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Mr. Ron Derma
Manager
Bard Water District
1473 Ross Road
Winterhaven, CA 92283

Subject: Termination of Water Deliveries to Ranch 5 through the Yuma Project,
Reservation Division, Indian Unit – Ft. Yuma Indian Reservation, Quechan Indian
Tribe (Tribe)

Dear Mr. Derma:

On July 18, 2008, this office was advised by Mr. Raymond Fry, Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Ft. Yuma Agency, that the Tribal Council did not accept the proposed offer to renew the lease for Ranch 5. In addition, Mr. Fry provided a copy of the Tribe's letter to BIA regarding Ranch 5 (enclosed).

Permit No. 00PR050308 with Amigo Farms, Inc., expired on July 1, 2008. Due to the expiration of the Permit, and the Tribe's non-acceptance of the offer for renewal, effective immediately, **water deliveries to Ranch 5 are to be terminated.** Ms. Darla Cofske of your office was advised verbally on Friday, July 18, 2008 to terminate water deliveries to Ranch 5.

The Bard Water District is not authorized to deliver water to Ranch 5 lands until such time as written notification is received from this office approving water deliveries. We will keep the District informed as the BIA lease process progresses.

If you have any questions regarding this information, or if you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Herrera or Ms. Cindy Flores of my staff at 928-343-8264 or 928-343-8261, respectively.

Sincerely,

Jennifer McCloskey

Jennifer McCloskey
Deputy Area Manager

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Raymond Fry
Superintendent
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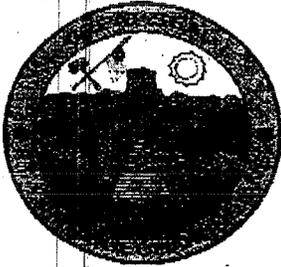
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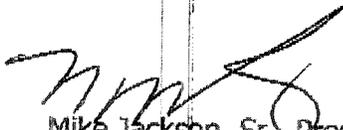
Dear Mr. Fry,

After having a meeting with yourself and your staff on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 the Quechan Tribal Council made a decision not to accept the offer by Amigo Farms, Inc. regarding Ranch 1 and Ranch 5. This decision was made at a Tribal Council Work Session held on Thursday, July 17, 2008. The Council desires the Bureau of Indian Affairs to generate newspaper advertisements of these Tribal Lands on a broader scale extending the opportunity to a wider selection of farmers to take advantage of the Tribal acreage for lease.

The Tribal Council wants to be kept in the loop in all Tribal Land Leasing activities regarding the time line for the advertisement; any farmers who are submitting offers and when negotiations are scheduled.

In the matter of Ranch 6 the Tribal Council has approved the lease to J. V. Farms, Inc. As soon as the approved Resolution is generated by the Tribal Administration Office is will be delivered to the BIA.

Sincerely,


Mike Jackson, Sr., President
Quechan Tribal Council

cc: Jennifer Herrera, BOR

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