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December 18, 2017

VIA CERTIFIED UPS MAIL

Wilton Rancheria
Antonio Ruiz Jr., Cultural Resources Officer
Cultural Preservation Department
9728 Kent St.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Re: California Environmental Quality Act Public Resources Code section 21080.3, subd. (b) **Designated Tribal Contact Update** for Formal Notification of Proposed Projects Within the Wilton Rancheria Tribe's Geographic Area of Traditional and Cultural Affiliation

Dear Mr. Ruiz:

The Omochumne-Hartnell Water District is processing an application for the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District: Groundwater Recharge Project and is requesting your review to determine if formal consultation is appropriate pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21080.3.1 (Assembly Bill 52). The project area consists of three fields, composing two independently operating project sites. All three fields lie between Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River, near the Folsom South Canal of Wilton, CA.

1. Utilize existing water diversion infrastructure and flood identified vineyards and fallowed fields (identified in Attached Project Map) with up to 6,000 AF per year of Cosumnes River water, with intention to recharge during off-irrigation months (November through March).
2. Installing approximately 15,169 feet of new PVC underground pipes within mainline shut off valves along levee to divert water to southern portions of fields.
3. Installing two additional pumps along the conveyance system, adjacent to existing pump and existing pump house.

Copies of the proposed topographic maps are attached for your reference. A Sacred Lands File check is being conducted through the Native American Heritage Commission

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for the USGS quadrangle, Elk Grove. Given the timelines involved in preparing CEQA documents and other materials, and the required public review periods, we respectfully request that the Tribe consider the items herein as expeditiously as possible. We do understand that pursuant to AB 52 the Tribe has 30 days to request formal consultation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 559.782.7460 or at info@ohwd.org. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Michael Wackman
General Manager
Omochochumne-Hartnell Water District

Enclosures: Topo Maps

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