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Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

To Whom it may concern,

I am the Tribal chair of the Barbareno/Ventureno Band of Mission Indians (Chumash)

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the project at 755 Sand Point Road, In Sandy land. There is not sufficient testing in the area. Just because the Phase 1 record search and the NAHC results came back negative, doesn't mean that there are no native American Cultural resources present. Many place go unchecked and unrecorded. For thousands of years the Chumash have lived in North America. Why wouldn't they be Here at the Salt Marsh. Why wasn't a extended phase 1 done with STPs, shovel test pits, You can't see through all that ice plant. And who would allow people to live in such a , in my opinion unsafe place. With current climate changes happening before our eyes and sea levels raising, the chances of Floods are a sure thing. And with that come complete destruction of homes along this flood zone. That destruction will also bring pollution, and chemical contamination.

Our Tribe worked on the Thomas fire cleanup, we saw first hand what Fire can do, and the amount of debris and Hazardous material these disaster caused by Wind,Rain and Fire.

The years that people have lived and built in this neighborhood, I find it hard to believe that there has not been any report of Native American Cultural resources found. Many of those houses were most likely built on raised foundations, which means that if there were NACR present, they were 90% intact because of the raised foundation. Our culture could be deep under the alluvial soils.

I my experience in the cultural resource protection which has been 30 + years now, I have met Archaeologist working in our territory who are doing surveys and monitoring, they are not from this area. They are looking for pottery shards. And just for your knowledge, we didn't do pottery. It is also our experience that when the words "Stop work" is given, nobody stops, how can they know when to stop, they are not trained, it is a conflict of interest to stop. It was demonstrated that there are several studies done within a .25mile radius. I have not had the time to read them all. At the time the that we were noticed, we were working the Thomas Fire. We discovered 8 new sites, some in the hills of the west end of Ventura Co. which is on the boarder of Santa Barbara Co. We do not now the boundaries of our culture. I do know that they are boundless, expansive, diverse, unique, and a non-renewal resource. Restoration of the native plants is not a fair tradeoff for the destruction of NACR. And BTW, the iceplant should have been taken out a long time ago

I recommend that you deny the Applicants request to expand. The Estuary is a key component of our environment. It filters the waters that run into the Ocean, it is the home to many species of Plants and Animals. In addition we have so few of these Marshes and wetlands in our region. Please don't add to their demise.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our lead contact person listed Sincerely,Julie Tumamait- Stenslie 805 646 6214, jtumamait@hotmail.com