

307-3 - Lower Lake.

Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento, California
June 13, 1939

State of California
Division of Highways
District I
Ukiah, California

Attention: Mr. C.E. Sackett,
Maintenance Superintendent

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of May 16,
relative to leasing approximately one acre of
ground on property which is held in trust by
the United States, known as the Lower Lake Indian
Rancheria, for stockpile site, you are advised that we
do not believe it is advisable to enter into a lease
for stockpile site on these premises. However, we
attach hereto revocable permit, under the terms of
which you may establish stockpile site desired.

Very truly yours,

RH:mb
Inc.

Roy Nash, Superintendent

Purvis Flat
on Indian Rancho

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State Highway - Lak-49D

1.93 Miles North of Lower Lake

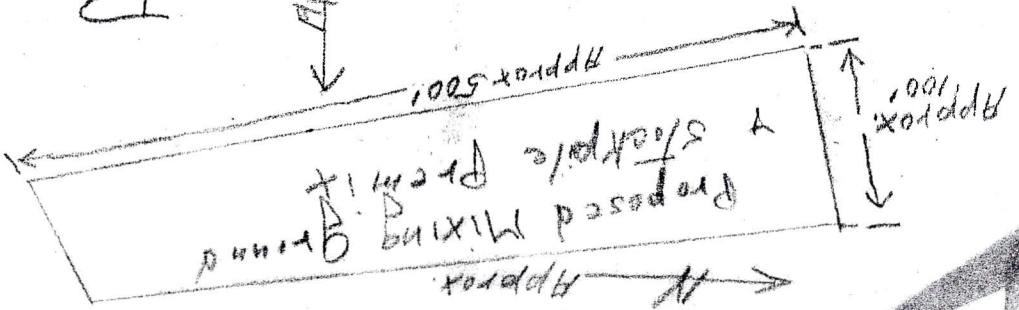
To Lower Lake

To Clear Lake Highlands

Dump Ground

Road to Dump Grounds

Approx. 500'



307.3 - Lower Lake.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FIELD SERVICE
Box 247
Lakeport, Calif.
March 8, 1937.

Mr. Roy Nash, Superintendent
Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento, Calif.

Subject?
Sale or Lease of land
at Lower Lake.

Dear Mr. Nash:

At last I have succeeded in getting this land question at Lower Lake fathomed. I had to make several trips before it was possible to learn the full import of just what is wanted. I examined the land in question and find that the piece that is, or was, being considered by Mr. and Mrs. McIntire, would take the valuable building ~~sights~~ and so cut the land holdings up that the rest of the land would be of practically no value.

In view of the fact that we are trying to purchase land in this vicinity for the Indians of Lower Lake, and these lands in question may fit into a working unit there when the new lands are purchased; I recommend that we do not give consideration, favorably, to either a long time lease or a sale of these lands.

After going over the whole situation with the McIntires, they have decided not to bother with the land any more, either as a lease or as a purchase. It seems that this was a sort of a bargain hunting proposition with them.

Sincerely yours,

F. S. Slauch
F. S. Slauch
Agr. Ext. Agent.

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Mrs. M. E. McIntire,
Editor, Clear Lake Observer,
Lower Lake, California.

Jul 27 1936

Dear Madam^s:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 6, making inquiry with regard to securing a long-time lease on land purchased several years ago by the Government for the use of the Lower Lake Indians, California.

Your letter is being referred to the Superintendent of the Sacramento Agency for a report as to the use being made of these lands and as to what disposition should be made thereof, if any. As soon as this report is received, you will be further advised.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) J. M. Stewart

Director of Lands.

7-CL-24
CC to Supt. Sacramento Agency.

307.3 Sulphur Bank

Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento, California

Feb. 17, 1931

Mr. Fred H. Merritt
County Clerk
Lake County
Lakeport, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of Feb. 16, relative to the Indians on the reservation in Lake County.

