# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: December 9, 2016

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be under taken by: the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake – Upper Lake Rancheria (ULR)

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 28, 2016 at 5 pm the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake will request the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to be used for the following project:

Community Wastewater Facilities
B-02-SR-06-3856; IHS Project CA 02-052
Improvements on the Upper Lake Rancheria and connection to the
Lake County Sanitation District on Elk Mountain Road
Upper Lake, CA 95485

for the purpose of providing improved wastewater facilities for members of the Upper Lake Rancheria Upper Lake, Lake County, California. The estimated cost of the project is: \$1,500,900

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Upper Lake Rancheria has determined that the project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and accordingly, the above named Indian Tribe has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), P.L. 91-190. The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows: No significant or irreversible impacts were identified within the scope of an initial Environmental Assessment. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review record (ERR) on file at the Tribal environmental office located at the above address, and is available for public examination and copying upon request on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. It is also available at the following website: <a href="http://www.qfirst.net">http://www.qfirst.net</a>

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the address below. All comments received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 27 will be considered by the Upper Lake Rancheria prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Upper Lake Rancheria certifies to HUD that Sherry Treppa , in her official capacity as the Tribal Chairperson , consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Upper Lake Rancheria to use program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Upper Lake Rancheria's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases (a) the certification was not in fact

executed by the certifying officer of the Upper Lake Rancheria; (b) the Upper Lake Rancheria has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at One North Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2361. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

[Signed]:
Ms. Sherry Treppa, Tribal Chairperson
Upper Lake Rancheria
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