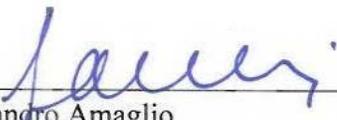


FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians
Retaining Walls Construction, Well Houses Fireproofing, & Road Hardening Project
FEMA-1731-DR-CA, HMGP #1003-41, 1006-43, & 1013-47R

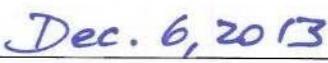
The La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (La Jolla Band) has applied to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to implement infrastructure improvement projects at various locations on the La Jolla Band's Reservation. The proposed hazard mitigation improvements are related to Presidential Disaster declaration FEMA-1731-DR-CA, which was issued in October 2007 for widespread wildfires in southern California, including the Poomacha Fire that affected the Reservation. Improvements proposed by the La Jolla Band include the construction of retaining walls, brow ditches and/or drainage piping adjacent to 20 residences to protect the dwellings from storm water erosion and debris flow (HMGP #1731-1003-41), the clearing of vegetation around three water well houses and the construction of roof and fence improvements at one of these well houses for fireproofing (HMGP #1731-1006-43), and the paving of an existing dirt road along with the construction of associated storm water management structures to protect access to the La Jolla Band's Eastern Water Tank (HMGP #1731-1013-47R).

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Retaining Walls Construction, Well Houses Fireproofing, & Road Hardening Project to evaluate the impacts of the proposed project and alternatives on the quality of the human environment. The EA includes measures that will be implemented to mitigate, minimize, and avoid impacts on the quality of the human environment. FEMA prepared a Final EA after making a Draft EA available for public review and comment. FEMA received no comments during the Draft EA public review/comment period. FEMA received consultation letters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California State Historic Preservation Officer concurring with FEMA's assessment of environmental impacts. The Final EA is available on FEMA's Library website: <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/> and at the La Jolla Band's offices 22000 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA 92061. Based on the information contained in the Final EA, a review of applicable environmental laws and orders, and in compliance with FEMA's regulations at 44 CFR Part 10 (Environmental Considerations), the following is concluded:

A Finding of No Significant Impact. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. For more information, contact Donna M. Meyer, Deputy Regional Environmental Officer at donna.meyer@fema.dhs.gov or at (510) 627-7728. In accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 (Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands), no action will be allowed to occur until 15 days after the publication of this Finding of No Significant Impact.



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Date