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Mr. Rudy J. Ortega, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Ortega:

The Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) provided the petitioner 90 days to respond to any comments received from third parties on the Fernandeño/Tataviam Band of Mission Indian's (Petitioner #158) petition. OFA provided these comments on its Web page, and the response period closed on June 27, 2016.

Under § 83.25, OFA is notifying you and those individuals and entities listed in § 83.22(d)(1-5) with the following information: (a) R. Lee Fleming, Director, who has primary administrative responsibility for the petition, may be contacted at Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS 34B SIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, or call (202) 513-7650; (b) the names of the researchers conducting the evaluation of the petition are Dr. Wendi-Starr Brown, anthropologist; Dr. Janet Earle, genealogist; and Dr. Mark Nicholas, historian; and (c) Mr. Fleming is their supervisor.

At the close of the response period on June 27, 2016, OFA's research team started review of the documented petition under a 180-day Phase I review. During this phase, the team determines whether the documented meets the Governing Document Criterion (§ 83.11(d)), Descent Criterion (§ 83.11(e)), Unique Membership Criterion (§ 83.11(f)), and Termination Criterion (§ 83.11(g)). Also, OFA is determining whether the petitioner's evidence meets the requirements of previous Federal acknowledgment (§ 83.12). OFA will notify the petitioner by letter if, in the first step of that process, the team's review reveals any deficiencies that would prevent the petitioner from meeting these above mentioned criteria and previous Federal acknowledgment Criterion (§ 83.26(1)(i)).

You will be hearing from OFA shortly regarding this Phase I review.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Notified and Informed Parties