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TUO-108-PM 7.99
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk
Indians of Tuolumne Rancheria
Land Acquisition Application

Dear Alexis St. John,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, SCH #2019071102 in Tuolumne County. The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians would like to transfer land from private ownership to Indian trust APN: 062-040-024-000 and 062-040-025-000. Transferring land from private ownership to Indian trust removes the land from the property tax roll and essentially exempts it from State and local codes and regulations.

Caltrans has no comments on this project. However, if future developments are proposed, Caltrans requests to be included in the review process.

If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 948-7475 michael.casas@dot.ca.gov or Gregoria Ponce at (209) 948-7325 gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregoria Ponce".

Gregoria Ponce, Chief
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