



**County Administrative  
Office  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 26, 2014

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|---|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| Public Hearing Required   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk  | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Published Notice Required   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertised Published Notice   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Meet & Confer Required  | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Electronic file(s) has been sent  | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached  | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Personnel Resolution attached   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| CONTACT PERSON: Debbie Vaughn    PHONE: 559/636-5005                                  |     |                                     |     |                                     |

**SUBJECT:** Approve a letter of support.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve a letter of support for the conveyance of Bureau of Land Management administered property to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Tule River Indian Tribe is seeking legislative approval for the conveyance of approximately 34 acres of land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (Exhibits A and B). The Tribe is requesting the property transfer because the property is substantially surrounded by tribally owned or administered property. In addition, the subject property is currently impacted by a new sewer main, Reservation Road, and power and communications infrastructure which provide critical services to the Reservation. The Tribe is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Reservation Road.

The need to ensure long term access to the subject property in order to maintain the road and the property's geographic location between the Reservation and the wastewater treatment facility property makes it practical to transfer the property to the BIA.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**  
The land transfer would convey approximately 34 acres to the Bureau of Indian Affairs which would remove the property from Payment in Lieu of Taxes calculations.

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**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The requested land conveyance aligns with the County's Strategic Initiative of Economic Well-Being by supporting effective growth management impacting the Tule River Indian Tribe.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Debbie Vaughn  
Senior Administrative Analyst

Cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Exhibit A  
Exhibit B  
Letter of Support – Feinstein  
Letter of Support - McCarthy

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A  
LETTER OF SUPPORT

)  
) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

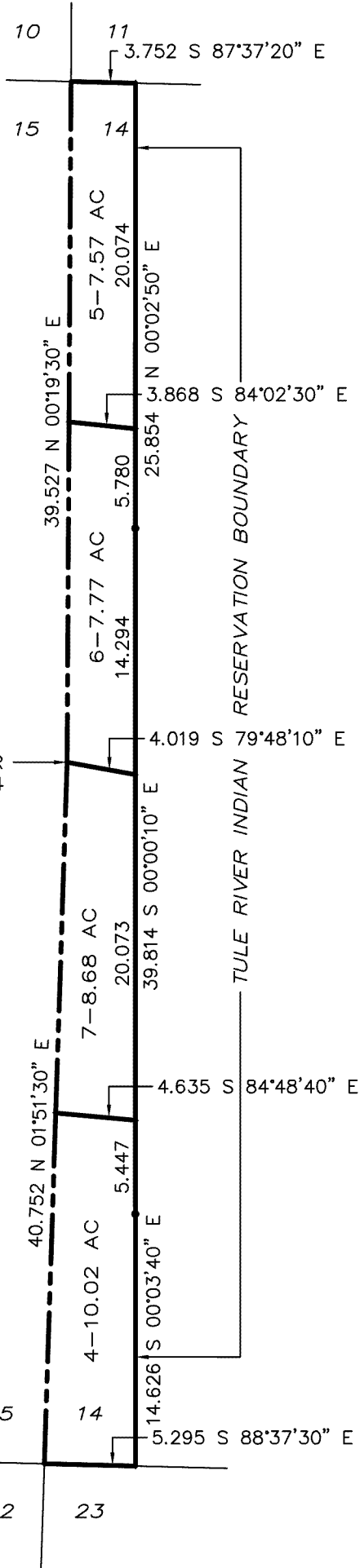
AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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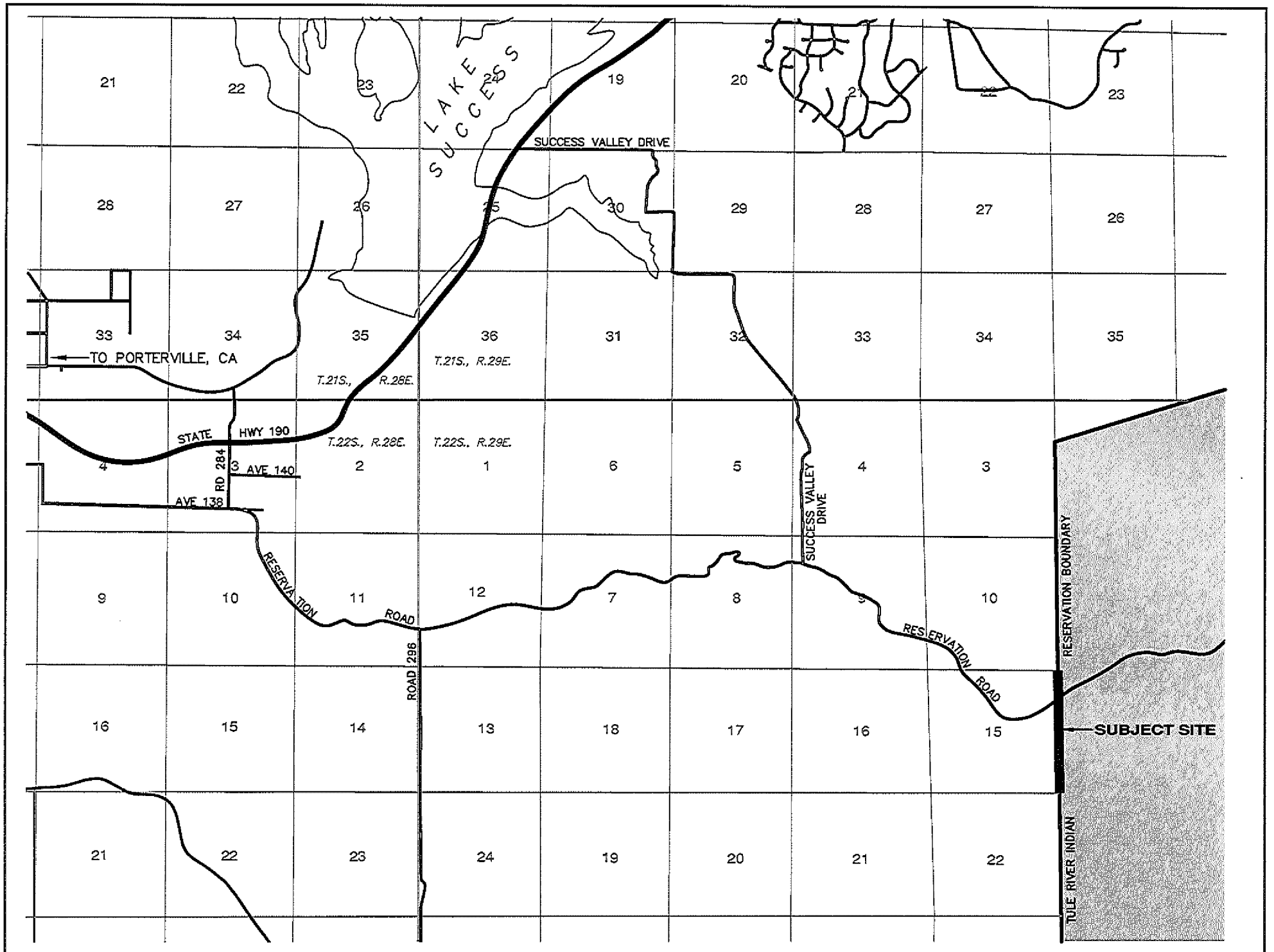
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SCALE: 1" = 600'

