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Kate Gordon
Director

DATE: March 5, 2020

TO: Reviewing Agencies (see attached list)

RE: 2019080136: Notice of (Non-Gaming) Proposed Decision to have Real Property Accepted into Trust by the United States for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria - APN: 088-100-004-000 of California, Tuolumne County.

Enclosed is a notice from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding the above referenced proposed transfer of land to Indian trust. 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. For example, development of Indian trust land is not subject to either local zoning codes or the California Environmental Quality Act.

If any State agency feels adversely affected by this decision, it must file a written appeal with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior within 30 days of receipt of this notice. Appeals should be sent to:

**Interior Board of Indian Appeals
U.S. Department of the Interior
801 North Quincy Street, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203**

Any notice of appeal to the Board must be signed by the appellant or the appellant's legal counsel, and the notice of the appeal must be mailed within 30 days of receipt of this notice, with concurrent copies to the State Clearinghouse, the California Department of Justice (to the attention of Deputy Attorney General Sara Drake).

If you have any questions on this matter, please call us at (916) 445-0613. Also, **comments may be emailed to us at state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov** . Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse