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Subject: Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Long-Term Irrigated Lands
Regulatory Program

Dear Ms. Creedon:

Thank you for initiating formal consultations with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria. The UAIC would like to consult under SB 18 on the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The UAIC is comprised of Miwok and Nisenan (Southern Maidu) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and ancestral territory spans into Eldorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The UAIC is concerned about development within its aboriginal territory that has potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

We would like to make a few general points for consideration in developing the scope and content of the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

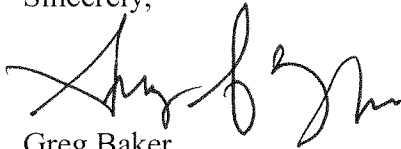
- The UAIC recommends that projects within the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program EIR's jurisdiction be designed to incorporate known cultural sites into open space or other protected areas;
- The UAIC is interested in holding conservation easements for culturally significant prehistoric sites;

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- The UAIC would like the opportunity to provide Tribal representatives to monitor projects if excavation and data recovery are required for prehistoric cultural sites, or in cases where ground disturbance is proposed at or near sensitive cultural resources;
- The UAIC is interested in receiving cultural materials from prehistoric sites where excavation and data recovery has been performed;
- The UAIC would like to receive copies of environmental notices and documents for projects within the jurisdiction of the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
- The UAIC would like to receive all confidential cultural and archaeological reports within the jurisdiction of the Long-Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

Thank you in advance for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC in the planning process as early as possible. We look forward to meeting with you in the near future, and to reviewing the EIR. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, cultural resources specialist, at (530) 883-2364 or email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com.

Sincerely,



Greg Baker
Tribal Administrator

CC: Marcos Guerrero, UAIC