DATA SHOWN PER DEPENDENT  
RESURVEY AND SUBDIVISION  
T. 22S., R.29E., MDM  
ACCEPTED 9-17-2007

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>PROPERTY SKETCH</b>  |  |
| GOV'T LOTS 4-7, SECTION 14-22/29  |  |
| FOR: TULE RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL<br>PO BOX 589<br>PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 93258                       |  |
| BY: <b>JAMES WINTON &amp; ASSOCIATES</b><br>150 WEST MORTON AVENUE<br>PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA 93257 |  |
| JOB No. 3078  |  |



August 26, 2014

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Proposed conveyance of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The County of Tulare supports the Tule River Indian Tribe's request for the conveyance of approximately 34 acres of land from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the property contiguous to the western boundary of the Tule River Indian Reservation.

The Tribe is in the process of building a wastewater treatment facility on property it owns just west of the Reservation and the BLM land is situated between this property and the Reservation. Currently, the BLM property is impacted by a new sewer main, Reservation Road, and power and communication infrastructure which provide critical services to the Reservation. The Tribe has an agreement with the BLM to maintain Reservation Road, which crosses the northern boundary of the subject property, in perpetuity. The BLM property is not currently leased or under grazing contracts but has been historically used for cattle and horse grazing by tribal members.

The existence of infrastructure on and adjacent to the BLM property and the subsequent need to ensure long term access in order to maintain services to the Reservation makes it both practical and necessary to transfer the BLM land to the BIA. The County of Tulare supports the Tribe's efforts to maintain continuity with lands surrounding the Reservation and requests your assistance with the land conveyance transaction. Please contact Jean M. Rousseau at [jrousseau@co.tulare.ca.us](mailto:jrousseau@co.tulare.ca.us) or 559/636-5005 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Phillip A. Cox, Chairman**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

**J. Steven Worthley, Vice-Chairman**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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Tulare County Board of Supervisors

**Allen Ishida, District One**  
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**Pete Vander Poel, District Two**  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
U.S House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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