

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

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On or about May 6, 2016, the Tejon Indian Tribe will submit a request to the United States Department of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds under 24 CFR 1003 Community Development Block Grant to undertake a project known as the FY 2015 Public Facility Project. The purpose of this project is to acquire a special use public property (the former Meridian Elementary School) located at 4941 David Road, Bakersfield, CA 93307. This project intends to address the lack of community meeting facility for the Tejon Indian Tribal members, with the FY 2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funds of \$605,000.

The activities proposed compromise a project that falls under the limited review provisions of 24 CFR 55.12 (a)(4). The Tribe has determined that this project will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environment Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the Tejon Tribal Office, 1731 Hasti Acres, Suite 108, Bakersfield, CA 93309 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Tejon Tribal Office. All comments by May 3, 2016 will be considered by the Tejon Indian Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Tejon Indian Tribe certifies to HUD that Kathryn Morgan in her capacity as the Tribal Chair consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and the authorities and allows the Tejon Tribe to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Tejon Indian Tribe's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Tejon Indian Tribe (b) the Tejon Indian Tribe has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD, or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at:

The southwest Office of Native American Program
One North Central Avenue, Suite 600
Phoenix AZ 85004-2361

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathryn Morgan, Tribal Chair
The Tejon Indian Tribe
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