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From: Sage Alexander <tahoepage@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:16 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project comment

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To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the recent developments in the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation from the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe was not taken as required by AB 52 and SB 18. The impact to tribal heritage has not been properly considered, and this threatens both the environment (which this area depends on for tourism) as well as the people whose ancestral homelands are here. I oppose the methods used- especially how consideration was not taken to protect the health of tribal members that could not safely attend meetings. The process has not been transparent, and an egregious lack of communication is obvious in the way meetings were not changed to a virtual format during an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Please understand that without legitimate consideration of tribal partners, a determination of impact has not been made.

Signed,
Sage Alexander

From: Maddy Augustine <c.augustine.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Good morning,

I am writing to voice my opposition to actions taken by the Mono County Board of Supervisors. Due to multiple meeting postponements/reschedules, the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe has not received adequate consultation and has been unable to fully review impacts to tribal heritage lands and native plant/animal life in the area. Full consultation and issue analysis is required by AB 52 and SB 18.

Please allow adequate time for the tribe to properly assess impacts so they can protect their traditional land. I grew up in California and the Mono Lake area is a true jewel of the state. That land should not be taken for granted as space for development and should be preserved according to the determinations made by the native people of the land.

Thank you for your time,
Madeline Augustine

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Madeline Augustine

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From: H Baldry <hbaldry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Seeking Consultation on the Tioga Inn Project

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Hello,

I am writing to ask you to delay any further movement on the Tioga Inn Project, until proper consultation with the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe can occur.

I lived and worked in Bodie State Historic Park in 1998, and still have ties in Mono County. I visit whenever possible, and have a deep fondness for the 395 corridor. I'm also well aware of both the economic outlook for the area, and how the Kutzadika and other tribes have been ridden roughshod over throughout the last couple of centuries.

Legally required (SB18 and AR52) consultation and issue analysis with the Tribe has not yet occurred due to the extraordinary circumstances of this year. As a result, no further progress on the project should occur until the consultation and issue analysis can occur. Beyond the legal issues, are the issues of the respect that is due to the Tribe.

I hope to hear that the right choice has been made, the legal procedures followed, and that community is able to move forward together, when it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your time,

Heather Baldry

Michael Draper

From: sallybarn@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:33 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Construction project

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AS a property owner in Lee Vining, and with grandchildren who attend the schools and play in the park, I most strongly oppose this massive development of the Tioga Inn and housing units. The impact on the small congenial town of Lee Vining would be tantamount to destruction of the town, its safety, its cohesiveness. No longer will tourists come to the town -- they will bypass and spend money and eat at the Tioga area. This project is like a Walmart setting up outside of town and creating the death of a community.

The Eastern Sierra has been a California treasure and an attraction to tourists because it is not over developed. Please do not let one individual get rich off the abuse of the land and peoples of the community.

Sally Barngrove

From: Lea Betty <leasmanbetty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Hello
Please postpone any decisions on the Tioga Inn Project until the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe can participate and provide valuable leadership on the continuation of this project.
Thank you,
Lea Betty

Michael Draper

From: Sharon Boies <sbmuzicmts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:31 AM
To: CDD Comments; Bartshe Miller
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To the Mono County Board of Supervisors ,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and concerns regarding the Tioga Inn project.

As I sit here typing this, the irony is not lost on me that lodging is currently restricted in Mono County , again , striking another blow to the existing businesses in Lee Vining. The last thing they need is more competition.

At this point , hundreds if not over a thousand (?) of us have expressed our different concerns with certifying any of this project and possibly allowing the process to move forward for approval.

Although I appreciate all of the work that has been done to make improvements to the original plan, when I read things like "grading" it reminds me there are still way too many things that simply can't be improved or changed thus making the entire project unacceptable.

If the property owner wanted to build a hotel in the 90's, he should have back then. Times have changed. We know better now.

I'm still having a difficult time understanding how at least 3 of you have seemingly bent to the will of one person versus the citizens , the tax base of Lee Vining and the people who intend to visit again as soon as it's safe to travel again, whenever that may be.

Those visitors will want to see Mono Lake and Lee Vining as it was when they last left there and not a devastated corner at the bottom of spectacular Lee Vining Canyon.

I do not understand how the minority rules in a situation like this ?

I'm also wondering how it's possible the project has got this far along without the developer meeting with and resolving any and all concerns of the Kutzadika'a Tribe. How can this be ?

I don't think I've heard of anything more disrespectful in regards to this project. There is no way this can be okay. Are you seriously suggesting their opinions are so inferior not only do they not count, the developer doesn't even need to meet with them ?

No way , that's really not okay you guys.

The Tribe should absolutely have their say and I'm asking you to please honor your commitment as good, honest and respectable public officials , to the Tribe by deferring the hearing for now.

Also, it's extremely unfair to think that anyone other than the developer should be coming up with or paying for a safe pedestrian route into town. Before the process moves along any further, the developer should be required to present a detailed plan including who would be doing what, where, the associated cost and how he plans on paying for it.

This must be agreed upon before any final approval is granted.

