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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Dear Ms. Russell:

NOTICE OF (NON-GAMING) LAND ACQUISITION APPLICATION FOR THE BIG VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS OF THE BIG VALLEY RANCHERIA, SCH# 2019030005

The Department of Conservation's (Department) Division of Land Resource Protection (Division) has reviewed the Notice of Land Acquisition Application (project). The Division monitors farmland conversion on a statewide basis and administers the Williamson Act and other agricultural land conservation programs. We offer the following comments and recommendations with respect to the proposed project's potential impacts on agricultural land and resources.

Project Description

The applicant's request to acquire property consists of fourteen parcels totaling 49.318 acres, more or less, commonly referred to as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 044-421-040, 044-421-030, 044-421-020, 044-421-010, 044-431-030, 044-431-020, 044-431-010, 044-432-030, 044-432-020, 044-432-010, 044-441-020, 044-442-020, 044-481-150, and 044-491-110, also known as the "Mission Rancheria Road" property. The parcels of land are located within the exterior boundaries and are contiguous to the Big Valley Rancheria.

Department Comments

The Department's records - based on information provided by Lake County indicate that one of the subject parcels (APN# 044-431-020) is enrolled in a Williamson Act contract. However, the preliminary title report provided with the notice indicates that a notice of non-renewal was filed in 2011.

The Department recommends verifying whether the parcel is enrolled in the Williamson Act, particularly if the applicant intends to change the use of the subject parcels to a use that is not compatible with the Williamson Act. If the parcel is still enrolled in a Williamson Act contract and the applicant may use the property for a use that is not

consistent with the Williamson Act, then the Department recommends that the applicant begin the process to remove the Williamson Act contracts from the property. Please refer to our website for further information regarding contract non-renewal, cancellation, and other [contract removal methods](#).¹

Conclusion

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Land Acquisition Application for the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria. Please provide this Department with notices of any future hearing dates as well as any staff reports pertaining to this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Farl Grundy, Environmental Planner at (916) 324-7347 or via email at Farl.Grundy@conservation.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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¹ http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/wa/Pages/removing_contracts.aspx