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September 1, 2015

File: Tejon Tribe
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US Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
Amy Dutschke Regional Director
Attn: John Rydzik
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

RE: Tejon Tribe Project - Request for Cooperating Agency Status for Kern County

Dear Ms. Dutschke,

Thank you for the notification of the proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the application for a fee-to-trust and gaming facility for the Tejon Tribe in Kern County.

The Kern County Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2015, considered a request from the Tribe to begin negotiations and was briefed on the pending application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the cooperating agency consultation process. The Board has a standing resolution (attached) for direction to the Kern County Planning and Community Development Department to request Cooperating Agency Status on Federal actions of importance and interest to Kern County.

Kern County requests Cooperating Agency status and has identified the Kern County Planning and Community Development Department as the coordinating agency for the EIS.

Craig M. Murphy, Division Chief, will be your staff contact on this matter and can provide any coordination assistance and guidance you may need with other county departments as well as existing environmental information about Kern County. He can be contacted at 661-862-8739 or Murphyc@co.kern.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorelei H. Oviatt".

LORELEI H OVIATT, AICP, Director
Kern County Planning and Community Development Department

cc: CAO
County Counsel
Clerk of the Board
Tejon Tribe – Kathy Morgan

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2002-241
Reference No. _____

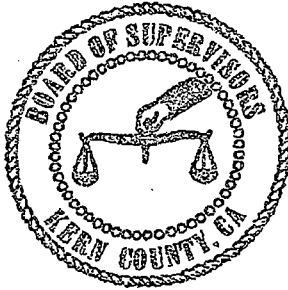
**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PLANNING DIRECTOR
TO SEEK COOPERATING AGENCY STATUS ON
APPROPRIATE CASES UNDER THE NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)
WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES**

I, DENISE PENNELL, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, hereby certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor Parra, seconded by Supervisor McQuiston, was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at an official meeting thereof on the 25th day of June, 2002, by the following vote and that a copy of the resolution has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

AYES: McQuiston, Perez, Patrick, Vacant, Parra

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



DENISE PENNELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Kern, State of California

Judy A. Perry
Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) The Board of Supervisors are concerned about the adverse impacts on the economy, private property rights, resources and land use within the County arising from plans, programs and decisions of Federal Agencies, including, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

(b) The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 establishes an environmental policy for the nation, provides an interdisciplinary framework for environmental planning by federal agencies and contains action-forcing procedures to

ensure that federal agency decision makers take environmental factors into account (42.U.S.C 4321; 40 C.F.R. 1500.1); and

(c) The Council on Environmental Quality has established the following six fundamental objectives for NEPA: 1) supplemental legal authority, 2) procedural reform, 3) disclosure of environmental information, 4) resolution of environmental problems, 5) fostering of intergovernmental coordination and cooperation, 6) enhancing public participation in government planning and decision making; and

d) The Council on Environmental Quality has provided clear direction to federal agencies to actively consider granting local governments cooperating agency status;

Section 2 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. That all of the above facts are true and that this Board has jurisdiction over the subject mater of this Resolution.

2. This Board authorizes the Planning Director to send appropriate correspondence to federal agencies that have a proposal subject to review under NEPA, that involves issues and concerns consistent with the Home Rule Program, requesting the federal agency extend Kern County cooperating agency status for that project.

3. The Clerk of the Board shall also cause copies of this Resolution to be sent to the following:

- (a) County Administrative Office
- (b) County Counsel
- (c) Director Planning Department
- (d) Senator Barbara Boxer,
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0505
- (e) Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0504
- (f) Congressman Calvin Dooley
U.S. House of Representatives
1227 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0520

- (g) Congressman William Thomas
U.S. House of Representatives
2208 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0521
- (h) Bureau of Land Management, California State Office
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834
Sacramento, CA 95825-1886
- (i) Bureau of Land Management, California District Office
6221 Box Springs Blvd
Riverside, CA 92507
- (j) Honorable Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior,
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240
- (k) Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture
14th & Independence Avenue SW
Room 200A, Washington, D.C. 20250
- (l) Arthur L. Gaffrey, Forest Supervisors
Sequoia National Forest
900 West Grant Avenue
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