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COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 16, 2009

Paavo A. Ogren
Department of Public Works, Director
County Government Center, Room 207
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: Meeting with Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo & Monterey Counties

Dear Mr. Ogren:

Thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with us last Friday, March 13, 2009. As we stated at the meeting, our goal as a tribal organization is to assist you in regards to our Native American culture, rather than become a hindrance to you and the County of San Luis Obispo.

The Salinan Tribe is very interested in the Los Osos Water Treatment Project. I realize the original E.I.R. document states that the MLDs for the project are the Odom-Tucker family. However, as presented to you, new information has documented that Islay Hill was an ancestral Salinan village site, within a seven (7) mile radius of your project. Please see attached the e-mail from Katy Sanchez of the Native American Heritage Commission stating that "If any new projects were to arise in the future, where Native American remains are found, then we would designate a Chumash and Salinan as MLDs."

We understand the importance of any current or future project you may embark upon, and as stated above, we are here to assist the process, not stop or make it more difficult for you to proceed. We are very sensitive as to how our ancestors and artifacts are handled, and by whom. We request that the County implement a verification process to assure that the rightful Indigenous Native American Tribe is involved from start to finish.

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Currently, the definition and guidelines in your draft E.I.R. documents require a Native American to be included in the process. Our concern with that definition is simply that, according to the dictionary, any person born in America is a Native American. We are asking for more precise wording to be added to your documents, such as, "Verifiable Indigenous Native American". This would assure that our ancestors and their belongings will be handled in the proper manner and by the proper people.

Additionally, we would request that any archeologist hired for any project have familiarity with our culture, and therefore we request that wording of "qualification" be included when referring to the archeologist required for any project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 610-2979.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Chris Molina II in blue ink.

Chris Molina II
Salina Tribe of San Luis Obispo & Monterey Counties
Public Relations Officer

CC:
Mark Hutchinson, Environmental Programs Manager
Kate Ballantyne, Environmental Resource Specialist
Bruce Gibson, County Supervisor District Two

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**FW: Fwd: MLD List for Los Osos**

Friday, March 13, 2009 1:34 PM

From: "salinantribe@aol.com" <salinantribe@aol.com>
To: CMOLINAI@YAHOO.com

Original Message:

From: Katy Sanchez ks_nahc@pacbell.net
Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2009 09:11:39 -0700
To: salinantribe@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: MLD List for Los Osos

John, I don't have the name of the person that I spoke to regarding this being a new project. However, I do have the Notice of Completion SCH# 2007121034 with Mark Hutchinson (805) 781-5252 as the Planner on the new Los Osos Wastewater Project.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katy Sanchez <ks_nahc@pacbell.net>
Date: October 24, 2008 9:19:28 AM PDT
To: salinantribe@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: MLD List for Los Osos

Here is the information you requested.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Katy Sanchez <ks_nahc@pacbell.net>
Date: October 16, 2008 10:13:06 AM PDT
To: Clinton M. Blount <CBlount@albionenvironmental.com>
Subject: Re: MLD List for Los Osos

Hi Clinton, The MLD for the Los Osos Water project remain the Odom-Tucker family. If any new project were to arise in the future, where Native American remains are found, than we would designate a Chumash and Salinan as MLDs. John Burch is aware of the determination. If you have any questions, please call me at 916 653-4040. Thank you.
On Oct 15, 2008, at 11:09 AM, Clinton M. Blount wrote:

Hi Katie

John Burch just called and asked me to contact you regarding the MLD list for the Los Osos Wastewater Project. John indicated that the Commission will now include the Salinan Tribe in the MLD list for the Los Osos Project. We are meeting tomorrow night on the matter and need your confirmation on this. We have been proceeding on the assumption that the Odom-Tucker family would serve as MLDs and any new addition to the list will require revisiting our plans and agreements.

A return email response would be most appreciated.

Thanks
Clinton

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