



**Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
Shingle Springs Rancheria (Verona Tract), California**

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El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
330 Fair Lane,
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Request for Letter of Support for Indian Creek Ranch Land Transfer Bill

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As you are aware, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (“Tribe”) has been working with Congressman McClintock on a Congressional bill that would transfer certain Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe. One of these BLM parcels is adjacent to the Tribe’s property commonly known as “Indian Creek Ranch.” Therefore, the Tribe has requested that the Congressman include Indian Creek Ranch as land to be put into trust as part of the Congressional bill.

The Tribe is sending the Board of Supervisors this letter to formally request a letter of support from the County for the Congressman to include the Indian Creek Ranch property in his Congressional bill. County Supervisors have repeatedly stated that they would support the Tribe’s efforts to expand housing for its membership. We hope you will live up to your word and submit a letter of support for this bill.

The Tribe understands that the County would lose out on property tax revenue from Indian Creek Ranch should it be put into trust through Congressional action rather than the slower Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) process. To compensate the County for lost tax revenue and other expenses, the Tribe is offering to pay the County an upfront lump sum of \$750,000. This more than covers what the Tribe would pay in property taxes for the time it would take to move the Indian Creek Ranch land into trust through the BIA process. We believe this offer makes the County whole for supporting our housing project.

Additionally, the Tribe is willing to enter an agreement to ensure the following terms:

- The Tribe will comply with certain conditions required by the Board of Supervisors when it adopted the Indian Creek Ranch Final Map. See attached spreadsheet for conditions the Tribe is willing to comply with.
- No gaming activities will occur on the Indian Creek Ranch property.
- Except for essential services (ex. health care, convenience store, general store) for Tribal family residents, no economic ventures will be constructed or operated on the Indian Creek Ranch property.

- The Tribe will enter discussions with the County to assess the possibility of partnering on a project to utilize the Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant funds on affordable housing projects in the County.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. While the Tribe and County are not always in agreement on issues, I believe we can all agree on the importance of housing. This Indian Creek Ranch property is needed to provide homes for the 170 Tribal members currently on the Tribe's housing waitlist. We hope that the County will support us and provide Congressman McClintock with a letter of support.

Should you have any questions regarding this request and offer, please contact the Tribe's general counsel, Nick Bryson, at 530-387-4979.

Sincerely,



Regina Cuellar
Chairwoman

CC: Janeth SanPedro, County Counsel
Tiffany Schmid, County CAO