

APPENDIX G

AB 52 TRIBAL CONSULTATION LETTERS



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Facilities Planning & Development

Julie Arthur, *Executive Director*

March 7, 2019

Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
5401 Dinah Shore Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92264
Attn.: Jeff L. Grubbe, Chairman

Subject: AB 52 Consultation for the Desert Hot Springs Career Tech Building Project

Dear Mr. Grubbe:

In accordance with requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 52 (Public Resources Code [PRC] Section 21080.3.1[d]), the Palm Springs Unified School District (District) is providing written notice to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Tribe) in response to the Tribe's request for notification regarding any proposed projects within the District.

The District is proposing to construct a Career Technical Education (CTE) Building and associated site improvements on the Desert Hot Springs High School (DHSHS) campus, to accommodate existing academic programs currently occurring on the DHSHS campus. The new facility would be adapted to meet the immediate and long-term educational programming needs of the DHSHS campus community.

PROJECT LOCATION: As shown in **Figure 1: Proposed Project Location**, attached herein, the Project site is located on the northwestern portion of the existing DHSHS campus, located at 65850 Pierson Boulevard in the City of Desert Hot Springs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District is proposing to construct an approximately 13,000-square-foot CTE Building on an undeveloped portion of the DHSHS campus. Implementation of the proposed Project would provide the District with an updated and modern school facility that creates flexible learning space to support the Renewable Energy Academy of Learning (REAL) and Public Safety Academy (PSA) on the DHSHS campus. The proposed CTE Building would dedicate approximately 4,800 square feet for each of the REAL and PSA programs, with approximately 3,500 square feet dedicated for outdoor spaces.

The proposed Project would not result in any changes to the existing operation of the DHSHS campus, nor would there be any adjustment to the existing student capacity. Construction would be limited to the boundaries of the existing DHSHS campus and would not involve any substantial ground-disturbing activities. The District anticipates occupancy of the proposed CTE Building by start of the 2020–2021 school year.

Under California state law, the proposed Project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The District is currently preparing an Initial Study to evaluate the proposed Project's potential environmental impacts. The District anticipates the adoption of a mitigated negative declaration (MND) for the proposed Project; the Tribe will be placed on the distribution list for the release of the Notice of Intent to Adopt the MND.

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As part of this effort, and to ensure that any potential Tribal Cultural Resources (TCRs) that may be of concern are identified, as defined in PRC Section 21074(a)(1-2), please notify the District within 30 days of receipt of this letter to request consultation, pursuant to PRC Section 21080.3.1(b). Should you desire to have a consultation, the District will schedule a meeting within 30 days of receiving the Tribe's request. The consultation may include a discussion concerning the type of environmental review necessary for the proposed Project; the significance of TCRs; the significance of the proposed Project's impacts on TCRs; and, if necessary, Project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the Tribe may recommend to avoid impacts to TCRs.

Please note that consultation, or the lack thereof, does not limit the ability of the Tribe to submit information to the District as part of the CEQA process regarding the significance of the TCRs or any appropriate measures to mitigate the potential impacts.

