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COMMENTS

STOP what you are doing and let Mother Nature take its course. PG&E has already destroyed and is continuing to destroy what is sacred to our Mojave Tribe and our family of other Tribes. This whole area is meaningful and sacred to our people and will be forever until we are no more. It has been told to higher levels of government officials and agencies over and over again. Why is more construction being built in this area like the Naked Beach when you're tellin us this and that needs to be done. Is it to protect their assets and forget about the Tribes values. The natural resources of the whole area include landforms, geology, biology, and the imprints of AHAMAKAV who interacted with the environment.

*Angie Shumak*  
Fort Mojave Tribe

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TOPOCK EIR- why can't you just let Mother Nature take its course to take care of plume where areas are contaminated and once you start a project seems like all the government likes to do is ease there way by being sercent and dishonesty to say down the years we won't be hurt by the actions you do to the land & water to us Native Americans it's "sacred" land & water is our we we have knowledge of who we are today because of our ancestors 5000 yrs ago leave the land & water alone you have no respect for it it will not respect you you will see. DNA MACAU



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My name is Diane Montoya, of the Ft. Mojave Tribe. I am of the strong opinion that the best option is Natural Attenuation, as this is in the best interest of all land & life in the Topoc area. Natural Attenuation is the least destructive remedy, giving our a fording our sacred home lands and all living things in the area the opportunity to heal. There has already been considerable disruption, destruction and man-made abusen incurred. Let us respect our Mother Earth, by not causing further desecration.

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IN TIMES PAST WE ALWAYS HAD PLENTY; OUR CHILDREN NEVER CRIED FROM HUNGER, NEITHER WERE OUR PEOPLE IN WANT. THE RAPIDS OF THE COLORADO RIVER FURNISHED US WITH ABUNDANCE OF EXCELLENT FISH, AND THE LAND BEING FERTILE, NEVER FAILED TO PRODUCE GOOD CROPS OF CORN, MESQUITE BEANS, PUMPKINS, MELONS AND SQUASHES. OUR VILLAGES WERE BUILT AND REBUILT IN THE VALLEY FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, DURING ALL OF WHICH TIME WE WERE THE UNDISPUTED POSSESSORS OF THE MOJAVE VALLEY. NOW ALL HAS CHANGED, TO US OUR CREMATION GROUNDS ARE SACRED THE ASHES OF OUR ANCESTORS ARE SACRED AND THEIR RESTING PLACE IS HALLOWED GROUND. IF A PROPHET HAD COME TO OUR VILLAGES IN THOSE DAYS AND TOLD US THAT THE THINGS WERE TO TAKE PLACE LIKE THE BUILDING OF RAILROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND



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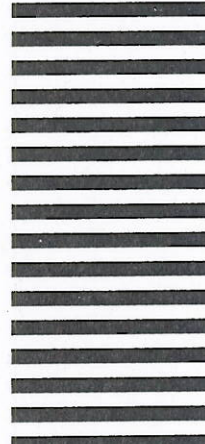
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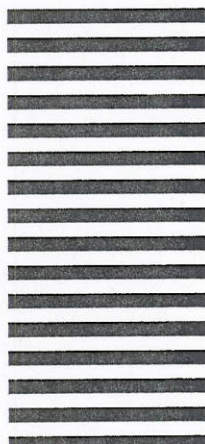
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## PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

June 29, 2010

Mr. Aaron Yue  
DTSC Project Manager  
5796 Corporate Avenue  
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RE: Topock EIR Comments  
Topock Compressor Station Groundwater Remediation Project

Dear Mr. Yue:

I am writing to comment on the Draft Statement of Basis and the Draft EIR and Proposed Plan currently open for public comment.

I am a member of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and reside on the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation located in Needles, California and/or Mohave Valley, Arizona. I have been made aware of the ongoing actions at the Topock Compressor Station through various Community Meetings held in conjunction with this project and have been diligently following DTSC/DOI actions relative to this remediation action proposed within our Sacred Site homelands and landscape area we know as Topock.

I have been part of the Tribal Community team who has offered comments at meetings with DTSC/DOI/BLM and PG&E, attended scoping meetings where I offered testimony to DTSC/PG&E personnel on the Cultural and practice of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe religious beliefs and the impacts that have occurred past, current and now into the future as proposed within the draft SOB, draft EIR and Proposed plan which will continue to impose on my practice of my religion and continue the desecration of our Sacred lands located within the APE where this proposed alternative E will occur.

I cannot begin to tell you of the devastation I feel when I contemplate such actions as those that are being proposed to this sacred area. My only response is the heart felt hurt, pain and anguish I feel to my spirit as I know how this applies to my religious beliefs and what that area represents to me when I leave this earthly existence. My knowing of what happens to the deceased when they pass from this world to the next is my greatest pain, knowing if they will safely and without any impediments make it to the other side, is my greatest worry for my people, that my actions listed as the alternatives means more impacts/adverse effects of the past, current and future PG&E projects in the way of pipelines, compressor stations, pollution, 170 new wells in addition to the 150 that are currently in the ground and remediation i.e., IM-1, IM-2, IM-3, Arizona Well, AOC-4, East Ravine, the list goes on and on and we haven't even addressed the Soils yet. Those mitigation issues will also need to be addressed when they occur.

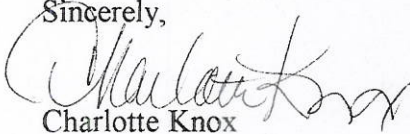


The Cumulative "added together" effects of those remediation and operations along with other past projects in the area, National Trails Highway, Route 66, I-40 Freeway, Bridges, Railroad, gas transmission lines, electric lines, utility corridors and current projects unmanaged recreation, ORV, Park Moabi, Naked Pirate Beach/Grill just add to the impacts on our culture and practice of the Fort Mojave Tribe.

I Feel as a member of the FMIT who is first hand suffering and will continue to suffer the impacts/adverse effects on our cultural environment that PC&E and DTSC must do something more than what's in the draft EIR, recommending the standard mitigation measures as outlined is unacceptable and does not address our specific cultural concerns. We therefore ask that specific mitigation measures be addressed and negotiated with the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe as a means to ensure a better future for the culture and practice of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe as part of its Draft EIR and project approval.

The Fort Mojave Indian Community (1200 tribal members) will not accept anything less than that in exchange for accepting and having to live with the revised Alternative E, and alternative that will cause additional adverse effects and irreversible damage for over 30-100 years to our Native American Community who is the closest and most impacted individuals effected by this man-made disaster. This gross oversight/alack of proper Cultural mitigation in essence is an Environmental Justice issue that needs to be looked into as part of this DEIR process if not properly addressed and mitigated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlotte Knox", written in dark ink.

Charlotte Knox  
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