

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

Date of Notice November 11, 2020
Round Valley Indian Tribe

77826 Covelo Rd.

Covelo, Ca. 95428

707/983/6126

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Round Valley Indian Tribe.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 28, 2020 the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of NAHASDA Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title 2 Section 202(2) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as “West Side Project” for the purchase of approximately 10 acres of Fee Simple Land located at 22711 Henderson Rd., Covelo, CA in the amount of \$475,000 of IHBG funds, for the purpose of a sub-division to construct up to 20 new homes including infrastructure. The proposed project will use IHBG, ICDBG, HOME, Tax Credits and other funding as available; the project is estimated to cost approximately 10 million dollars.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Round Valley Indian Tribe 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review electronically. Please submit your request by email to Lewis Whipple at lwwhipple@rviha.org . The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.rvit.org/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority, Lewis "Bill" Whipple, Executive Director by email at lwwhipple@rviha.org. All comments received by *November 28, 2020* will be considered by the Round Valley Indian Tribe prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

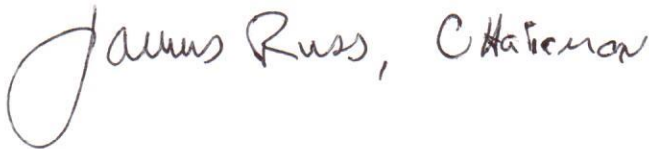
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Round Valley Indian Tribe certifies to US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that James Russ in his capacity as Round Valley Indian Tribal Chairman 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 Round Valley Indian Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority 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 Round Valley Indian Housing Authority (b) the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority 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 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to [Southwest Office of Native American Programs, (SWONP)] U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at Teresa.A.Vogel@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact [SWONAP] via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James Russ, Tribal Chairman of Round Valley Indian Tribe

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Russ, Chairman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".