



SCOTTS VALLEY

SCOTTS VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS

February 2, 2017

Ms. Paula L. Hart
Director, Office of Indian Gaming
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

RE: Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians Request for Indian Lands Determination

Dear Ms. Hart:

By letter dated January 10, 2017, the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (the Tribe) requested that the Department of the Interior take no further action on the Tribe's January 29, 2016 request for an Indian lands opinion and classify it as inactive. After receiving no immediate response, we wrote again on January 13, 2017, asking that our request for an Indian lands opinion be withdrawn. By letter dated January 19, 2017, you acknowledged our two requests and advised that the Department would suspend action on the Indian lands request until the Department hears further from the Tribe.

On behalf of the Tribe, I sincerely appreciate that the Department was able to accurately discern our intent, i.e. to halt agency review and action on our Indian lands request pending submission of further information from the Tribe, rather than to withdraw the proposal entirely. In order to prevent any confusion in the future in this regard, we hereby withdraw our January 13, 2017 request.

As we explained previously, the Tribe will endeavor to research and produce more direct evidence of its connections to the subject matter property, as well as respond to the letter and legal analysis submitted to you by Solano County, dated December 23, 2016. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Shawn Davis, Chairman
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

cc: Eric Shepard, Associate Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor