

Chapter 8: Consultation and Coordination

Public Involvement

Congress directed the National Park Service (NPS) to complete a special resource study of sites that are significant to the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement in the western United States, and to determine whether one or more of these sites was eligible and suitable to be managed as a unit of the National Park System. The study team provided opportunities for elected officials, local governments, organizations and residents in California and Arizona to learn about and contribute to the study process through public meetings, stakeholder meetings, a newsletter, the study website and Facebook page.

As directed in the legislation, the NPS consulted with the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, the United Farm Workers of America, and state and local historical associations and societies, including state historic preservation offices.

Scoping

The NPS initiated public scoping for this study in spring 2011.

The NPS study team used a variety of methods to notify the public and stakeholders of the study initiation. The study team compiled mailing and email lists totaling over 1,600 names, including elected officials, government agencies, organizations, and individuals and mailed or emailed a newsletter to these lists. The newsletter described the study process and announced the dates and locations of public scoping meetings. The newsletter was available in English and Spanish. On May 17, 2011, a Notice of Scoping was published in the Federal Register formally initiating the comment period for public scoping. The comment period extended to June 16, 2011.

In May 2011, the study team held a series of public scoping meeting in California and Arizona. Included in the agenda was a presentation on the purpose and process of the study process, sites associated with Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement, and potential management ideas and outcomes. After the presentation, the NPS facilitated group discussions so that participants could discuss their vision for recognizing the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm

labor movement and identify any additional sites that should be considered in the study.

Public scoping meetings were held in San Jose, Salinas, Los Angeles, Oxnard, Coachella, Delano, (CA), and Phoenix and Yuma (AZ). Spanish translation was available at all meetings. The study team also consulted with representatives of the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation, the Filipino Community of Delano, Inc., the United Farm Workers of America, the Chavez Family Vision, and Chicanos Por La Causa. Local, state and federal government representatives were also consulted.

A web page for the Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study (www.nps.gov/pwro/chavez) was developed to provide updates on the study. It contained detailed information about the feasibility study process, background information about the study sites, and was updated periodically to include news releases and the newsletters. The web page also included a link by which individuals could add their addresses to the study mailing list or e-mail list.

During the public scoping period, the NPS received approximately 65 comment letters and e-mails from elected officials, government agencies, organizations, and individuals. Input on the scope of the study was also provided by the approximately 240 people who attended public meetings hosted by the NPS.

The NPS also engaged the Center for Oral and Public History (COPH) at the California State University, Fullerton, to conduct historic research at the outset of this study. In the course of conducting this research, the COPH team interviewed numerous individuals who were at one time associated with Cesar Chavez or the farm labor movement. These interviews also guided the study process.

All of the above sources were used to identify the significant resources, issues, alternative concepts, and impact topics to be considered in the study.

The following is a list of organizations and stakeholders with which the study team met. Formal consultation letters were also sent to appropriate agencies and tribal groups. Numerous telephone conversations were held when face-to-face meetings were not possible.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Cesar E. Chavez Foundation
- Chavez Family Vision
- United Farm Workers of America
- Filipino Community of Delano, Inc.
- Chicanos Por La Causa
- Santa Clara County, CA
- City of San Jose, CA

Agency and Tribal Consultation

The National Park Service sent out letters to agencies and tribal organizations announcing the commencement of the study and requesting their input.

Agencies

SECTION 106 OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT.

State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) in California and Arizona were notified by letter in May 2011 of the conduct of the special resource study.

SECTION 7 OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

The NPS has initiated consultation under Section 7 with field offices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in Carlsbad, CA, Sacramento, CA, and Phoenix, AZ with regard to threatened and endangered species. Consultation is in process. All three field offices have been invited to comment on the draft report.

Tribal Organizations

Letters were sent to the following tribal organizations:

- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- Quechan Tribe
- Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Tule River Indian Tribe

Contributions and Technical Review

The NPS worked with the Center for Oral and Public History (COPH) at California State University, Fullerton to determine resource significance. A number of methods were employed including

interviews, meetings, and field trips. NPS interpretation, cultural and natural resource professionals were also consulted during this process. A more complete list of contributors can be found in the *Preparers* section of this report.

Contributions and Technical Review by National Park Service Professionals

- Elaine Jackson-Retondo, Ph.D., , Acting History Program Manager, National Historic Landmarks Program Manager, Pacific West Region
- Fred York, Ph.D., Regional Anthropologist, Pacific West Region

Contributions and Technical Review by other Agencies, Experts and Scholars

The primary research for the majority of sites and properties in Arizona and California was directed by Professor Raymond W. Rast, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of History and Associate Director, Center for Oral and Public History, California State University, Fullerton.

List of Agencies and Organizations to Whom Copies of the Draft Report are Being Sent

This report is being sent to the entire study mailing list. An announcement that the report is available online is being sent to the entire e-mail list for this project. The full study report and an executive summary newsletter are also posted on the study web page, at www.nps.gov/pwro/chavez. The following agencies and organizations are on the study mailing list and are among those who are being sent the draft special resource study report:

Federal Agencies and Elected Officials

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Congressional Representatives
 - Senator Jon Kyl
 - Senator John McCain
 - Senator Barbara Boxer
 - Senator Dianne Feinstein
 - Congressman Raul Grijalva

- Congressman Ed Pastor
- Congressman Sam Farr
- Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi
- Congresswoman Barbara Lee
- Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
- Congressman Dennis Cardoza
- Congressman Jim Costa
- Congressman Devin Nunes
- Congressman Kevin McCarthy
- Congresswoman Lois Capps
- Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
- Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack
- Congressman Bob Filner

- Cesar E. Chavez Foundation
- Chavez Family Vision
- Chicanos Por La Causa
- Filipino Community of Delano, Inc.
- Filipino Memorial Project
- Kern County Farm Bureau
- Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- National Parks Conservation Association
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- La Raza Roundtable de California
- United Farm Workers of America

State Agencies and Elected Officials

- State of Arizona Office of Historic Preservation
- State of California Office of Historic Preservation
- Assemblymember Luis Alejo
- Assemblymember Jim Beall, Jr.
- Assemblymember Nora Campos
- Assemblymember Paul Fong
- Assemblymember Shannon Grove
- Assemblymember William Monning
- Assemblymember David Valadao
- Senator Elaine Alquist
- Senator Jean Fuller
- Senator Michael Rubio
- Members of the California Latino Legislative Caucus

Tribal Governments and Organizations

- Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
- Quechan Tribe
- Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Tule River Tribe

Local Agencies and Elected Officials

- City of Coachella, CA
- City of Delano, CA
- City of Salinas, CA
- City of San Jose, CA
- City of Phoenix, AZ
- City of Yuma, AZ
- Kern County, CA
- Monterey County, CA
- Santa Clara County, CA
- Maricopa County, AZ
- Yuma County, AZ

Organizations

- Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists
- Arizona Farm Bureau
- Arizona Preservation Foundation
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- California Preservation Foundation

