

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on: 10/6/04
Department Name: CAO
Department No.: 012
Agenda Date: 10/19/04
Placement: Administrative
Estimate Time: 90 minutes on 11/23/04
Continued Item: NO
If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Administrator

STAFF Jim Laponis, Deputy County Administrator

CONTACT: Lori Norton, Analyst

SUBJECT: Bureau of Indian Affairs Presentation on Fee-to-Trust Issues

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors set a hearing for November 23, 2004, for 90 minutes, to receive a presentation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the fee-to-trust application process and environmental review requirements related to that process.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommended action is primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community. The process through which proposed trust acquisitions of land by the United States for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Fee-to-Trust Applications) is an emerging issue in Santa Barbara County. The recommended action is intended to facilitate the Board and communities understanding of this process.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

On June 22, 2004, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to request that an official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) come to Santa Barbara County to provide residents with a report regarding fee-to-trust applications and the environmental review requirements related that that process. Further, the Board directed staff to invite U.S. Representatives Elton Gallegly and Lois Capps to attend the presentation.

As directed, County Administrator's staff contacted the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and relayed the Board's request for a report in the form of a presentation to the Board. As the result of several conversations with the BIA, the BIA requested a list of approximately 10 specific questions they should be prepared to address in their presentation. Staff prepared a list of questions, which seek to provide specific

areas of interest/concern to the County and Community. A copy of the list is attached for your information (Attachment A).

On Monday, October 4th, BIA staff committed to send a representative from their Sacramento office to provide a presentation to the Board on November 23, 2004.

As directed, staff contacted U.S. Representatives Elton Gallegly and Lois Capps and invited them to the presentation. In addition, Senator Dianne Feinstein's District Representative, Guillermo Gonzalez, has been invited and indicated he will attend the presentation. Further, staff will extend an invitation to the County's State representatives.

Mandates and Service Levels:

There are no mandate or service level impacts arising from the recommended action.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no fiscal or facilities impacts arising from the recommended action.

Special Instructions:

C: Chairman Vincent Armenta, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
Mr. Kevin Bearquiver, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office

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