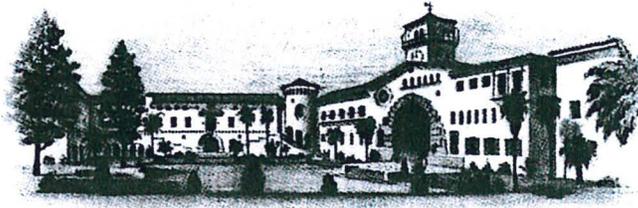


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October 9, 2015

Vincent Armenta, Chairman and
Kenneth Kahn, Vice Chairman
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians
P. O. Box 517
Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Dear Chairman Armenta and Vice Chairman Kahn,

Thank you for your letter dated October 2, 2015 to County Executive Officer Mona Miyasato. We understand that the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, which you and Mr. Kahn represent, feel strongly that the 2011 offer is still on the table and deserves an answer. While we recognize that it contains proposed language that may ultimately be helpful in crafting a long-term solution, our incomplete understanding of the potential long-term ramifications of this proposal is preventing us from recommending this agreement to our fellow Board members. Furthermore, it does not appear appropriate to us, at this time, to agree to the 2011 offer submitted as a discussion draft. We feel that having any discussion draft is premature at this stage.

The 2011 offer is, after all, over 4 years old. As was pointed out by the County and the Tribe in the September 24, 2015 meeting, many facts and circumstances have changed. Without working through the reasonable questions and concerns that were expressed during our last meeting, by both parties and fully exploring our options and possible solutions, we will not be prepared to recommend any specific provision or whole agreement until each side has had an adequate opportunity to explore the position of the other side on the various issues. Any agreement that the Ad Hoc committee might take back to the Board for consideration must be approved by a majority of the full Board of Supervisors. We assume that the same would be true of the Tribal Business Committee.

It is our sincere hope and commitment that, through continuing honest and open communications, we can achieve a genuine understanding that can result in a mutually beneficial solution to the Tribe and the residents and taxpayers of Santa Barbara County. It is our intent to continue communications in good faith on October 19, 2015 utilizing the format, subject matter, and schedule as previously agreed.

Sincerely,

Doreen Farr
Third District Supervisor

Sincerely,

Peter Adam
Fourth District Supervisor