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STATECLEARINGHOUSE

NOTICE OF ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION UNDER 25 C.F.R. § 2.20(c)
BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS
OVER APPEALS BY THE VIEJAS BAND OF KUMEYAAY INDIANS AND
THE SYCUAN BAND OF THE KUMEYAAY NATION; AND THE COUNTY
OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

On May 24, 2019, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a joint notice of appeal from the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, through Uyen D. Le, Esq.,¹ and from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, through Mark A. Radoff, Esq. On May 28, 2019, the Board received a notice of appeal from the County of San Diego, California, through Thomas D. Bunton, Esq. Appellants seek review of the April 23, 2019, decision of the Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, to accept into trust for the Ewiiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians approximately 16.69 acres of land commonly referred to as the "Walker Site" and located in an unincorporated area of the County of San Diego, California.

On June 7, 2019, the Board received by memorandum dated June 6, 2019, timely notice from the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs that she is exercising her authority under 25 C.F.R. \$ 2.20(c) and 43 C.F.R. \$ 4.332(b) to assume jurisdiction over these appeals. Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. \$ 2.20(c), the Board transfers these appeals 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 these appeals are being transmitted to the Assistant Secretary.

Thomas A. Blaser

Chief Administrative Judge

Enclosure (for Assistant Secretary)
Distribution: See attached list.

¹ The Board has been advised that attorney Le is lead counsel for Viejas Band and has updated its attached distribution list accordingly.

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