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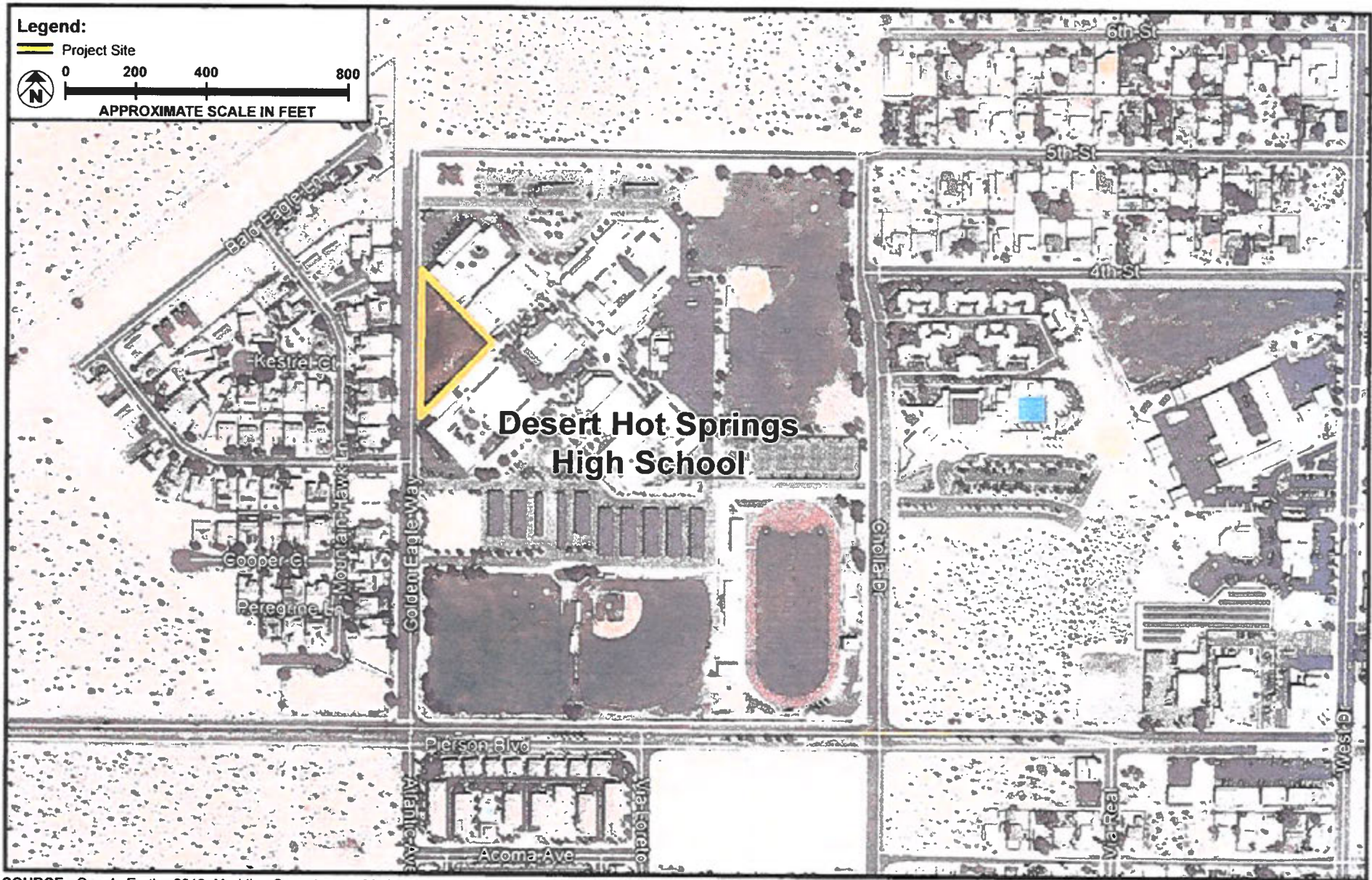


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Attachment: **Figure 1: Proposed Project Location**

cc: Patricia Garcia-Plotkin, Director of Tribal Historic Preservation
Margaret Park, AICP, Planning Director



SOURCE: Google Earth - 2019; Meridian Consultants - 2019

FIGURE 1



Proposed Project Location

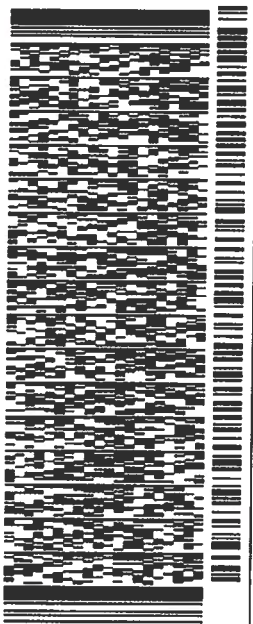
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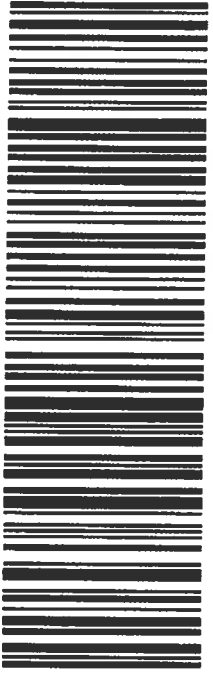
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Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
66-725 Martinez Street
Thermal, CA 92274
Attn.: Thomas Tortez, Tribal Chairperson

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Dear Mr. Tortez:

