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August 29, 2019

STATE OF CALIFORNIA Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



- TO: Reviewing Agencies (see attached list)
- RE: <u>SCH# 2019080494:</u> Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria - APN: 062-050-18-00 of California to Have Real Property Accepted Into Trust by the United States of America, Tuolumne County

Enclosed for your review and comment is a notice from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regarding the above referenced application for 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.

Please review the proposal and respond to the BIA 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).

Please direct comments to:

Lorrae Russell 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

If you have any questions on this matter, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019080494/2.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan Director

Enclosure