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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Barbara Sommer

RE: 2009-10 Yolo County Grand Jury Report Responses

Dear Ms. Sommer:

Thank you for writing to the Board of Supervisors regarding the published responses to recommendations in the Yolo County Grand Jury report for the year 2009-10 indicating an intention by the County to take action. The Board appreciates active community engagement in the operations and policies of the County, and the information you requested can certainly be provided to you or any other member of the public.

For purposes of clarity, the specific County responses to the 2009-10 Grand Jury which were included in your letter are partially excerpted in italics preceding additional information from County staff. I hope you will find the following information helpful.

Response to recommendation 10-01: "The recommendation regarding feeder roads will be implemented... The County of Yolo will advocate for mitigation measures that address the impacts of proposed casino expansions on feeder roads in future negotiations."

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation suspended work on its Event Center Project on September 15, 2010 and negotiations ended at that time. The Tribe has not initiated preparation of a Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) for a subsequent project since that time. Pursuant to the Tribe's 2004 compact with the State of California, the Tribe must offer to commence negotiations on an intergovernmental agreement with the County prior to the commencement of a project, but not later than the issuance of a Final TEIR. Nevertheless, the County remains interested in mitigating all impacts of any future casino project.

Response to recommendation 10-02: "This recommendation is currently in the process of being implemented. The County meets regularly with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Caltrans to discuss traffic-related impacts."

The County continues to discuss traffic issues on State Route 16 with Caltrans and the Tribe on an ad hoc basis. The environmental document for the proposed State Route 16 Safety Improvement Project was subject to a successful legal challenge. Caltrans has revised the proposed project, thereby impacting projects slated to be built with Cache Creek Casino Resort mitigation funding and Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund mitigation funding. County staff last met with Caltrans to discuss the revised project proposal on March 27, 2013.

Response to recommendation 10-06: "This recommendation can be implemented to the extent that it is consistent with the State compact... Per the 2002 intergovernmental agreement, the Board of Supervisors has the discretion to set policies and make final decisions on how current mitigation funds are allocated."

The Board of Supervisors continues to allocate revenues received pursuant to the 2002 memorandum of understanding with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation at its sole discretion through the normal County budget process. The 2013-14 Yolo County recommended budget is currently scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their June 11 budget hearings.

Response to recommendation 10-07: "While implementation of this recommendation requires negotiation with the sovereign entity, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, the matter can be a part of future discussions... No formal actions are taken at these [2x2] discussions, therefore minutes are not required..."

The 2x2 meetings of the Tribal Council and the Board of Supervisors have not resumed, therefore discussions between the County and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation regarding the taking of minutes at these meetings have not occurred.

Please feel free to contact Christopher Lee, County-Tribe Coordinator, for additional information regarding the contents of this letter or for other inquiries related to the impact of the Cache Creek Casino Resort on Yolo County operations. Mr. Lee's phone number is (530) 666-8068 and his email address is clee@yolocounty.org.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
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