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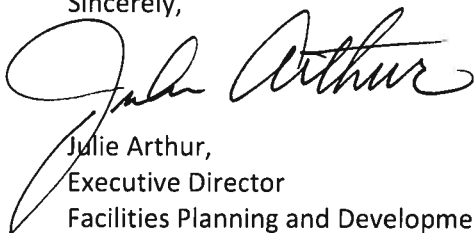
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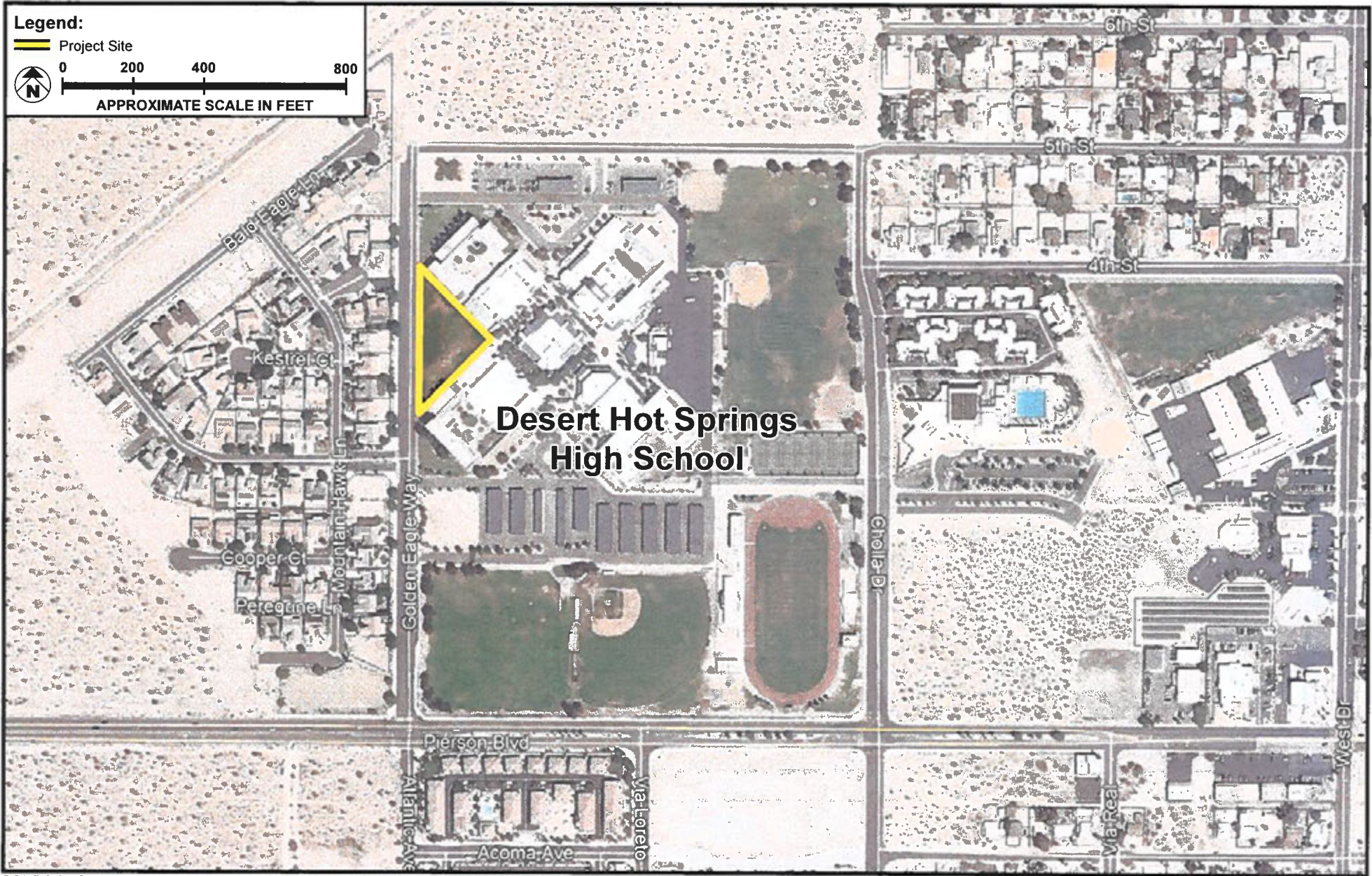
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cc: Roland Ferrer, Planning Director



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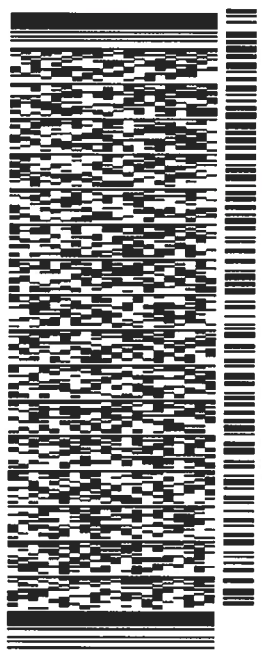
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