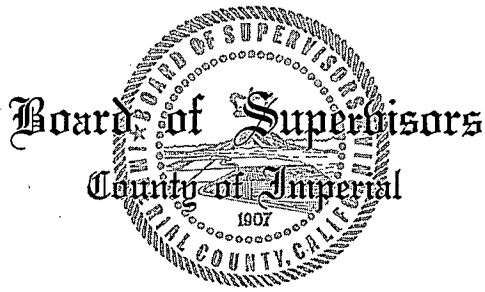


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State Board of Equalization  
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RE: Your File # SY FHA 100-792-779  
Attn: James C. Kuhl, Sr.

Dear Mr. Kuhl:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter written by you on the above matter pertaining to gasoline sales at the Red Earth Travel Center operated by the Torres-Martinez Indian Tribe here in Imperial County. It is my understanding that the tribe is currently paying no sales tax on gasoline and other retail sales at that facility.

As a Supervisor of Imperial County, I request that SBE immediately investigate this matter and begin collecting the tax revenue, as well as any back taxes which the tribe may owe. As you know, the state is struggling to balance its budget, and it goes without saying that these fiscal problems are affecting our county as we strive to meet the public service needs of our residents.

To continue to allow the tribe to ignore the law, to deprive state and local governments of badly-needed revenue, and to unfairly compete with other law-abiding businesses in the area is simply intolerable. I again ask that your agency commence a prompt and thorough investigation of this matter and enforce the laws of this state. Please inform me at your earliest convenience as to your intentions in this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Wyatt, Supervisor  
Imperial County, District 4

Cc: Imperial County Board of Supervisors  
Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny  
Assemblymember V. Manuel Perez  
Congressman Bob Filner  
United State Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs