Middletown Rancheria
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March 3, 2020 Via Electronic Mail

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Request:	Major Use Permit, UP 19-08, Initial Study, IS 19-14, Early Activation, 19-06
Applicant:	Golden State Herb
Owner:	PorterG3 McIntire, LLC
Location:	8550 Hwy 175, Kelseyville
APN:	011-055-06

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

The Middletown Rancheria (Tribe) is in receipt of your notification dated March 3, 2020 regarding the above referenced matter. The proposed Project site and its surrounding area is a site of cultural, historical, and religious significance for the Tribe. The Tribe is aware of and concerned about significant cultural and sacred resources that, while known to the Tribe, might not be properly identified through record and survey searches. Moreover, the potential for cumulative impacts to tribal cultural resources must be adequately assessed.

Due to the high likelihood of disturbing tribal cultural resources, the Tribe hereby request that the following mitigation measures be incorporated to ensure preservation or mitigation of impacts to tribal cultural resources. We also we request government-to-government consultation with the County as the Lead/Responsible Agency of the Project. Please provide us copies of all available archaeological studies, geotechnical reports, proposed grading plans, and any other applicable scoping and environmental documents (if any) pertaining to the proposed Project, as soon as possible so that we may review them prior to our initial meeting.

Mitigation Measures

Due to the possibility of unearthing tribal cultural resources which include, but is not limited to, Native American human remains, funerary objects, items or artifacts, sites, features, places, landscapes or objects with cultural values to the Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California ("Tribe"), during ground disturbance activities, the following mitigation measures shall be incorporated into the Project for preservation or mitigation of significant impacts to tribal cultural resources.

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MM TCR-1: Prior to initial ground disturbance, the applicant shall retain a project Tribal Cultural Advisor approved by the Tribe, to direct all mitigation measures related to tribal cultural resources.

MM TCR-2: Ground disturbing activities occurring in conjunction with the Project (including surveys, testing, concrete pilings, debris removal, rescrapes, punchlists, erosion control (mulching, waddles, hydroseeding, etc.), pot-holing or auguring, boring, grading, trenching, foundation work and other excavations or other ground disturbance involving the moving of dirt or rocks with heavy equipment or hand tools within the Project area) shall be monitored on a full-time basis by qualified tribal monitor(s) approved by the Tribe. The tribal monitoring shall be supervised by the project Tribal Cultural Advisor. Tribal monitoring should be conducted by qualified tribal monitor(s) approved by the Tribe, who is defined as qualified individual(s) who has experience with identification, collection and treatment of tribal cultural resources of value to the Tribe. The duration and timing of the monitoring will be determined by the project Tribal Cultural Advisor. If the project Tribal Cultural Advisor determines that full-time monitoring is no longer warranted, he or she may recommend that tribal monitoring be reduced to periodic spot-checking or cease entirely. Tribal monitoring would be reinstated in the event of any new or unforeseen ground disturbances or discoveries.

MM TCR-3: The project Tribal Cultural Advisor and tribal monitor(s) may halt ground disturbance activities in the immediate area of discovery when known or suspected tribal cultural resources are identified until further evaluation can be made in determining their significance and appropriate treatment or disposition. There must be at minimum one tribal monitor for every separate area of ground disturbance activity that is at least 30 meters or 100 feet apart unless otherwise agreed upon in writing between the Tribe and applicant. Depending on the scope and schedule of ground disturbance activities of the Project (e.g., discoveries of cultural resources or simultaneous activities in multiple locations that requires multiple tribal monitors, etc.) additional tribal monitors may be required on-site. If additional tribal monitors are needed, the Tribe shall be provided with a minimum of three (3) business days advance notice unless otherwise agreed upon between the Tribe and applicant. The on-site tribal monitoring shall end when the ground disturbance activities are completed, or when the project Tribal Cultural Advisor have indicated that the site has a low potential for tribal cultural resources.

MM TCR-4: All on-site personnel of the Project shall receive adequate cultural resource sensitivity training approved by the project Tribal Cultural Advisor or his or her authorized designee prior to initiation of ground disturbance activities on the Project. The training must also address the potential for exposing subsurface resources and procedures if a potential resource is identified consistent. The Project applicant will coordinate with the Tribe on the cultural resource sensitivity training.

MM TCR-5: The Project applicant must meet and confer with the Tribe, at least 45 days prior to commencing ground disturbance activities on the Project to address notification, protection, treatment, care and handling of tribal cultural resources potentially discovered or disturbed during ground disturbance activities of the Project. All potential cultural resources unearthed by Project activities shall be evaluated by the project Tribal Cultural Advisor. The Tribe must have an opportunity to inspect and determine the nature of the resource and the

best course of action for avoidance, protection and/or treatment of tribal cultural resources to the extent permitted by law. If the resource is determined to be a tribal cultural resource of value to the Tribe, the Tribe will coordinate with the Project applicant to establish appropriate treatment and disposition of the resources with appropriate dignity which may include reburial or preservation of resources. The Project applicant must facilitate and ensure that the determination of treatment and disposition by the Tribe is followed to the extent permitted by law. No laboratory studies, scientific analysis, curation, or video recording are permitted for tribal cultural resources without the prior written consent of the Tribe.

Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 and applicable law, the Tribe request that the County promptly notify and consult with the Tribe prior to any agency action by the County to modify or reject any of the foregoing proposed mitigation measure and allow for meaningful consultation between the parties.

Further, we also request that Project details including, but not limited to, the scope of work, dates and timelines of any Project activities be provided to the Tribe as soon as possible.

This correspondence does not purport the entire position of the Tribe and is without prejudice to any rights and remedies of the Tribe, all of which are expressly reserved.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience at to schedule a meeting and if you have questions and/or concerns. Please reference THPD File Number **20-03-002**.

Thank you,

R.P.
Ryan Peterson
Administrative and Projects Coordinator

Signed on behalf of Sally Peterson
Tribal Vice-Chairwoman
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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