

H. Paul Cuero, Jr., Chairman Campo Band of Kumeyaay Indians 36190 Church Road, Ste. 1 Campo, CA 91906 July 4, 2007 VIA FAX & CERT. MAIL

## REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON NEW HOTEL AND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS

Dear Chairman Cuero.

Last year, at the August 16, 2006 meeting of the Campo Creek Source Basin Task Force, Michael Connolly provided copies of the conceptual site plan for the Golden Acorn Casino Hotel expansion. He also discussed the new sewage treatment facility that was part of that plan. It was stated that the treatment facility may be moved further into the reservation so the discharge can be used to recharge the Diabold Creek basin, and that the existing treatment facility may be kept for backup. Connolly stated that the environmental assessment would start the following month, September 2006, with construction expected after the start of 2007.

As you know, there is some support for the proposed improvements and there has been no stated opposition. However, there is intense public interest and concerns regarding potential impacts on groundwater quality and quantity created by the proposed expansion.

It is due to the public interest and concern that we are requesting copies of the environmental assessment documents and all available information on the location and specifics of the proposed sewage treatment facility. We would also like to know if any public monies have been applied for/received in regards to your new treatment facility, via grants, loans, technical support, etc. And whether or not the USEPA is requiring any permits.

It was previously brought to our attention that your Class IV Certified Operator, Jim Nolte, was let go several months ago over an alleged wage dispute, and that Nolte's exit left only Class I operators in your employ. We have been advised that this situation has not changed and that problems do currently exist with the wastewater system and the effluent being discharged. Therefore, we are requesting the current status of the existing treatment facility and the certification of your current operators. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Donna Tisdale

cc: Interested Parties