This financial burden should not be placed on the town through any increase in taxes.

Regarding any and all concerns of the fire department.

I feel the concerns of the fire department , the Kutzadika'a Tribe and the citizens of Lee Vining are of equal importance.

These are the people who will be directly affected by your decisions . These are people who are relying on you to do the right thing for everyone , not just one person.

In approving the project and allowing it to move forward against the will of the majority of the people and to the detriment of the environment , the cost to you personally may be losing your seat in the next election if you run. The cost to the town, Mono Lake, the visitors and the environment is incalculable .

For these reasons I'm asking you to please defer any meetings until all of the concerns have been addressed and resolved in a way that is satisfactory to everyone who will be affected by the project being allowed to move forward.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.
Please stay healthy and be well.
Sincerely ,
Sharon Boies

From: Brad Bowen <bradzio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: No to Tioga Inn project

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Hello,

I'm writing to say that the Tioga Inn project should not be approved. I'm worried about the environmental impact this project will have. I'm upset that the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe have not been fully consulted with. And I'm saddened to think how this will change Mono county. I go to Mono county every year in the fall, to camp, hike, stay at small inns and eat at local restaurants. It is a beautiful area with sustainable development.

I urge you to at least postpone any decision until three Mono Lake Kutzadika have a fair place at the table and until you have a better understanding of the environmental impacts this project will have.

Thank you

Brad Bowen

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Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn proposed project

From: Susan Breisch <rsbreisch@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:12 PM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn proposed project

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Mono County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my concerns about several elements that have not be adequately addressed in the proposal regarding Tioga Inn.

First, my concerns have always revolved around safety. This is both in regard to pedestrian and bicycle traffic between the Inn and Lee Vining. There must be a separate designated road.

Secondly, with the wildfires that have raged across our state, and some not too far from Mono Lake itself, there does not appear to be a proper route to Hwy 395 for safe evacuation or fire truck accessibility. From personal experience, after the 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County, all access to new or rebuilt structures required wide enough passage for emergency fire vehicles to access and turn around without impeding other traffic.

Finally, there has not been proper consideration of Tribal concerns. Tioga Inn planners must honor commitments.

Thank you for your efforts during this difficult time for all of us,

Susan Breisch



Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:31 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Project

From: Kathy Broesamle <kbrosamle@att.net>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:29 AM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Fw: Tioga Inn Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am resending my letter of dismay at the proposed Tioga Inn Project.
Please take the following steps before your next meeting:

1. Follow through and honor your commitment to the Kutzadika Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

I wish to register my dismay at the proposed Tioga Inn development. For the past 70+ years, I have visited Yosemite either through the gateway community of Oakhurst or the gateway community of Lee Vining and believe that the Lee Vining entrance to the park is incomparably the more appealing. Why? Because it has managed to maintain its rustic nature.

We own a cabin in Wawona and are subjected to the urban sprawl of Oakhurst every time we go there. True, we can shop at the huge Vons or Raleys for groceries, but we would rather visit the little grocery store in Lee Vining and let the psychological process of returning to simpler, quieter times take hold as the rarified air begins to have its effect and we launch our trip up the Pass to Tuolumne Meadows. Oakhurst is currently building a gigantic hotel complex which frightens us as we envision the future congestion and pollution of what used to be, very long ago, a fairly charming community. Now we see the same things threatening Lee Vining.

For the past several years my extended family has spent two weeks each summer at Lake View Lodge in Lee Vining as a base for treks into the park and into the local Mono Lake area. It is apparent that this well-run, enjoyable, quiet lodge and others in Lee Vining are serving the needs of tourists like us quite adequately.

We have spent thousands of dollars on the cabins we've rented, the restaurant meals we've consumed, the groceries and sundry items we've purchased as well as gas along the main highway in Lee Vining. However, if the Tioga Inn development is approved as requested, we will feel compelled to take our patronage elsewhere to a destination where the magic still exists.

I am aware that the proposal is partly for what appear to be apartments. But it is easy to foresee how short-term rentals can be made of these apartments, and that there is no guarantee that, if needed, the units would be affordable. Instead, I suggest that affordable housing be specifically planned that does not interfere with views and that is guaranteed to meet the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

Katharine Broesamle

From: Tamela Browning <tamelabrowning@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:09 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To those it concerns,

I am writing on behalf of tribal members to oppose moving forward with the Tioga Inn Project until the proper consultation with the tribal members has taken place.

Sincerely,

Tamela Browning

Michael Draper

From: Tom Camara <tcamara@sonic.net>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 1:19 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn project

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December 11, 2020

To whom it concerns:

I am against the proposed Tioga Inn project – it would serious impact the environment as well as detrimentally affect the Lee Vining community. As a long time visitor to the Mono Basin, I do not want to see this project move forward.

At the very least, the Board of Supervisors should:

1. Follow through and honor their commitment to the Kutzadika'a Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

I think this project is a big mistake.

