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Ann Marie Sayers, Chairperson Indian Canyon Mutsun Band of Costanoan P.O. Box 28 Hollister, CA 95024

Subject: Assembly Bill 52 Consultation Opportunity for the 1744 Ruby Street Project Castro Valley, Alameda County, California

Dear Chairperson Sayers:

The County of Alameda (County) is providing this consultation opportunity to your tribe for the 1744 Ruby Street Project (Project), in Castro Valley, Alameda County, California, pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52) (see Figures 1 and 2, attached). The Project would construct multi-unit residential buildings, parking lots, and landscaping on the Project Site.

AB 52 requires that, as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process, a public agency provide early notice of a project to California Native American tribes, and, if formally requested in writing, consult with tribes regarding the Project's potential impacts to tribal cultural resources.

STUDY RESULTS TO DATE

As part of the identification efforts to date, Project archaeologists have completed 1) a records search at the Northwest Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System; 2) a literature review of state inventories; and 3) a field survey of the Project Site.

The records search did not identify any Native American cultural resources at the Project site; however, P-01-001795/CA-ALA-566, a National Register of Historic Places-eligible precontact archaeological site is immediately north of the Project site. Caltrans has conducted Extended Phase I presence/absence archaeological excavations, which included excavation units within the Project site, and has determined that the likelihood of the P-01-001795/CA-ALA-566 extending into the Project Site is extremely low.

The literature review identified a former cultural resource known as the "Pow-Wow Tree" immediately to the south of the Project Site. Formerly a location at which Native American gatherings took place, the tree is no longer present.

The field survey did not identify Native American archaeological cultural resources in the Project Site.

CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY

The County would like to provide you with an opportunity to communicate concerns you might have regarding places within the project site that may be important to your community. The County requests your participation in the identification and protection of tribal cultural resources, sacred lands, or other heritage sites within the above described project site with the understanding that you or other members of the community might possess specialized knowledge of the area. AB 52 provides for a 30-day response period to request consultation with the County on this Project. If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter, the County is not obligated to consult with you about this Project under AB 52.

If you have any questions or concerns with the Project, I may be reached via telephone at (510) 670-5400 or via email at <u>phil.sawrey-kubicek@acgov.org</u>.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Phil Sawrey-Kubicek Assistant Deputy Director Alameda County Planning Department Community Development Agency

Attachment:

Figure 1: Regional Location Figure 2: Site Location



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1744 Ruby Street Castro Valley, Alameda County, California Regional Location

SOURCE: National Geographic (c) 2018; Google Streets 2018.



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