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FROM: Terre Logsdon, Environmental & Natural Resources Director
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Re: Public Comments on Agenda Item 7.2, Consideration of letter to Gov. Newsom asking to suspend legislation that would affect private enterprise jobs, before your Board on Tuesday, March 31, 2020

While the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians (SVBPI) is pleased to see forward-looking actions under consideration by the Lake County Board of Supervisors to assist in rebuilding the economy once the threat from Covid-19 passes, we do not believe these actions should be at the expense of our environmental and human wellbeing protections.

Some of the legislation outlined in the letter for your consideration have been enacted or proposed to protect the environment which is of the utmost concern for the SVBPI, such as AB40 which will require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop a strategy to ensure that all passenger and light-duty vehicles sales are zero emissions by 2040; SB 44 which also requires CARB to develop a strategy to reduce all motor vehicle emissions by 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, including diesel medium- and heavy-duty trucks. We believe that not only will these measures protect the environment of our Tribal Members, these measures also will encourage new business models and production that will help in building the economy.

Legislation enacted or under consideration that protect human wellbeing include AB 5, commonly known as the "Gig Worker" bill which requires workers to be classified as employees (and not contractors) to ensure they receive workplace benefits and protections as an employee. SB 135, which requires all employers with over 5 employees to provide 12 weeks of a protected leave of absence each year, in addition to existing leaves of absences already required. Both AB 5 and SB 135 protect worker health and we do not support your Board asking the Governor to suspend either of these bills.

Because of these uncertain times, AB 36 which covers rent control and the ability of local jurisdictions to enact or expand rent control to residential properties constructed within 10 years of the date upon which the owner seeks to establish the initial or subsequent rental rate, we would like to keep this in place as SVBPI is a Tribe without a reservation, and many of our Tribal members live in rental housing throughout the state of California. We strongly encourage the Governor to keep this legislation intact, now more than ever.

While we also have concern and/or support for each of the other bills listed in this memo for your consideration, our overall position is that the Lake County Board of Supervisors should not support nor send this letter to the Governor of California.

On Behalf of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians,

Terre Logsdon, Environmental & Natural Resources Director
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