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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Ms. Cheryl Schmit
P.O. Box 355
Penryn, California 95663

Dear Ms. Schmit:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 29, 2015, received by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) on January 4, 2016. You requested copies of documents pertaining to the following four groups: (1) the Kern Valley Indian Community (Petitioner #47), (2) the Tinoqui-Chalola Council Katanemuck and Yowlumne Tejon Indians (Petitioner #165), (3) the Chumash Council of Bakersfield or Chalon Indian Nation, Chalon Indian Council of Bakersfield (Petitioner #294), and (4) the Tabatulabals of Kern Valley (Petitioner #318).

You also specifically requested copies of documents from these four groups, as follows: (1) the original letters of intent to petition and any new letter of intent submitted after July 31, 2015 under the new regulations; (2) the "executive summary of the history for each of these groups"; and (3) "any letter, document or email that states a group has chosen to join the reaffirmed Tejon Tribe."

With regard to item 1, the Department's previous regulations required letters of intent as a starting point for each group seeking to be acknowledged as an Indian tribe. However, the 2015 regulations do not require letters of intent – only "complete documented petitions" to begin the process. Therefore, enclosed are copies of the letters of intent of the four groups that had submitted them under the 1994 regulations. With regard to item 2, we have not received partial or complete documented petitions from these four groups either under the 1994 regulations or 2015 regulations. Therefore, we do not have any "executive summaries" to copy for your request. With regard to item 3, we did not locate any record pertaining to any group stating that it chooses "to join the reaffirmed Tejon Tribe."

Since you are considered an "other requestor," the cost is broken down as follows: one quarter hour of managerial search time at \$15.25 per 1/4 hour or \$15.25. You are entitled to the first two hours of search time at no cost. No cost is being charged for managerial review. The duplication

of 6 images at \$0.15 per page is \$.90; however, you are entitled to the first 100 copies at no cost. The fee for providing copies of these 6 images is less than \$50.00. Therefore, you are not being charged for any of the costs in accordance with 43 CFR 2.16(b)(2).

Should you have any questions regarding this response, please contact me at (202) 513-7650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Lee Fleming".

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Enclosures

Kern Valley Indian Community
General Delivery
Weldon, California 93283

3 February 1979

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
Department of the Interior
18th & C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20245

Attention: Mr. George Roth, Federal
Acknowledgement Project

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, represent a group of California Indians who are herewith expressing our intent to petition the United States Department of the Interior for Federal recognition in order that we may be recognized as an official tribal entity. The petition will require extensive research in our attempt to show how we have maintained our tribal identity.

To further our urgent goal, we have been committed a law student from Golden Gate University to aid us with historical documentation and also a volunteer archaeologist to aid us with the petition.

We will greatly appreciate your time and attention in reading our petition. We hope to submit the petition to your office in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ethel Kelt-Risner
Raymond Robinson
Ray Robinson
Patti Wermuth

- Members of the Kern Valley Indian Community

Prepared by Patti Wermuth.

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**TINOQUI-CHALOLA COUNCIL of
KITANEMUK and YOWLUMNE TEJON INDIANS**

October 22, 1995

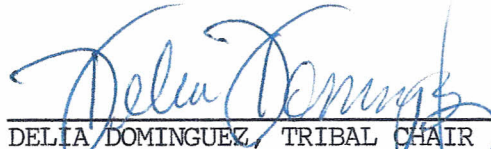
DEPT OF THE INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
BRANCH OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RESEARCH
ROOM 1362-MIB
1849 C ST, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20240

re: Petition for Federal Acknowledgement

The KITANEMUK/YOWLUMNE people, located in the Southern San Joaquin Valley, Kern County (our ancestral lands), hereby petitions for federal acknowledgement as an Indian tribe under the laws of the United States of America.

