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Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Attn: Environmental Coordinator
125 Mission Ranch Blvd.
Chico, CA 95926

RE: Notification Pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 of Complete Development Project Applications for the Borge Parcel Map and Arco AM/PM Use Permit and Architectural Review Project in Chico, California (PM 17-03, UP 17-22 and AR 17-43)

Dear Environmental Coordinator:

In response to Assembly Bill 52, as codified under Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21080.3.1, the City of Chico is offering the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria the opportunity to consult regarding potential Tribal Cultural Resources at a certain project site located in the Chico area. The purpose of the consultation is to allow an opportunity for participation in land use decisions to protect or mitigate impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources.

Project Location: The project site is located on the south side of the Bruce Road/State Route 32 intersection. APN 002-180-084.

Brief Description: The map proposes to subdivide an approximately 10.86-acre site into two parcels with a remainder portion of land. Bruce Road bisects the site into an eastern and western section. The eastern section consists of the two proposed parcels while the western section consists of the remainder land. Parcel 1 would be approximately 2 acres and bordered by Bruce Road to the west and Dead Horse Slough to the east. A separate applicant is pursuing entitlements for the construction of a gas station with an approximately 3,800 square foot convenience store and car wash. Parcel 2 would be approximately 0.5 acres on the east side of Dead Horse Slough. A 30-foot access easement is proposed on the adjacent parcel (APN 002-180-086) along the east border of Parcel 1 for access to Parcel 2.

Review of the proposal pursuant to CEQA resulted in the preparation of a mitigated negative declaration, which will undergo circulation at a later date. The site is classified High Sensitivity on the Prehistoric Archaeological Sensitivity Areas map in the Chico General Plan. Additional project details are available upon request.

The City of Chico would appreciate notification of whether your Tribe desires to consult regarding this project, or declines the opportunity to consult, at your earliest convenience. PRC 21080.3.1(d) sets forth a time frame of 30 days to respond and initiate consultation. Please contact me at (530)879-6810 or via email at kimber.gutierrez@chicoca.gov regarding the Tribe's interest in this matter. I would also be happy to provide any further information regarding this project or the City's authority in this particular matter.

Sincerely,

Kimber Gutierrez
Associate Planner

Enclosures: Location Map