APPENDIX A

Cooperating Agency Correspondence

IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

Office of Transportation Planning, District 6
Department of Transportation
1352 West Olive Avenue
P.O. Box 12616
Fresno, CA 93778-2616

MAY 2 0 2005

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Sincerely,

/s/ Clayton Gregory

Regional Director

cc: Regional Realty Officer, Pacific Region
Lead Realty Specialist, Pacific Region
Superintendent, Central California Agency
Chairman, North Fork Rancheria

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

MAY 2 0 2005

Leon Lancaster
City Engineer and Director of Community Development
City of Madera
205 West fourth Street
Madera, CA 93637

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Raybum Beach
Planning Director, Planning Department
Madera County
2037 West Cleveland Avenue MS-G
Madera, CA 93637

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

MAY 2 0 2005

Ronald H. Pistoresi
President, Board of Directors
Madera Irrigation District
12152 Road 28 ¼
Madera, CA 93637-9199

Dear Mr. Pistoresi:

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Fred W. Stuckwisch
Director of Contracts
National Indian Gaming Commission
1441 L Street NW, 9th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

MAY 2 0 2005

Dear Mr. Stuckwisch:

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MAY 2 0 2005

Laura Whitney, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch
1325 "J" Street, RM1480
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

Dear Ms. Whitney:

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Karen Vitulano, CED-2
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-39101

MAY 2 0 2005

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Attn: Field Supervisor
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June 2, 2005

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Regional Director

Please be advised that the City of Madera would be pleased to participate as a Cooperating Agency in collaboration with the North Fork Rancheria Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed 305.5 acre Casino/Hotel Project in Madera County, California.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact this office at 559-661-5423. I apologize for using Regional Director in the salutation but the signature of the Regional Director is not legible in the letter.

Very truly yours,

Leon P. Lancaster, P.E.
Community Development Director/
City Engineer

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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75 Hawthorne Street
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June 8, 2005

John Rydzik, Chief
Division of Environmental, Cultural
Resource Management and Safety
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: Request for Cooperating Agency Participation in the North Fork Rancheria Proposed 309-acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino/Hotel Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Madera County, California

Dear Mr. Rydzik:

We are in receipt of your letter dated May 26, 2005 inviting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to serve as a cooperating agency for the subject EIS. Since EPA is the permitting authority for Clean Water Act (CWA) permits required for the project, we accept your invitation. However, resource constraints limit our involvement to the review of selected administrative documents with a focus on our area of jurisdiction, in this case, impacts to water resources. Please be aware that EPA's status as a cooperating agency does not affect our independent responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to review and comment publically on all Draft EISs.

It is EPA policy to enter into a written agreement for all projects where EPA acts as a cooperating agency. We are preparing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for this project and will forward a signed copy in the near future.

We appreciate the Bureau of Indian Affairs' interest in working with EPA. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Vitulano, the lead reviewer for this project, at (415) 947-4178.

Sincerely,

Nova Blazej, Acting Manager
Environmental Review Office
Communities and Ecosystems Division

cc: Elaine Fink, Chairperson, North Fork Rancheria
Mary Adelzadeh, Environmental Director, North Fork Rancheria

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July 26, 2005

Patrick O'Mallan
Environmental Protection Specialist
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. O'Mallan:

On June 2nd 2005, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) received your invitation to participate in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Fork Rancheria's proposed Casino-Hotel Project in Madera, California. At this time, the NIGC accepts your invitation to participate as a Cooperating Agency.

All information regarding the EIS should be sent to me at the address below. I can be reached via phone at 202-632-7003 (Ext 256). If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brad Mehaffy, REM
NEPA Compliance Officer
National Indian Gaming Commission

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October 6, 2005

Clay Gregory
Pacific Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Attn: John Rydzik, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear John:

On May 26, 2005, Madera Irrigation District was invited to become a cooperating agency on the Environmental Impact Statement for the North Fork Rancheria Hotel and Casino Development.

Madera Irrigation District is pleased to accept this invitation to be a cooperating agency.

Sincerely,

Ron Pistoresi

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President

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Please include Caltrans in any forthcoming meetings, preliminary reviews, etc. pertaining to this project. If you have any questions, please call me at (559) 445-5868.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL NAVARRO
Office of Transportation Planning
District 06