

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2019069034

Project Title: 4941 David Road Trust Land Project

Lead Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Project Location: 4941 David Road, Bakersfield, Kern County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Tejon Indian Tribe (Tribe) submitted a request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to approve the acquisition in trust of 10.3 acres of fee land. The land proposed for trust acquisition and development is located at 4941 David Road in unincorporated Kern County, California, approximately 13.5 miles southeast from the southern limits of the city of Bakersfield. If approved by the BIA, the Tribe would rehabilitate the existing infrastructure of the former Meridian School at the currently vacant property owned by the Tribe, and the site would be rehabilitated and used as a tribal community center.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant effects were identified for nesting migratory birds and transportation and circulation through an increase in operational trips for special events. Mitigation measures have been incorporated to reduce effects to nesting migratory birds which would require tree and vegetation removal to occur outside the typical nesting bird season. If these activities must be conducted during the nesting bird season, mitigation would require a pre-construction survey and avoidance measures if an active nest is located. Mitigation measures have also been included to reduce project effects to transportation and circulation through the preparation of a Travel Demand Management Plan that will ensure operational traffic associated with the recurring special events does not create a safety hazard related to traffic congestion or ingress and egress at the site. Implementation of these mitigation measures would reduce all potentially significant effects to be less than significant.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The only area of controversy known to the Lead Agency has been raised by the public and the Stand Up for California! organization and addresses concerns that the Tribe is proposing a gaming casino in Mettler, CA. The proposed fee-to-trust application associated with this project is for a property the Tribe plans to use as a Tribal Community Center, not a gaming facility.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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