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Marshall McKay, Tribal Chairman
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
P.O. Box 18
Brooks, CA 95606

RE: Bureau of Indian Affairs Fee-to-Trust Notice of Decision

Dear Chairman McKay,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Yolo County has received a letter dated April 28, 2014 from Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approving Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's (Tribe) fee-to-trust application for 852.9 acres.

On behalf of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to inform you that Yolo County respects the decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in this matter and will not be appealing this decision. The County expressed our concerns with the amount of land taken into trust at the appropriate stages in the process of deliberation by the BIA. At this point, the Board would like to reaffirm the County's longstanding desire to support the Tribe's vision of supporting a healthy, robust, and prosperous people and ensuring that the residential, cultural, and educational needs of its members are met. The County respects and appreciates the strong government-to-government partnership we have formed over time and the broad array of economic, community, and cultural benefits the Tribe has brought to the residents of Yolo County through its enterprises and philanthropic endeavors.

Beyond our governmental relationship, both the Tribe and the County share in a proud tradition of environmental stewardship, sustainable agriculture, and the preservation of open space, all of which improve quality of life and safeguards our precious natural resources. It is our sincere hope that together we will continue to support and advocate for land use and development policies and decisions that honor this tradition and preserve our rural landscapes. We look forward to continued growth and prosperity and the strong partnership between our governments. In the coming weeks the Board of Supervisors will bring forward a resolution to formally endorse our continued support of this shared vision. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (530) 666-8622 should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter or any other issue of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Don Saylor
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Paula Yost, Dentons US LLP