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September 9, 2015

Ms. Mona Miyasato, CEO
Santa Barbara County
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: Government-To-Government Negotiations

Dear Ms. Miyasato:

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians (Tribe) is in receipt of your letter dated August 26, 2015 proposing a meeting on Friday, September 11, 2015. Coincidentally, also on August 26, 2015, Governor Brown signed a new Tribal-State Compact between the Tribe and the State of California. Such Compact had to be ratified by both the State Assembly and State Senate the following week. In fact, Assistant CEO Terri Nisich attended and spoke at both hearings. So you and Ms. Nisich clearly can appreciate how busy the Tribe was with the legislature and our inability to meet that week.

Prior to your being hired, I met with former CEO Chandra Wallar on April 20, 2011 and at that time she received the Tribe's term sheet (containing the \$1 million a year for 10 years payment-in-lieu of taxes) and she instructed the Tribe to submit an agreement for her review. Accordingly, and at her request, a Cooperative Agreement was electronically delivered to Ms. Wallar on June 1, 2011.

Such Cooperative Agreement on June 1, 2011 contained and still contains a waiver of sovereign immunity. To the extent that a waiver of tribal immunity truly is a condition precedent of the County to any government-to-government negotiations with the Tribe, we respectfully request that you and your staff read the June 1, 2011 Cooperative Agreement and provide us with your comments.

In regards to your letter dated September 8, 2015, we are available Thursday morning at 8 am on September 17, 2015. If that date is no longer available, then please consider subsequent Thursday mornings.

Finally, any agenda needs to be approved by the County and the Tribe before it is published for the general public.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Armenta
Tribal Chairman

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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RETURN INSTRUCTIONS:
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR