

*Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation*



*Previously acknowledged as  
The San Carlos Band of  
Mission Indians  
The Monterey Band  
And also known as  
O.C.E.N. or Esselen Nation  
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Bobby Latino  
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Re: 295 Sun Way Project and 10 Simas Street, Salinas, CA - General Plan Amendments– As stated  
General Plan Amendment  
AB52 and SB18 – 90 Days consultation period

Saleki Atsa,

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented previously recognized tribe. OCEN is the legal tribal government representative for over 600 enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and/or Costanoan Mission Indian descent of Monterey County. Though other indigenous people may have lived in the area, the area is the indigenous homeland of our people. Included with this letter please find a territorial map by Taylor 1856; Levy 1973; and Milliken 1990, indentifying Tribal areas.

**Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation objects to all excavation in known cultural lands, even when they are described as previously disturbed, and of no significant archaeological value.** Please be advised that it is our first priority that our ancestor's remains be protected and undisturbed. We desire that all sacred burial items be left with our ancestors on site or as culturally determined by OCEN. All cultural items returned to Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation. We ask for the respect that is afforded all of our current day deceased, by no other word these burial sites are cemeteries, respect for our ancestors as you would expect respect for your deceased family members in today's cemeteries. **Our definition of respect is no disturbance.**

OCEN's Tribal leadership desires to be provided with:

Archaeological reports/surveys, including subsurface testing, and presence/absence testing.

OCEN request to be included in mitigation and recovery programs,

Reburial of any of our ancestral remains,

Placement of all cultural items, and that

A Native American Monitor of Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation, approved by the OCEN Tribal Council is used within our aboriginal territory.

Cultural and Tribal sections to reflect Tribal request.

Projects affecting the General Plan allow for 90 days response according to SB18. We ask that a sacred lands search with the Northwest Information Center, Sonoma State University and the Native American Heritage Commission. Please feel free to contact me at (408) 629-5189. Nimasianexelpasaleki. Thank you

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,

  
Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Chairperson

Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation

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Cc: OCEN Tribal Council