In reply will state there are several reservations for Indians and some of which are Government Rancherias and some are private or county rancherias.

There are two reservations north of Upper Lake, one of which is a Government Rancheria and another which is owned, I understand, privately by the Indians themselves.

There are two Sulphur Banks Rancherias, one of which is a Government Rancheria near Middletown, but no one is living there on. The other is a plate of land very near the quick silver mine at Sulphur Banks, this is a private rancheria.

We are endeavoring as best we can to look after all the Indians on the Government Rancheria, but we have no authority to render any assistance in the way of subsistence to any Indians living off the Government Rancheria or restricted land. Sometimes there is considerable confusion in deciding who is a Government ward and who is not. Sometimes these points are very closely drawn and it is difficult to determine.

The Indian Office has defined a Government ward as an Indian living on a Government owned Indian Rancheria, an Indian Reservation or on restricted Indian land. An restricted Indian is one who has a deed held in trust by the Indian Office. This land is not taxable and if the Indian becomes indigent it is the duty of the Government to look after him.

An Indian who has a patent in fee pays taxes on his land and is a county or state ward just the same as any other citizen. Possibly this explanation will help you in clearing up the matter.

Mr. Merritt

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There has been some question as to the case of Thomas or Chief Mateo of the Sulphur Banks Rancheria who had a broken pelvis bone and who has been treated by Doctors Craig and Craig of Lakeport. We personally made an investigation of this case, visited the Sulphur Banks Rancheria and found this Indian has for years lived on the Sulphur Banks Rancheria near the quick silver mine and therefore is not a ward of the Government as this is privately owned land.

If you have any particular cases about which you are doubtful if you will write us we will endeavor to help you straighten out the matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward Swengel,
Acting Supt.

MS:FC

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
DISTRICT I
~~EUREKA~~, CALIFORNIA

File No. 3073
Subject Lower Lake
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SACRAMENTO INDAGCY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
P. O. BOX 1012

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Nash
Ukiah, June 16, 1939

Mr. Roy Nash, Superintendent
Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for the permit issued under date of June 13, 1939 granting us permission to use approximately one acre of land on the Lower Lake Rancheria.

This ground will probably be used for mixing purposes only and the material hauled to stockpiles along the State highway.

Yours very truly
C. H. Sackett
C. H. Sackett
Maint. Supt.

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Lake County

Map showing area purchased attached.

No description given - examination of land office records at Sacramento indicates that this area may be:

Sec. Twn. R. M. D. M

Lot 2 & S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34-13N-7W - 140.46 acres

SJ-12/'35.

Information found later verifies that the above description is correct: I.O. letter 3/11/22 "LA 16688-22"

SJ-12/26/'35.

INCLOSURE 54965

FROM
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

3. 3 Lower Lake

Sacramento Indian Agency
California
February 27, 1940

Mr. Ralph M. Shane,
Chief of Survey Party,
U.S. Indian Service,
Lakeport, California

Dear Mr. Shane:

With reference to yours of January 26th,
describing the progress of your survey of the Lower Lake
Rancheria. We have no desire for a completely accurate
survey, just give us whatever you have from your present
field notes and when I have the plat in hand I will come
up some day and go over it with you on the grounds.

Very truly yours,

RN:MBB

Roy Nash, Superintendent

Chief

Stance says he can set
the compass approximately correct
but for an accurate survey
he will need G. L. O. field notes
do you want an absolute accurate
survey

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento, California
January 6, 1940

Mr. Ralph M. Shane
U. S. Indian Service
Lakeport, California

Dear Mr. Shane:

I attach hereto rough plat of the Lower
Lake Rancheria, sometimes called the Purvis Tract.
There is a deed on record in the County Recorders
office at Lakeport. When you have the time will
you please get the correct description and locate
the corners on this property?

Very truly yours,

ROY NASH, Superintendent

By *Edwin H Hooper*
Chief Clerk

Inc.

The Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT No. 2, LAKE
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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SACRAMENTO AGENCY
SACRAMENTO 2, CALIF.

January, 29th, 1945.

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Mr. John G. Rockwell, Sup't,
Sacramento Indian Agency,
Sacramento, 2, Calif.,

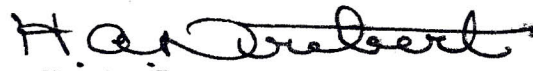
Dear Mr. Rockwell:

Referring to your letter of Octo. 23rd, last with reference to a hospital in this locality, your Mr. Harrison was here on November, 28th and we had a discussion at that time regarding the Indian land near here which is a very favorable site for our hospital.

Since that time we have not heard from Mr. Harrison, nor from you as to what progress if any has been made towards the purchase or use of this land for such a purpose.

We are very much desirous of finding out, just as soon as possible, if there is anything further we can do, towards securing this land.

Yours very truly,


H. A. Drebert,
Sec'y

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SACRAMENTO AGENCY
SACRAMENTO 2, CALIF.

Rt. 3, Box 39
Petaluma, Calif.
Feb 20, 1946

Agent of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir;

I have recently been discharged from the service and I am greatly interested in establishing an air field in Lake County. a field between Lower Lake and Clear Lake Park, section 34-T13N-R7W, would be ideal for an airfield.

I would greatly appreciate any information that you would send concerning this section

Very truly yours,
Lewis C. Eckman

California Indian Agency,
Sacramento 2, California
October 9, 1947

Mr. And Mrs. Louis Johnson,
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson,

This letter will be your authority to move upon that piece of land known as the Lower Lake Rancheria and described as the South half of the North East Quarter and Lot number two of Section 34 Twp. 13 No., R. 7 W., M. D. M. California.

It is understood that you are to make this place your home with the following provisions:

1. That all building will be at your expense, as well as all other improvements.
2. That you will have 1 year from this date in which to start building and show definite progress toward making the land your home.
3. That if at any time in the future you should leave the property and fail to use it you will loose your rights to the land, and we would have the option to assign it to some one else.
4. That you will not allow or permit the land to be used for any unlawful conduct; and will not allow the introduction of liquor upon the land ; that violation of this part will subject you to having this agree ent cancelled.
5. That as long as you use the land no one else could move on the property without your approval.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Graves, Acting Superintendent

I have read the foregoing and accept the provisions as set forth above.

*by Harold J. Woodhead
Asst. Supt. Genl*

Louis Johnson
Stella Johnson
Harry Johnson
Rebecca Johnson

California Indian Agency,
Box 310, Sacramento 2, California
October 3, 1947

Mrs. Regenia BeckGoodman.
Lower Lake, California

Dear Mrs. Goodman:

Reference is made to your letter undated, but received October 1, 1947, inquiring about a piece of land near Lower Lake that has a title vested in the United States Government.

For your benefit, we have made a rough diagram of its location, showing approximate location of road and fence. An oil strip belonging to the Highway division lies on the land by permission.

Your request is not clear as to what you want to do with the land. Do you want to buy it, Do you want to lease it? Or what other plans do you have for its use. ?

It is true that Indians have never used this land, but it was purchased for the use of California Indians, and since you are not an Indian from California, it may be necessary to procure some approval for you to use it.

Very truly yours,

C L. Graves, Acting Superintendent,
by:

Harold W. Brodhead, Ext. Agent

CONTRACT

This agreement entered into between the Secretary of the Interior, party of the first part, and the Board of Supervisors of Lake County, California, parties of the second part, provides that:

Whereas, legislation is to be introduced in Congress to permit the sale of the Lower Lake Rancheria described as S/2 NE/4 and Lot 2, section 34, T. 13 N., R. 7 W., M.D.M., to the County of Lake, California, at the appraised price and,

Whereas, the present occupants of the Lower Lake Rancheria, Lewis Johnson and Stella Johnson, his wife, and Henry Johnson and Isabella Johnson, his wife, have signified in writing their concurrence to the transaction and,

Whereas, a part of the proposal to transfer the rancheria to the County for an airport site is to return to the present occupants 41 acres of the rancheria,

Now Therefore, it is hereby agreed that the tract described as BEGINNING at a point on the East line of Lot 2, of Section 34. Township 13 North. Range 7 West. M.D.R. & M. that is North

CONTRACT - Cont'd.

