

APPENDIX A

COOPERATING AGENCY LETTERS



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

FEB 11 2014

City of Galt
Attn: Jason Behrmann, City Manager
380 Civic Drive
Galt, CA 95632-2039

Subject: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Mr. Behrmann:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 282-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located within the City of Galt Sphere of Influence Area along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99 and north of Twin Cities Road. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities. The proposed project also would include local transportation system improvements necessary to provide access to the proposed development.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to the City of Galt to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. If possible, please inform this office by February 28, 2014 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820, Sacramento, CA 95825; Phone (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

Carmen
Acting Regional Director



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FEB 25 2013

Melissa Schlichting, Regional Attorney
National Indian Gaming Commission
1441 L Street NW, Suite 9100
Washington, DC, 20005

Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Ms. Schlichting:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 160-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to the NIGC to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. Please respond to us by March 25, 2013 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

/s/ **Amy L. Dutschke**

Regional Director

J. Rydzik 2/25/2013



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FEB 25 2013

Michele Bach, Supervising Deputy County Counsel
County of Sacramento
700 H Street, Suite 2650
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino
Project EIS**

Dear Ms. Bach:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 160-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to the County of Sacramento to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. Please respond to us by March 25, 2013 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy L. Dutschke

Regional Director

J. R. MDZ/K 2/25/2013



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FEB 25 2013

Nova Blazej, Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Review Office
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Ms. Blazej:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 160-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to the USEPA to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. Please respond to us by March 25, 2013 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy L. Dutschke
Regional Director

J. RYDZIK 2/25/2013



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FEB 25 2013

Honorable Andrew Franklin, Chairman
Wilton Rancheria
9300 West Stockton Blvd, Suite 200
Elk Grove, California 95758

Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Chairman Franklin:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 160-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to the Tribe to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. Please respond to us by March 25, 2013 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy L. Dutschke

Regional Director

J. RYDZIK 2/25/2013



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FEB 25 2013

Jody Jones, Director
California Department of Transportation
District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, California 95901

Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Ms. Jones:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of the Wilton Rancheria's (Tribe's) application for a 160-acre fee-to-trust transfer and casino project. The proposed project site is located along West Stockton Boulevard in unincorporated Sacramento County, California immediately west of State Highway 99. The proposed project may include, but is not limited to, a casino, hotel, parking, and other associated facilities.

The BIA is serving as the Lead Agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance. At this time we are extending an invitation to Caltrans to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency. Please respond to us by March 25, 2013 of your willingness to accept this role.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety at (916) 978-6051.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy L. Dutschke

Regional Director

J. Rydzik 2/25/2013



Wilton Rancheria

9300 W. Stockton Blvd., Suite 200
Elk Grove, CA 95758
Phone: (916) 683-6000 Fax: (916) 683-6015

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Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Region Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

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Re: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation- Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Amy Dutschke:

Thank you for your letter to participate on the above named project. Wilton Rancheria is comprised of Miwok people whose ancestral territory spans are within Sacramento County. Wilton Rancheria will be acting as a cooperating Agency for this process.

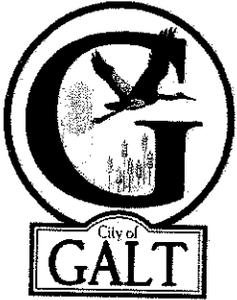
Wilton Rancheria's Cultural Rights Protection Department is committed and loyal to the success of the Tribe, its culture and the protection of its surrounding environment.

Please contact me at (916) 683-6000 or by email at afranklin@wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov, I am here to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Andrew Franklin
Chairman

Cc: John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management, and Safety



Office of the City Manager

February 20, 2014

Mr. John Rydzik, Chief
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

SUBJECT: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Mr. Rydzik:

In response to the invitation from your office regarding the above subject, the City of Galt accepts the offer to participate in the EIS process as a Cooperating Agency.

Thank you for including the City of Galt in this process and we look forward to working with BIA.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GALT

Jason Behrmann
City Manager

Department of
Community Development
Lori A. Moss, Director



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Building Permits & Inspection
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March 15, 2013

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Amy L. Dutschke, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: NEPA Cooperating Agency Invitation – Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project EIS

Dear Ms. Dutschke:

We received your correspondence dated February 25, 2013 requesting our participation as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process for the Wilton Rancheria project. We consent to the request and will act as cooperating agency on the subject project. Catherine Hack, Environmental Coordinator, will serve as primary County contact in this regard. She can be reached at (916) 874-7183 or hackc@saccounty.net.

Thank you for including us in this effort. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Leighann Moffitt
Planning Director



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

MAR 21 2013

John Rydzik, Chief
Division of Environmental, Cultural
Resource Management, and Safety
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: Request for Cooperating Agency Participation for the Proposed Wilton Rancheria
Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project Environmental Impact Statement, Sacramento County,
California

Dear Mr. Rydzik:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 25, 2013 inviting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to serve as a cooperating agency for the subject EIS. Since EPA is the permitting authority for Clean Water Act (CWA) permits required for the project, we accept your invitation. However, severe resource constraints limit our involvement to the review of selected administrative documents with a focus on our area of jurisdiction - in this case, impacts to water resources.

This letter serves to document the function that EPA will have in the preparation of the EIS, per EPA policy. In addition to reviewing the water resources sections of the preliminary draft EIS, EPA will participate in scoping through the submittal of scoping comments. Our involvement is contingent on availability of resources. Please be aware that EPA's status as a cooperating agency does not affect our independent responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to review and comment publicly on all Draft EISs. Participation as a cooperating agency does not imply endorsement of the proposed project, nor can it be used to obligate or commit funds or as the basis for the transfer of funds. Please reference or incorporate this acceptance letter into the Draft and Final EIS.

We appreciate the Bureau of Indian Affairs' interest in working with EPA. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Vitulano, the lead reviewer for this project, at (415) 947-4178 or vitulano.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Martyn Goforth".

Kathleen Martyn Goforth, Manager
Environmental Review Office (CED-2)

cc: Andrew Franklin, Chairperson, Wilton Rancheria
Steve Hutchison, Environmental Contact, Wilton Rancheria