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Honorable <Name Surname, Chairperson>

Tribe Name

Address

Subject: Notification of the Proposed <Name> Project at <Place>, <Name> County, California
and Identification of Cultural Sites in Project Footprint

Dear Chairperson [NAME]:

The <Applicant Name> is proposing to **briefly describe the project purpose, 1-5 sentences, e.g., “Applicant is proposing to drill a new water supply well and replace failing water distribution lines with new lines. The Applicant’s current water supply does not meet Safe Drinking Water standards”** as part of the <Project Name> Project (Project). The Project is located approximately <describe in relation to nearest town >, California in <NAME> County. The area of potential effects (APE) is within the <QUAD NAME> 7.5’ United States Geographical Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle within Sections <No.>, of Township X, Range X (Figure 1).

Work on the project would include **Add a brief, non-technical project description that delineates** the area of potential effects (APE)/project footprint **(include approximate size in acres, linear or square feet (whichever is more appropriate), depth of subsurface disturbance, types of activities -include all unpaved staging areas and access routes in the APE)**

The <Applicant name> may apply for State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program funding from the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to assist in financing the Project. The SRF Program is partially funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance, administers the SRF Program pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 35. Issuance of SRF Program funding by the State Water Board is considered equivalent to a federal action, thereby necessitating compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106). The USEPA has delegated certain responsibilities under Section 106 to the State Water Board.

In anticipation of potentially applying for SRF Program funding, and as part of the environmental compliance for the project, your Tribe has been identified as one that might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties in the APE. We are seeking your assistance with the identification of sites of religious and cultural significance. Your participation in the early identification of cultural resources will ensure their consideration during the project planning phase. We welcome your recommendations regarding appropriate management or treatment of resources that occur within the project area. Please note that this outreach does not constitute consultation as required under Section 106. The State Water Board will initiate consultation with your Tribe if the Project may receive SRF Program funding.

If you have questions, need additional information, or wish to comment, please contact me at the address provided below, or call me at <applicant or consultant’s phone # (xxx) xxx-xxxx > or email

at <applicant or consultant's email>.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Contact information

Enclosed: Figure 1 **Attach project area map, with area of potential effects**