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Robert Smith, Chairman  
Pala Band of Mission Indians  
PMB 50, 35008 Pala Temecula Road  
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RE: Request for Withdrawal of Comment Letters for Fee-to-Trust Acquisitions

Dear Chairman Smith:

We have received your letter to Attorney General Kamala D. Harris on behalf of the California Fee-to-Trust Consortium dated June 7, 2013, regarding the above matter. In response to a Bureau of Indian Affairs' "Notice of Land Acquisition Application," the Attorney General's Office may file a comment letter. However, as stated in any such letter, it currently does so on behalf of the State of California at the behest of the Governor's Office. Consequently, your comments are more appropriately addressed to the Governor's Office. Since your June 7 letter indicates that you have copied your correspondence to the Governor's Office, it is not necessary that we forward it on your behalf.

Thank you for providing us with a copy of the letter indicating your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen E. Gnekow", written over a horizontal line.

KATHLEEN E. GNEKOW  
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For KAMALA D. HARRIS  
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