

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 13, 2012

Amy Dutschke
Regional Director
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Land Acquisition Application of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (1,357 acres)

Dear Ms. Dutschke:

The State of California hereby withdraws its November 18, 2011 comment letter requesting the Secretary of the Interior to disapprove the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation's (Sycuan) revised application to have the United States accept into trust for Sycuan about 1,357 acres of real property comprising twenty-one separate legal parcels located in San Diego County. This withdrawal is not, and should not be construed as, a waiver of the State's position on the issue of necessity or mitigation of adverse financial and environmental impacts stemming from trust acquisitions with respect to any future applications by Sycuan, or any other federally recognized Indian tribe in California.

Sincerely,

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Senior Advisor to the Governor