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May 14, 2019

Ms. Amy Dutschke
United States Department of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs - Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way, Rm W-2820
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Notice of On-Reservation Land Acquisition Application (Non-Gaming)
(APN 004-058-240)

Dear Ms. Dutschke,

First, the County of Lake (County) would like to thank the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau) for the invitation to comment on the application filed by the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, California (Tribe). The County values building strong relationships with its Tribal partners and welcomes being a part of this process. Based off the Tribe's description of the property's intended use the County does not foresee any significant impact beyond a loss of revenue. Staff has conducted a review of the application with each of the four topics the Bureau requested information on being addressed separately below.

1) Property Tax Levied on the Properties

As of 2018-2019, the figure provided by the Bureau for property taxes are correct. Those figures would be broken down though between taxes owed and direct charges owed. The taxes owed total \$770.68.

The County is grateful for our longstanding Memorandum of Understanding with the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, through which the Tribe provides a substantial amount of funding to the County. In light of this, the County does not intend to seek any additional agreement with the tribe to offset the small revenue loss resulting from this proposal.

2) Assessments on the Properties

The remainder of the aforementioned figures represent direct charges. These total \$87.58.

3) Governmental Services Currently Provided to the Properties

Presently, the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) remains the primary agency providing law enforcement services to the Tribe, including the property included in this application. The Tribe has also proposed an additional Memorandum of Understanding with the County, for support of local law enforcement efforts and we are grateful for the Tribe's continuing generosity. The County Department of Public Works maintains the access roads in the area. Many other County agencies are involved, whether directly or indirectly in the area.

4) Intended Use and Consistency with Zoning

The notice received indicates that the Tribe's intention is to retain the existing use of the property. The Tribe has removed a mobile home from the property and there has been no activity otherwise. No further development is planned, preserving the existing character of the area. This described use appears to be consistent with current zoning and land uses.

Our Board supports this application, of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, to place the subject parcel into trust and we look forward to our continuing partnership with the Tribe for the betterment of our communities. Please feel free to contact Carol Huchingson, County Administrative Officer, at 707-263-2580 if we can be of any further assistance in your evaluation.

Respectfully submitted,

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tina Scott, Chair
District 4