

# ***APPENDIX E***

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BIA Formal Request Letters



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## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Pacific Regional Office  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, California 95825

Raybum Beach  
Planning Director, Planning Department  
Madera County  
2037 West Cleveland Avenue MS-G  
Madera, CA 93637

MAR 20 2005

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Sincerely,

/s/ Clayton Gregory

Regional Director

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APR 20 2005

Leon Lancaster  
City Engineer and Director of Community Development  
City of Madera  
205 West fourth Street  
Madera, CA 93637

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Ronald H. Pistoresi  
President, Board of Directors  
Madera Irrigation District  
12152 Road 28 ¼  
Madera, CA 93637-9199

MAY 20 2005

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1352 West Olive Avenue  
P.O. Box 12616  
Fresno, CA 93778-2616

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Fred W. Stuckwisch  
Director of Contracts  
National Indian Gaming Commission  
1441 L Street NW, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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Karen Vitulano, CED-2  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105-39101

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Laura Whitney, Project Manager  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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