



THE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20240

OCT 06 2017

The Honorable Joan Hartmann
Chairwoman, Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Dear Chairwoman Hartmann:

On Monday, October 2, 2017, representatives of the Santa Ynez Valley Coalition (Coalition) met with me to express environmental and public health concerns in connection with negotiations between the Santa Barbara County (County) and the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians (Tribe) for a memorandum of agreement (MOA) related to the Tribe's use and development of a 1400-acre trust property known as Camp 4.

They presented me with a copy of the Coalition's September 14, 2017 letter to you and Supervisor Das Williams expressing the hope that any development occurring on Camp 4 will comply with existing County land use plans and regulations and supporting the needs of the Tribe. They also presented me with a copy of the proposed MOA between the County and Tribe, under which the Tribe would be bound by state building and public safety codes applicable to the County, as well as by the mitigation monitoring and enforcement program contained in the FONSI and Final EA prepared for Camp 4, among other things.

I applaud the mutual efforts by the County and the Tribe to establish a cooperative working relationship to ensure the safety and protection of public health and the environment in Camp 4's use and development, and I refer the Coalition's concerns to your attention.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

James E. Cason
Associate Deputy Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Santa Ynez Valley Coalition
Chairman, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians

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