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To: Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
Michael Richardson, Senior Planner with Humboldt County
Kevin Hamblin, Director Humboldt County Planning Department
(All via email)

Re: Blue Lake Rancheria Tribal Comments Per Government-to-Government (SB 18)
Consultation on Proposed TL-Tribal Lands Land Use Designation, Humboldt County
General Plan Update (GPU)

Dear Supervisors and Staff:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed Tribal Land ("TL") Land Use Designation initially shared with the Tribe in a letter from Mr. Richardson on 9/24/13 and currently before the Board for consideration. Blue Lake Rancheria formally accepted the invitation to enter into government-to-government consultation with the County on certain GPU topics pursuant to SB 18, in a letter dated 10/17/13 signed by Tribal Vice-Chair Arla Ramsey. We wish to acknowledge and thank Supervisor Sundberg, Planner Richardson, and Director Hamblin for meeting held at the Rancheria on 11/8/13 with Tribal Vice-Chair Ramsey and staff to discuss the proposed TL Land Use Designation. Staff also participated in an information meeting on this specific topic at Table Bluff Reservation on 10/14/13 and attended by Supervisor Bohn and Mr. Richardson, among others.

This letter constitutes Blue Lake Rancheria's initial comments on the proposed first draft TL Land Use Designation (version as of 9/24/13) under review by the Board. The Tribe recognizes the County's good faith attempt to include in the GPU a TL land use designation that recognizes tribal sovereignty and attempts to guide how it will interact with tribal governments when reviewing development applications for non-tribally owned fee lands within or adjacent to the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations or Rancherias (tribal trust lands).

Blue Lake Rancheria offers no suggested changes to the draft TL wording at this time. We do, however, reserve the right to consult further and comment to the County government should the current draft language be revised. Please keep us apprised of any changes that may result from your consultations with other Tribes about this matter.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arla Ramsey".

Arla Ramsey, Tribal Vice-Chair
Blue Lake Rancheria

Cc: Jana Ganion, Blue Lake Rancheria Communication Director
Janet Eidsness, Blue Lake Rancheria THPO