APPENDIX E

NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION
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September 20, 2019

Dumna Wo Wah Tribal Government
Robert Ledger, Chairperson
2191 West Pico Avenue
Fresno, CA 93705

RE: Project Notification Pursuant to Assembly Bill 52 for Plan Amendment Application No. P19-04226 and General Plan EIR Update in the City of Fresno, Fresno County

Dear Chairperson Ledger,

Pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 52 (AB 52), which is described in more detail below, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Fresno hereby extends an invitation to consult on the CEQA review of the proposed Plan Amendment Application P19-04226 to assist with identifying and/or preserving and/or mitigating project impacts to tribal cultural resources. A summary of the proposed project, including a map of the project location, is included as Exhibit 1 to this letter.

AB 52, which became law January 1, 2015, requires that, as part of the CEQA review process, public agencies provide early notice of a project to California Native American Tribes to allow for consultation between the tribe and the public agency. The purpose of AB 52 is to provide an opportunity for public agencies and tribes to consult and consider potential impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources (TCRs), as defined by the Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21074(a).¹ Outlined below is the general process for AB 52 compliance:

- **Pursuant to AB 52, tribes must formally request to the public agency in writing to be notified of projects within the jurisdiction of that public agency [Public Resources Code Section 5097.4]. Tribe requests in writing to the public agency to**

¹ PRC Section 21074(a) defines a Tribal Cultural Resource as either of the following:
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- A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of PRC Section 5024.1.
be notified of projects for which a Negative Declaration (ND), Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required;

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If you would like to consult with the City pursuant to AB 52, please respond in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2019 to Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager, at Sophia.Pagoulatos@fresno.gov or 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3043, Fresno, CA 93721-3600. Please include in your request, at a minimum, (1) name, title, and contact information of the tribal representative(s); (2) suggested dates and location of consultation; (3) any preliminary concerns or questions related to the project (optional).

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Table Mountain Rancheria
Bob Pennell, Cultural Resources Director
P.O. Box 410
Friant, CA 93626

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Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians
Elizabeth D. Kipp, Chairperson
PO. Box 337
37387 Auberry Mission Rd.
Auberry, CA 93602

RE: Project Notification Pursuant to Senate Bill 18 for General Plan EIR Update and associated Plan Amendment P19-04226 in the City of Fresno, Fresno County

Dear Chairperson,

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September 20, 2019

Dunlap Band of Mono Indians
Dick Charley, Tribal Secretary
5509 E. McKenzie Avenue
Fresno, CA 93727

RE: Project Notification Pursuant to Senate Bill 18 for General Plan EIR Update and associated Plan Amendment P19-04226 in the City of Fresno, Fresno County

Dear Mr. Charley,

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September 20, 2019

Kings River Choinumni Farm Tribe
Stan Alec
3515 East Fedora Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

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September 20, 2019

North Fork Mono Tribe
Ron Goode, Chairperson
13396 Tollhouse Road
Clovis, CA 93619

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Rueben Barrios Sr., Chairperson
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Lemoore, CA 93245

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Table Mountain Rancheria
Leanne Walker-Grant, Chairperson
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Friant, CA 93626

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Friant, CA 93626

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Traditional Choinummi Tribe
David Alvarez, Chairperson
2415 E. Houston Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720

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2415 E. Houston Avenue
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