



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: June 10, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: NA
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: House Natural Resources Indian Affairs Subcommittee Hearing on H.R. 1157 for "Camp 4" Fee-to-Trust

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Receive report and provide direction as appropriate in anticipation of the June 17, 2015 hearing before the House Natural Resources Indian Affairs Subcommittee on Camp 4 Fee-to-Trust.
- b) Designate Supervisor Farr as the County representative to attend the hearing and testify in opposition to H.R. 1157 - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians Land Transfer Act of 2015.
- c) Determine that the above actions are organizational or administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, pursuant to section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

Summary Text:

The County has been informed by Congresswoman Capps' Office and Tom Walters, the County of Santa Barbara's federal advocate, that the House of Representatives Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian Affairs will have a hearing on Congressman LaMalfa's H.R. 1157, which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take the Camp 4 land into trust for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash without the normal administrative process. The hearing is set for 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Washington, DC. A formal letter inviting the Board of Supervisors Chair to testify on behalf of the

County is anticipated in the next several days. While we do not know when we will receive this invitation, it seems prudent that the Board of Supervisors designate Third District Supervisor Farr to attend the hearing and testify regarding the County of Santa Barbara's position on the Camp 4 land being taken into trust under the legislation.

The County of Santa Barbara has communicated extensively with federal and state representatives on the many issues surrounding Fee to Trust in general and Camp 4 in particular. The County Board of Supervisors has consistently supported the need to a comprehensive reform and a reliable administrative process which provides for thoughtful consideration of the views of local jurisdictions. Specifically, the Board of Supervisors has indicated that local government's input should be considered and include:

- Full disclosure of trust land uses on applications;
- Fair notice to counties and a meaningful opportunity to respond to applications;
- BIA transparency regarding its process and decision-making; and,
- Clear objective standards by which applications are considered.

Attachments:

- A. Email correspondence from Tom Walters, Washington Representative
- B. HR1157 – Fee to Trust Legislation

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