



CITY OF WILDOMAR
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CONSENT CALENDAR
Agenda Staff Report # 1.8
Meeting Date: August 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2 - Tribal Agreements

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Farag, Public Works Director/City Engineer

PREPARED BY: Carlos Geronimo, Principal Engineer

ACTION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute Agreements with the Pechanga Band of Indians and the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians to provide cultural resource monitoring during grading activities related to the Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2 (CIP 026-2)

SUMMARY:

Per the Project's CEQA Environmental Impact Report (EIR) approved by the City Council, cultural resource monitoring by the Soboba and Pechanga Tribes is required during ground disturbing activities. These Agreements formalize with each Tribe the procedures for the treatment of Native American human remains, grave goods, funerary objects, ceremonial items, and cultural items, in the event any are found in conjunction with development of the Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Bundy Canyon Road Improvement Project, Segment 2, extends from Oak Canyon Dr. to just east of The Farm Road (Project). The Project includes realignment of the entire roadway on both vertical and horizontal profiles, which includes large quantities of excavation and grading. The Project was required to conduct a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which was approved in September 2014 and subsequently amended in July 2020.

The EIR identified various Project impacts and required mitigations that must be completed prior, during, and after construction of the Project. The EIR identified cultural impacts along the Project alignment which require that a "tribal Monitoring Agreement be in place for monitoring of Native American artifacts during construction activities involving excavation in areas considered to have a higher sensitivity for buried archaeological resources" (Mitigation Measure CUL-C4).

DISCUSSION:

As the Project nears its construction phase, City staff have engaged the Pechanga Band of Indians and the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribes), both of which were identified in the EIR documents. The City has received, reviewed, and accepted the final agreements from both Tribes.

The agreements specify the following items:

- Scope of the Work
- Duties and responsibilities of each agency
- Procedures for handling discovered artifacts and other cultural resources
- Geographical area over which the tribal monitoring crew shall oversee
- Statutory compliance
- Compensation of the tribal monitoring crew by the City of Wildomar.
 - Compensation shall be paid as determined by each tribe's hourly rate as a Time and Materials (T&M) base contract.

Copies of the agreements with the Tribes are included as Attachment A and B. Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute Agreements with the Pechanga Band of Indians and the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians to provide cultural resource monitoring during grading activities related to the Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the mitigation measures required under the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., as amended ("CEQA") and the conditions of approval for this Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Payment for tribal monitoring costs to each tribe is included in the approved project budget for FY 26-27. No additional funding is required.

ATTACHMENTS:

[A - Pechanga Tribal Monitoring Agreement](#)

[B - Soboba Tribal Monitoring Agreement](#)