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HAND DELIVERED:

RE: Draft Report Transmittal, *A Cultural Resources Survey of the Southeast Valley Connector, Washoe County, Nevada (CRR 3-2146(P))*

Frank,

Enclosed is one copy of the draft report detailing the cultural resources inventory for the Southeast Valley Connector project, located in the Truckee Meadows. As per the request of Stantec Consulting, Inc., a wide (approximately 830-meter) corridor was inventoried for cultural resources in order to assist Stantec in designing the proposed roadway to avoid those resources eligible for inclusion on the National Register, where possible. A total of 43 archaeological sites are located within the corridor inventoried, dating to both the prehistoric and historic periods. Of these, nine are recommended eligible for inclusion on the National Register, 30 are recommended ineligible, and four remain unevaluated pending the implementation of a testing program to determine the presence of subsurface, intact cultural strata.

Kautz recommends that Stantec avoid the eligible and unevaluated sites located in the corridor during construction of the proposed roadway. However, in the event that avoidance is not possible, treatment or testing plans will need to be prepared and implemented for these sites prior to construction. It is the recommendation of Kautz that the ineligible sites do not require further consideration prior to the implementation of the project.

It is also recommended that a federally-permitted archaeological monitor be present during all initial cut and fill activities associated with the proposed development. It is further recommended that an "Emergency Discovery Plan" be prepared and approved by the project's lead agency and Nevada SHPO, prior to any construction.

Draft copies of this document have also been forwarded to the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, for review. If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Regards,

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