

12:00 P.M. Recessed to Closed Session

Report from Closed Session

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Closed Session Agenda

County Counsel reported the following:

On October 22, 2014, the County of Santa Barbara received notice from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that the BIA had issued a finding of No Significant Impact, determining that the proposed trust acquisition of 5 parcels encompassing a total of approximately 1,400 acres, by the United States, for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, will not result in significant effects to the quality of the human environment.

In response to that finding of No Significant Impact, in consideration of the Board of Supervisors' meeting schedule during the short timeframe in which the Department of the Interior might decide to approve this fee-to-trust application, the Board of Supervisors voted 3:2, with Supervisors Wolf, Farr and Adam voting yes and Supervisors Carbajal and Lavagnino voting no, to direct County Counsel to initiate appropriate administrative appeals and litigation to challenge both the Finding of No Significant Impact and if the federal government approves the fee-to-trust application.

Details of this announcement may be obtained by contacting the Office of County Counsel.