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[Tribal contact name]

[Title] Chairperson

[Tribe name]

[Address]

[Address line two]

Dear [Title and last name]:

RE: REQUEST FOR TRIBAL CONSULTATION – CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL
NOTIFICATION FOR WESTSIDE TREND EXPLORATION WELL

The California Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) of the Department of Conservation (DOC) invites [Tribe name] to consult on **BID LLC. Westside Trend exploration well proposed project**. The proposed project includes the drilling of one exploratory well, the creation of a new well pad, and the installation of a temporary storage facility. The proposed project is in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 43 miles west of Bakersfield. The well will be located in Section 29, Township 28 South, Range 20 East MDB&M on APN 085-170-09 (Lat: 35.465456628 Long: -119.836119926). The location is approximately 1,500 feet south of the McDonald Anticline Oil Field and approximately 1,500 feet east and 1,100 feet north of the Carneros Creek Oil Field. The intersection of Highway 33 and Seventh Standard Road is located approximately 8 miles east of the Project boundary. The Project well would be drilled on private land. Maps of the proposed project site are attached to this letter. The purpose of consultation is to ensure the protection of any California Native American tribal cultural resources on which the proposed project may have an impact.

The basis for formal Tribal consultation is found in CEQA at Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1. Tribal cultural resources are defined in Public Resources Code section 21074, subsections (a) through (c) and generally consist of sites, features, places, and objects with cultural value to descendant communities or cultural landscapes that are included in or eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources, or inclusion in a local register of historical resources. For purposes of CEQA, early consultation is encouraged in the environmental review process to identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources.

If you would like to consult with CalGEM on the proposed project, please respond in writing within ninety (90) days of receipt of this letter and include a designated lead contact person for your tribe. The request for consultation may be sent via email to Crystal.Blue@conservation.ca.gov with the subject line "**CA Native American Tribal Notification for Westside Trend Exploration Well.**"

Email submission is preferred, but you may also submit your request via mail to:

California Department of Conservation
California Geologic Energy Management Division
ATTN: Crystal Blue
Tribal Liaison
715 P Street 19th floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

If your tribe needs any further support in this process, please reach to DOC Tribal Liaison, Crystal Blue, at Crystal.Blue@conservation.ca.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact Crystal Blue at the contact information above if you have any questions or would like additional information about the proposed project. Thank you for your attention to this tribal notification.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lucchesi
Director, California Department of Conservation

Enclosure: Project Location Map

cc:

[Other tribal contact name(s)]
[Title] **Chairperson**
[Tribe name]
[Address]
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