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Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria
Attn: Environmental Coordinator
125 Mission Ranch Blvd.
Chico, CA 95926

To whom it may concern,

RE: Notification Pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 of Complete Development Project Applications for the Thorntree Grading Permit located on the south side of Thorntree Drive, approximately 700 feet easterly of Cohasset Road, APN 016-200-122

In response to Assembly Bill 52, as codified under Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21080.3.1, the City of Chico is offering the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria the opportunity to consult regarding potential Tribal Cultural Resources at a certain project site located in the Chico area. The purpose of the consultation is to allow an opportunity for participation in land use decisions to protect or mitigate impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources.

Project Location: The project site is located on the south side of Thorntree Drive, approximately 700 feet easterly of Cohasset Road, APN 016-200-122

Brief Description: The proposed project involves grading of an approximate 6.9-acre area to facilitate the future development of the site. The grading will involve a cut volume of approximately 1,017 cubic yards with a fill volume of approximately 8,550 cubic yards of material across the site. The types of equipment used for the project may include, but are not limited to, a grader, dumb haul trucks, backhoe, excavator, and work trucks. The project will maintain a distance of 15-feet away from the tow of the existing Sycamore Creek Federal Setback Levee. With the addition of the 10-foot width for the upland flow conveyance ditch the distance grading will maintain from the setback levee is 25-feet. The project is approximately 110 feet away from the top of bank of Sycamore Creek and approximately 165 feet from the centerline of Sycamore Creek. The proposed grading is to facilitate the future development of the site. No project is proposed at this time. Future land use proposals would require additional entitlement from the City of Chico, for which additional environmental review may be necessary.

Review of the proposal pursuant to CEQA resulted in the preparation of a mitigated negative declaration, which will undergo circulation at a later date. The site is classified High Sensitivity on the Prehistoric Archaeological Sensitivity Areas map in the Chico General Plan. Additional project details are available upon request.

The City of Chico would appreciate notification of whether your Tribe desires to consult regarding this project, or declines the opportunity to consult, at your earliest convenience. PRC

21080.3.1(d) sets forth a time frame of 30 days to respond and initiate consultation. Please contact me at (530)879-6807 or via email at shannon.costa@chicoca.gov regarding the Tribe's interest in this matter. I would also be happy to provide any further information regarding this project or the City's authority in this particular matter.

Sincerely,

Shannon Costa
Associate Planner

Enclosures: Location Map