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Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk
Indians of Tuolumne Rancheria
Land Acquisition Application
SCH #2019080494

Dear Lorrae Russell,

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, in Tuolumne County. The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians would like to transfer land from private ownership to Indian trust APN: 062-050-18-00. 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.

Caltrans at this time has no comment on this project. However, if future developments are proposed, Caltrans requests to be included in the review process.

If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Michael Casas at (209) 948-7475 <u>michael.casas@dot.ca.gov</u> or me at (209) 948-7325 <u>gregoria.ponce@dot.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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