

Amy Dutschke Director, Pacific Regional Office Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820 Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Initiation of Section 106 Process for Scotts Valley Casino Project

Dear Regional Director Dutschke:

We have received your October 10, 2024 letter initiating the Section 106 process for the above-referenced undertaking in Vallejo, Solano County, California, and inviting Yocha Dehe to participate. I write today to formally confirm the Tribe's participation.

The undertaking is proposed to be carried out within the ancestral lands of our Patwin people. It should come as no surprise, then, that Yocha Dehe has knowledge and concerns regarding historic properties of religious and cultural importance that may be affected by the undertaking – as well as objections to the sham of a "cultural resources investigation" report attached to your October 10 letter.

Federal regulations provide that the next step in the process is Section 106 consultation, as distinguished from the separate and distinct consultation obligations – that your agency has so far ignored – imposed by Executive Order, by White House and Department of the Interior policy, and by the trust relationship.

To coordinate a specific date and time for a Section 106 meeting, contact our Cultural Resources Department at THPO@yochadehe.gov with a copy to Sarah Choi, Director of Legal, at schoi@yochadehe.gov at your earliest convenience. I trust no further action on the undertaking will occur unless and until the Section 106 process is complete.

Please refer to identification number YD-07222016-01 in any correspondence concerning this undertaking.

Sincerely,

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer** 

cc: Julianne Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer

Felix Kitto, Deputy Regional Director, BIA Dan Hall, Regional Archaeologist, BIA