

SCOTTS VALLEY
SCOTTS VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS

January 13, 2017

Honorable Lawrence S. Roberts
Acting Assistant Secretary- Indian Affairs
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: WITHDRAWAL OF RESTORED LANDS OPINION REQUEST

Dear Assistant Secretary Roberts:

By letter dated January 10, 2017, we requested the Department of the Interior to take no action on Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indian's January 29, 2016 request for an Indian Lands Opinion with respect to property in Vallejo, California pending the Tribe being able to respond to the most recent third party submission, as well as the Department's recent expression of its need for more direct evidence. We also asked the Department to classify the Indian Lands request as inactive, effective the date of that letter.

We have received no response from the Department on our request. We note that President Barack Obama's administration will conclude in less than one week and appreciate the significant end-of-administration tasks and duties that must be before you. Nevertheless, under these circumstances and after much consideration, we believe we have no other choice but to hereby formally withdraw the request in its entirety from your consideration. **Please consider this letter as our withdrawal of the request for an Indian Lands Opinion.**

Sincerely



Shawn Davis, Chairman
Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

cc: Paula Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming
Eric Shepard, Associate Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor