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Comments on Yocha Dehe Fee to Trust Application and Environmental Assessment

We join in and incorporate the comments expressed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on the Environmental Assessment. In addition we offer additional comments:

The magnitude of this project calls for a full Environmental Impact Statement. The proposed waste water treatment plant alone demonstrates the capability of adding significant future developments and accelerating growth on the entire 800+ acres.

The Tribe, through open market purchase, already has control over these lands. Transferring from fee to trust creates a disruptive and impractical mix of state and tribal jurisdictions which burden the administration of state and local government and adversely affect landowners neighboring the proposed trust lands.

Trust status bestows on the tribe a lack of legal accountability - especially to their surrounding neighbors. Trust status removes all protections for any persons or parcels of land that could be adversely affected by actions taken on the trust land. Trust status essentially takes away the First Amendment rights from non-tribal citizens of the United States.

All new trust acquisitions, nationwide, must address this serious problem.

Sincerely,

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