

#### La Posta Band of Mission Indians

# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 15, 2024

La Posta Band of Mission Indians 8 Crestwood Road #1 Boulevard, CA 91906

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the La Posta Band of Mission Indians

## REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 9, 2024, The La Posta Band of Mission Indians will submit a request to the SWONAP for the release of release of funds under Fiscal Year 2023 Program in the amount of \$1,965,340.00 and \$260,000.00 to be obligated from IHBG Formula Grant. The authority for this program is Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.). The La Posta Band of Mission Indians will undertake a project know as the rehab of 6 homes for LMI families

#### **Description of the Proposed Project:**

The project will encompass the entire La Posta Reservation located in Boulevard, CA. The Reservation is approximately 3,500 acres. The project will include but not limited to new housing, rehabbed housing; public facilities; infrastructure; driveways; water/waste water lines and septic systems; electric conduits; transformer pads; hand holds; meter poles; power lines and related rights of way; solar panels; grading of disturbed and undisturbed land; water tanks, community potable water well and water systems for distribution and/or suppression, emergency repairs, ingress/egress to/from major roadways to access site locations, etc. Project activities is to rehab of 6 homes for LMI families

Project Location: Within the boundaries of the La Posta Reservation:

13 Crestwood Road; 6 Crestwood Road; 3 Crestwood Road; 2 Crestwood Road; 1331

Crestwood Road; ; 4 Crestwood Road

Funding amount is \$1.965,346.00 from HUD and approximately \$260,000.00 from the IHBG Formula Grant.

Funding Amount from non-HUD funding sources: N/A

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The La Posta Band of Mission Indians has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at:

La Posta Band of Mission Indians EPA office 8 Crestwood Road #1 Boulevard, CA 91906, where ERR can be viewed only.

Contact: Anne Turcotte ATurcotte@lptribe.net and request repot titles 2023 ICDBG ER.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *La Posta Band of Mission Indians* Anne Turcotte ATurcotte@lptribe.net. All comments received by May 7, 2024 will be considered by *La Posta Band of Mission Indians* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The La Posta Band of Mission Indians certifies to HUD/SWONAP that Gwendolyn Parada, in her capacity as The Chairwoman of La Posta Band of Mission Indians 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the La Posta Band of Mission Indians to use Program funds.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD/SWONAP will accept objections to its release of fund and La Posta Band of Mission Indians certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the La Posta Band of Mission Indians; (b) the La Posta Band of Mission Indians has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by SWONAP; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be emailed to: HUD [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV]. Potential objectors should contact [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV] to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may Deborah S [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV] the form HUD-7015.15 to Deborah S [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV] together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by Deborah S [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV] the original signed form should be emailed to Deborah S [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV]. The date of receipt by Deborah S [Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.GOV]. will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.