DATED: June 22, 1953.

Secretary of the Interior

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SACRAMENTO AREA OFFICE

California Indian Agency,
Sacramento 2, California
October 9, 1947

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Very truly yours,

C. L. Graves, Acting Superintendent

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Louis Johnson
Stella Johnson

Harry Johnson

Robert Johnson

B. J. Harold J. Brodhead
Spt. S. Agent

Addenda:

In addition to the agreement to which this is attached it is understood that should you move from this property and loose the right to the land as explained in paragraph 3 that any buildings placed there by you would be yours to remove or dispose of. A limited time sufficient in length would be allowed you to remove or dispose of the buildings.

C. L. Graves, Acting Sup rintendent

by:

J/
Harold J. Brodhead, Ext. Agent

Laurie Johnson

Stella Johnson

Harvey Johnson

Kathleen Johnson

Mr. President

Indian agency
Elk River Calif

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SACRAMENTO AGENCY
SACRAMENTO 2, CALIF.

Dear Sir

We have bought the land joining the reservation on the side toward Lower Lake from Burns Valley. We have part of the Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter & parts of lots 3 & 4 of section 34 township 13 north range 7 west M.D.M. lying north & easterly of county road leading from Lower Lake to Burns Valley. The reservation joining is isn't being used for any thing & I wanted to know

If it could be used for
any purpose, not to destroy
but to build it up. It is now
used by campers & dumpers
on my land & also the reservation
in part Indian, Choctaw
tribe of Okla. my dad
drew land in Okla. Grover C
Beck. His roll no is one of
these 13253 or 13254. I've
forgot. I would like any one
somewhere as my husband wants
to know what to do I would
like to see it for grazing
or something.

Sincerely
Regenia Goodman
(Beck)

Sacramento Indian Agency
Sacramento 2, California

July 8, 1947

Mr. Carroll A. Hale,
P. O. Box 102,
Lower Lake, California.

Dear Mr. Hale:

Your letter of May 12th, has been referred to this office for reply.

The land you refer to is the Lower Lake Rancheria. It would not be possible to lease this land for a period of more than 5 years for grazing purposes, nor more than 10 years if the land were to be irrigable. If the land were to be leased for business purposes, the term of the contract could be increased.

However, it should be borne in mind that leases such as the one you might want are only let after bids from other interested persons have been solicited.

If you are interested, I would suggest that you write us at length, setting forth what the plans would be for the use of this parcel of land, length of time wanted and other pertinent details.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Lynch,
Acting Superintendent

By Michael Harrison,
Field Aid

cc Indian Office with return of
basic communication.

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JUN 23 1947
SACRAMENTO AGENCY
SACRAMENTO 2, CALIF.

JUN 23 1947

Mr. Carroll A. Hale,
P. O. Box 102,
Lower Lake, California.

My dear Mr. Hale:

Reference is made to your inquiry relative to leasing certain lands located east of the lower end of Clear Lake in Lake County, California (T. 13 N., R. 7 W., M.D.M.).

As the land in this area is under the jurisdiction of the Sacramento Indian Agency, we are referring your inquiry to the Superintendent of that agency with the request that he advise you in the matter.

We trust that you will hear from him within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) T. W. Wheat
For the
Commissioner.

cc: Supt., Sacramento Agency, for appropriate action. Kindly return the enclosure for our files.

FMS tac 6-19-47