

APPENDIX C

*Letter from Yuba County to the Department of the
Interior*

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The Honorable Gale Norton
Secretary, Department of Interior
1849 "C" Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Re: **Enterprise Rancheria Trust Application**

Dear Secretary Norton:

On December 17, 2002, the County of Yuba, through its Board of Supervisors, entered into a formal binding Memorandum of Understanding with Enterprise Rancheria, a federally recognized Indian tribe, regarding the Tribe's application for trust acquisition of a 40-acre parcel of land within the County. Enterprise Rancheria seeks to have the land taken into trust for gaming purposes consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. §2701, et seq. The County has found that the Tribe's proposed uses of the property which is the subject of the trust application are consistent and compatible with the County's general plan and the zoning of the property.

The County and the Tribe negotiated in good faith over a period of months to arrive at the Memorandum of Understanding, and have arrived at an agreement which more than adequately mitigates all anticipated impacts of the proposed development. The Memorandum of Understanding will compensate the County for the loss of tax revenues resulting from the anticipated trust acquisition and provide revenue to support public services to the property. In addition, the agreement creates a framework for government-to-government cooperation, ensuring the public health, safety and welfare of the public as well as of the Tribe's employees.

The Board of Supervisors of Yuba County has determined that a resort hotel and gaming establishment on the subject property would be in the best interest of, and not detrimental to, the surrounding community and Yuba County as a whole. We, therefore, respectfully request that you approve the application of Enterprise Rancheria to have the subject parcel taken into trust status for the benefit of the Tribe, for gaming purposes.

Very truly yours,

Al Amaro
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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