



# County of Fresno

Department of Public Works and Planning  
**ALAN WEAVER**  
Director

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Ms. Terisa Draper, Realty Specialist  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Pacific Coast Regional Office  
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Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Ms. Draper:

**SUBJECT** Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application for of Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 300-350-11s, 09s, and 08s, located in Fresno County, CA

On Monday, September 19, 2005, Fresno County met with Kathlein Childers and Ric Contreras of Big Sandy Rancheria. In this meeting we discussed the letter Fresno County sent to you, dated February 28, 2003. Specifically the following issues have been resolved:

No further action is necessary regarding the County's comment for Assessor's Parcel Number 128-382-07, concerning the construction of an administrative office without building permits. Ms. Childers indicated their contractor attempted to pull building permits from the County and was told that none were needed. This information was confirmed by Robin Tani, Senior Planner for the Zoning Department. According to Mr. Tani the Zoning Analyst at times will not issue building permits for construction on land for which an application for Fee Land to Trust Land is being processed. According to Mr. Tani the same practice is used for land that is undergoing annexation to another jurisdiction. To conform to State Requirements, a Certified Inspector was employed by Big Sandy to inspect the construction of the buildings. Big Sandy agreed to send the County a copy of the building certificates. This resolves zoning and land uses issues noted in our letter of February 28, 2003.

The County's comment concerning future expansion of the existing casino were address by review of an updated aerial photograph of the parcels and information on the existing community uses of the adjacent parcels provided by Ms. Childers and Mr. Contreras.

A new casino location is proposed on the 40-acre McCabe Allotment which is located some distance away from the existing casino. Therefore; the above- referenced parcels would not be affected. In the event the 40-acre site is not approved, Ms. Childers and Mr. Contreras indicated other Big Sandy Rancheria lands will be taken into consideration and additional review will be performed at that time. Comments on the proposed new casino were sent directly to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

If you have any questions you may email me at [bsholars@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:bsholars@co.fresno.ca.us) or contact me at (559) 262-4241.

Sincerely,

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