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STAND UP FOR CALIFORNIA!,)	Notice of Assumption of Jurisdiction
PATTY JOHNSON, JOE TEIXEIRA,)	Over the Appeal by the Assistant
and LYNN WHEAT,)	Secretary - Indian Affairs and Order
Appellants,)	Vacating Board's Order for Briefing on
)	Jurisdiction
v.)	
)	
PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT)	
SECRETARY-INDIAN AFFAIRS and)	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,)	
Appellees.)	March 8, 2017

On February 21, 2017, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a Notice of Appeal and Petition for Preliminary Relief on an Expedited Basis from Stand Up for California!, Patty Johnson, Joe Teixeira, and Lynn Wheat (collectively, Appellants), through Jena A. MacLean, Esq., of Perkins Coie LLP. Appellants seek review of a January 19, 2017, Record of Decision (ROD) by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to accept into trust approximately 35.92 acres of land located in the City of Elk Grove, California, by the United States for the Wilton Rancheria (Tribe). On February 24, 2017, the Board issued a pre-docketing notice and an order for briefing on whether the Board has jurisdiction over the appeal.

Notice of Assumption of Jurisdiction Over the Appeal by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Under 25 C.F.R. § 2.20(c)

On March 7, 2017, the Board received by memorandum a timely notice from the Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Assistant Secretary) that he is exercising the authority in 25 C.F.R. § 2.20(c) and 43 C.F.R. § 4.332(b) to assume jurisdiction over the appeal. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 2.20(c), the Board transfers this appeal to the Assistant Secretary, and pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 4.332(b), all documents that have been filed with or issued by the Board concerning this appeal are being transmitted to the Assistant Secretary.

Because the Assistant Secretary has assumed jurisdiction over this appeal, the Board's order for briefing on whether the Board has jurisdiction over the appeal is moot and is hereby vacated.

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