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Re: Log# 119127-CASE #23-55010 Rancho Viejo Solar Project conditional Use Permit

Dear Mr. Larranaga:

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with the following site avoidance recommendations that have been confirmed by SWCA for their clients regarding the Ranch Viejo Solar Project (see attached):

LA 200751 -AES has opted to completely avoid the site. There will be no ground disturbing activities within 100 ft of the site. This project will not affect this historic property.

LA 200755- AES has opted to completely avoid the site by diverting their access road. There will be no ground disturbing activities within 100 ft of the site. This project will not affect this historic property. We recommend that each site should be protected with temporary fencing placed 30 feet out from the site boundary and the proposed 100ft buffer should be clearly marked and visible to construction crews.

Finally, The SHPO has yet to receive an addendum report for the new cultural resource survey of the portions of the road that were altered from the original plan (western reroute to avoid LA 200755 and the eastern portion of the road that was slightly altered). Thus, until we receive this report, the new road alignment has a potential to adversely affect historic properties.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me by phone at (505)-827-6162 or e-mail me at richard.reycraft@dca.nm.gov.

Sincerely

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