: Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

Response GK2-1

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