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Anne Novotny
 El Dorado County, Long Range Planning Division
 2850 Fairlane Court
 Placerville, CA 95667

Subject: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Sign Ordinance Update (SCH# 2014102001) - General Plan Amendment

Dear Anne Novotny,

Thank you for your invitation to consult on the above named project under SB18. And thank you for initiating formal consultations with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) concerning the proposed General Plan Amendment. As you know, the UAIC is comprised of Miwok and Maidu people whose traditional homelands include portions of Placer and Nevada counties, as well as some surrounding areas. The UAIC is concerned about development within its ancestral territory that has potential to impact sites and landscapes that may be of cultural or religious significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

We would like to make a few general points for consideration in developing the scope and content of the General Plan Amendment:

- The UAIC recommends that projects within the General Plan Amendment jurisdiction be designed to incorporate known cultural sites into open space or other protected areas;
- The UAIC is interested in holding conservation easements for culturally significant prehistoric sites;
- The UAIC would like the opportunity to provide Tribal representatives to monitor projects if excavation and data recovery are required for prehistoric cultural sites, or in cases where ground disturbance is proposed at or near sensitive cultural resources;
- The UAIC is interested in receiving cultural materials from prehistoric sites where excavation and data recovery has been performed;
- The UAIC would like to receive copies of environmental notices and documents for projects within the jurisdiction of the General Plan Amendment.

We have reviewed the cultural resources assessment that you provided for the project and would like to arrange a meeting with your department to discuss how potential impacts to cultural resources of importance to the UAIC can best be addressed in any environmental documents. Thank you again for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC early in the planning process. We look forward to reviewing the documents requested above and consulting on your project. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, Cultural Resources Manager, at (530) 883-2364 or by email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gene Whitehouse,
 Chairman

CC: Marcos Guerrero, CRM

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