

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

### **PROPOSED TRUST ACQUISITION OF ELEVEN FEE PARCELS**

#### **PECHANGA INDIAN RESERVATION RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

An Environmental Assessment (EA), dated March 2001, has been prepared to determine the environmental impacts that may result as a consequence of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' acquisition of eleven parcels totaling 296.29 acres, owned in fee by the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians, into trust by the United States for the Band. The parcels (also referred to as the "Zone Five" property) are located within portions of Sections 29 and 30, Township 8 South, Range 2 West, San Bernardino Base Meridian, in Riverside County, California. The property is adjacent to the existing Pechanga Indian Reservation along a portion of its western boundary, approximately 3 miles north of San Diego County, California. The Band's intended use of the property involves the continued use of an existing cultural resource center and residential unit together with the preservation of the existing cultural resources on the property. No change in land use or development is proposed for the property. A Notice of Availability of this Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and EA will be published in *The Press-Enterprise*, which serves the local area, advising the public of a 30-day comment period. Copies of the FONSI and EA will be made available for public review at the Pechanga Tribal Administration Center and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Southern California Agency.

It is our decision, in cooperation with the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians, to select the Proposed Action Alternative. The other alternative considered was the No-Action Alternative. We selected the Proposed Action Alternative because it best meets the purpose and need of the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians.

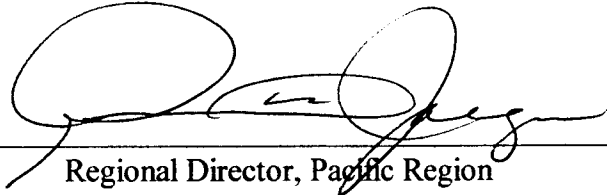
Based upon the analysis documented in the EA, we have determined that the proposed action is not a federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

This finding is based on the following factors:

- A. There will be no significant impacts to land resources. See EA Section 4.1.1, page 4-1.
- B. The proposed action will result in the long-term protection of cultural resources. See EA Section 4.1.5, page 4-2.
- C. There will be no significant impacts to sensitive plants, wildlife or habitats. See EA Section 4.1.4, page 4-1.
- D. There will be no significant impacts to water resources. See EA Section 4.1.2, page 4-1.
- E. There will be no significant impacts to air quality. See EA Section 4.1.3, page 4-1.
- F. There will be no adverse socioeconomic impacts. See EA Section 4.1.6, page 4-2.
- G. There will be no significant impacts to resource use patterns, including transportation networks. See EA Sections 4.1.7 and 4.1.9, page 4-2.

- H. There will be no significant impacts to other values associated with sound and noise, and public health and safety. See EA Sections 4.1.8, 4.1.10, and 4.1.11, pages 4-2 and 4-3.

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