Please advise the undersigned tribal representatives through Delia Dominguez at the following address: 981 N Virginia, Covina, CA 91722, of the next steps in this process whereby the tribe's petition will be under active consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



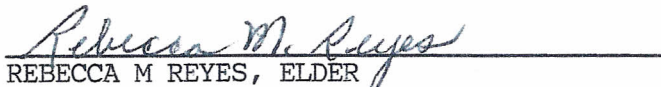
DELIA DOMINGUEZ, TRIBAL CHAIR



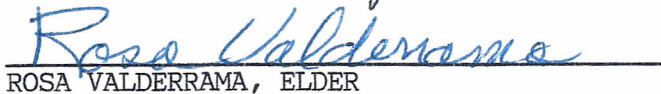
AURORA BORREGO, VICE CHAIR



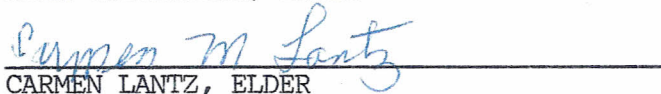
TINA LARA, COUNCIL MEMBER



REBECCA M REYES, ELDER



ROSA VALDERRAMA, ELDER



CARMEN LANTZ, ELDER



Chumash Council of Bakersfield

1001 "H" Street, Bakersfield California 93304

Letter of Intent

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OCT 18 2005
AS-IA, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
Office of Federal Acknowledgment
1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., MS 34B-SIB
Washington, D.C., 20240

Dear Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs

The Chumash Council of Bakersfield is writing to express its intention to submit a documented Petition for Federal acknowledgment process under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83 (25 CFR Part CFR 83). Procedures for establishing that an American Indian Group exist as an Indian Tribe. This Letter of Intent is filed in advance of our group's documented petition.

Further, this letter of intent, is signed by the members of the governing body of The Chumash Council of Bakersfield, in Bakersfield, California and submitted to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs. At a governing Board meeting of the Chumash Council of Bakersfield, the undersigned elected to pursue Federal acknowledgment under Title 25 CFR Part 83.

Respectfully Submitted:

James R. Leon

James R. Leon, Chairperson

10/5/05

Date

Joseph Leon

Joseph Leon, Vice-Chairperson

10/05/05

Date

Bridget Escalera

Bridget Escalera, Secretary

10/5/05

Date

Shellie Berlanga

Shellie Berlanga, Treasurer

10/5/05

Date

Julio Quair

Julio Quair, Sergeant-at-Arms

10/05/05

Date

Betty Castro

Betty Castro, Member At Large

10-5-05

Date

Pat Brown

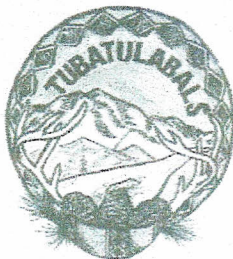
Pat Brown, Elders Representative

10-5-05

Date

P. O. Box 902, Bakersfield, California 93302-0902
Telephone (661) 863-0486

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Tubatulabals of Kern Valley

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Donna R. Begay - Tribal Chairwoman
John Elliott - Tribal Vice-Chairman
Josie Petersen - Tribal Secretary
Alberta L. (Miranda) Garrett - Tribal Treasurer

LETTER OF INTENT

September 8, 2008

Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Attn: Office of Federal Acknowledgment
Mailstop MS-34B-SIB
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs:

The Tubatulabals of Kern Valley is writing to express its intention to submit a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment process under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83 (25 CFR Par 83), Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe. This letter of intent is filed in advance of our groups documented petition.

Further, this letter of intent is signed by the members of the governing body of the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley and submitted to the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. At a meeting of the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley on September 6, 2008, the undersigned elected to pursue Federal acknowledgment under 25 CFR Part 83.

Sincerely,

Donna Miranda-Begay, Tribal Chairwoman
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley

Tribal Chairwoman: Donna Miranda-Begay

9/8/2008

Date

Tribal Vice-Chairman: John Elliott

9/29/2008

Date

Tribal Treasurer: Alberta Garrett

9-30-08

Date

Tubatulabals of Kern Valley
LETTER OF INTENT (Page 2 of 2)

Josie Petersen
Tribal Secretary: Josie Petersen

10-01-08
Date

Elisabeth D Johnson
Tribal Council Member: Elisabeth Johnson

9-23-08
Date

Anthony Stone
Tribal Council Member: Anthony Stone

9/24/08
Date

Josephine Stone
Tribal Council Member: Josephine Stone

9-23-08
Date

Harvey Nash
Tribal Council Member: Harvey Nash

9-25-08
Date

Robert Gomez
Tribal Council Member: Robert Gomez

09/22/08
Date