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Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto  
Office of the Attorney General  
Attn: Public Inquiry Unit  
5420 Kietzke Lane, Suite 202  
Reno, NV 89511

Dear Attorney General Masto:

Notice is herewith given of the application filed by the RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY, pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25 INDIANS, Part 151.10, of a 5.049 acre tract for acceptance "in trust" for said applicant by the United States of America. The determination whether to acquire this property "in trust" will be made in the exercise of discretionary authority which is vested (in this case) in our Western Regional Director. To assist us in the exercise of that discretion, we invite your comments on the proposed acquisition. In order for the Secretary to assess the impact of the removal of the subject property from the tax rolls, and as otherwise applicable to your organization, we request that the following information be provided:

- 1) The annual amount of property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to your organization, if known;
- 2) Any special assessments, and amounts thereof, that are currently assessed against the property in support of your organization;
- 3) Any governmental services that are currently provided to the property by your organization; and
- 4) If subject to zoning, how the intended use is consistent, or inconsistent, with the zoning.

We provide the following information regarding this application:

**Applicant:**

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA  
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BUREAU OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

**Legal Land Description/Site Location:**

The land referred to is situated in the State of Nevada, County of Washoe, and is described as follows:

All that certain real property situate in the County of Washoe, State of Nevada, situate in the Northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 18 North, Range 20 East, MDB&M, and being described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Northerly line of the parcel of land conveyed to EDWIN SCHLOERB, et ux, recorded in Book 220, under Document No. 164689, Deed Records, with the Easterly line of the Reno-Carson Highway; thence along the Northerly line of said Schloerb parcel, North 63°23'44" East 1046.21 feet to the Westerly line of the County Road; thence along said Westerly line of road, South 30°21' East 287.50 feet; thence South 63°33' West 445.6 feet; thence North 26°27' West 135.7 feet; thence South 63°23'44" West 619.5 feet to the Easterly line of the Reno-Carson Highway; thence North 26°40' West, along the Easterly line of said Highway, a distance of 150.00 feet to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM any portion of the land lying within that certain Deed to the State of Nevada recorded June 2, 1955, in Book 381, Page 431, Document No. 244822 of Deeds of Washoe County, Nevada.

The above parcel is contiguous to the Tribe's existing Reservation.

**Project Description/Proposed Land Use:**

The RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY desires to have the property described above, conveyed to the United States in trust for the benefit of the RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY in order to meet its need for economic development and promote tribal self-sufficiency.

The Western Nevada Agency has under consideration an application for the transfer of real property held in fee status by EDWIN SCHLOERB for the RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY and to be transferred in trust for the benefit of the RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY.

As indicated above, our purpose in seeking your comments regarding the proposed trust land acquisition is to obtain data to be used in an analysis of the potential impact on state/local government. If any party receiving the enclosed notice is aware of additional governmental entities that may be affected by the subject acquisition, please forward a copy to said party. This notice is not intended as a substitute for any notice that might be issued for the purpose of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Your written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency, 311 E. Washington Street, Carson City, Nevada, 89701. Any comments received within thirty days of your receipt of this notice will be considered and made a part of our record. You may be granted one 30-day extension of time to furnish comments, provided you submit written justification requesting such an extension within thirty days of receipt of this letter. Additionally, copies of all comments will be provided to the applicant for a response. You will be notified of the Regional Director's decision to approve or deny the application.

A copy of the application, excluding any documentation which would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, is available for review at the above address. A request to make an appointment to review the application, or questions regarding the application, may be directed to Suzette Claypool, Realty Officer, at (775) 887-3500.

Sincerely,



Superintendent

Enclosures

**§ 151.10 On-reservation acquisitions.**

Upon receipt of a written request to have lands taken in trust, the Secretary will notify the state and local governments having regulatory jurisdiction over the land to be acquired, unless the acquisition is mandated by legislation. The notice will inform the state or local government that each will be given 30 days in which to provide written comments as to the acquisition's potential impacts on regulatory jurisdiction, real property taxes and special assessments. If the state or local government responds within a 30-day period, a copy of the comments will be provided to the applicant, who will be given a reasonable time in which to reply and/or request that the Secretary issue a decision. The Secretary will consider the following criteria in evaluating requests for the acquisition of land in trust status when the land is located within or contiguous to an Indian reservation, and the acquisition is not mandated:

- (a) The existence of statutory authority for the acquisition and any limitations contained in such authority;
- (b) The need of the individual Indian or the tribe for additional land;
- (c) The purposes for which the land will be used;
- (d) If the land is to be acquired for an individual Indian, the amount of trust or restricted land already owned by or for that individual and the degree to which he needs assistance in handling his affairs;
- (e) If the land to be acquired is in unrestricted fee status, the impact on the State and its political subdivisions resulting from the removal of the land from the tax rolls;
- (f) Jurisdictional problems and potential conflicts of land use which may arise; and
- (g) If the land to be acquired is in fee status, whether the Bureau of Indian Affairs is equipped to discharge the additional responsibilities resulting from the acquisition of the land in trust status.
- (h) The extent to which the applicant has provided information that allows the Secretary to comply with 516 DM 6, appendix 4, National Environmental Policy Act Revised Implementing Procedures, and 602 DM 2, Land Acquisitions: Hazardous Substances Determinations. (For copies, write to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Environmental Services, 1849 C Street NW., Room 4525 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.)

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