Sincerely,

Tom Camara

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A SMALL REQUEST/REMINDER: If you ever are thinking of including me in a group message, please do me a favor: please put the addresses in the Bcc box, NOT the Cc box. Your message will still get to everyone, but the recipients' addresses will be hidden. This is very important to people who are concerned about privacy, and who are trying to reduce spam. Many people (myself included) do not want their addresses broadcast to people they do not know. If you cannot or don't want to do this, please don't include me in group messages. Thanks much!

From: Sara Clark <saraann200@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Dear Chair and Members of the Board,

I write to urge you to delay further consideration of the Tioga Inn Project. I understand that the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe requested consultation on this important project, as they are entitled to under state law, and that consultation has not yet taken place as a result of weather and COVID-19. No vote should be taken until the issues raised by the Tribe are given adequate consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
S.C.

November 20, 2020

To the Mono County Board of Supervisors

I am replying in opposition to the Tioga Inn Project

I am a member of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. I strongly oppose the project. Our ancestor's artifacts have been found in that area. Construction Workers and Equipment Operators will disturb and could dig up sacred cultural items along with parts of our ancestors. A trail will be made and millions of people are going to use this trail and trample this sacred ground.

I would also like to add this is a huge, huge project that would not only ruin the beautiful landscape scenery but could change the Community of Lee Vining forever and not for the better. The cost of this project is going to be astronomical. Most of the approval comments for this project are because of problems with needed housing in Mammoth or June Lake. Who is thinking of the Community of Lee Vining and what the cost to this town could be not only money which would be devastating but the spirit and charm of a small town.

Sincerely,
Barbara Coons
Secretary Treasurer/ Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribal Council

Michael Draper

From: Rita de Quercus <ritadequercus@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 7:34 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: comments re: Tioga Inn

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At your upcoming meeting I ask that you:

1. Follow through and honor your commitment to the Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you.
Rita Coriell

Michael Draper

From: hoytcory@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 12:21 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Dear Board of Supervisors -

I know you have fiscal responsibility for Mono County and I know how a project like the Tioga Inn suggests an answer to your other responsibilities. But you will be shooting yourself in the foot with short term gain and long term loss. Mono Lake is one of the most astounding natural phenomenon in our world today. It is so much more than its ecological resources; it is a treasure for so many who come in awe to receive its Grace, from a world so overwhelmed with development and man made distractions. As a culture we are fast losing the spiritual reality of being human, and it is places like Mono Lake that help remind us of who we are and how we must live together on this planet. Please do not let this reality slip away for a few dollars. Our country, not just Mono County, needs this. Please take a deep breath and feel what's most deeply American and essentially human. Please, do the right thing. If nothing else take more time to address the concerns of people who care and only want the best for your decision's outcome.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hoyt Cory
Soulsbyville, CA

Michael Draper

From: Meredith Course <mmcourse@uw.edu>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 5:08 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Re: special meeting on the Tioga Inn project

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Hi,

I just want to express my extreme concern that the Board plans to meet and decide on the Tioga Inn project before the developer has met with and resolved the concerns of the local Kutzadika'a Tribe. It is unconscionable to make a decision like this without addressing the massive impacts to cultural heritage resources. You must defer the hearing until you have honored the commitment to the people who have lived in Mono County since time immemorial. I am stunned by this oversight and the disrespect it communicates to the Kutzadika'a Tribe.

Thanks,
Meredith

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Meredith Course, PhD
(she/her pronouns)
Postdoctoral Fellow
Medical Genetics
University of Washington

From: [Edward De Haro](#)
To: [CDD Comments](#)
Subject: Postponement of Tioga Lodge Decisions
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:27:48 AM

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Hello,

My name is Edward De Haro. I am writing to ask for a postponement of any decision on this project until there is proper consultation with all parties involved. This decision will have direct impacts on many different communities, and all should have a say before moving forward. I am a lover of Mono Lake and Lee Vining, and have great respect for the peoples that have lived there for generations. The pandemic has made "business as usual" a hard thing to keep going. There should be considerations for the difficulties it creates when there is public comments required for projects. I hope the Board of Supervisors will consider this and postpone any decision until all can participate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward De Haro

From: Lena DeLeo <lenadeleo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: OPPOSE TIOGA INN PROJECT

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I am writing to oppose the action on the Tioga Inn Project as it will affect cultural sites, animal life, and plant life. It is important to listen to the voice of the tribe, which has yet to happen due to COVID concerns. Please do not move forward without proper and thorough consultation from the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe.

Thank you,

Lena DeLeo

From: Sage Ellis <sage.linae.ellis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposing Tioga Inn Project

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Hello to whom it concerns,

I'm emailing to ask that you oppose the Tioga Inn Project action until there is proper consultation and analysis by The Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. To continue without consideration from The Tribe over their traditional land is irresponsible and goes against the project's AB 52 and SB 18 that is required.

I urge you to oppose this action and listen to The Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe on these issues.

Sincerely,
-Sage Ellis

From: emmalise e <emmaliseenders05@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:01 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Support for the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe

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Hello, I am emailing today to express support for the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe in the matter of the Tioga Inn Project. The Tribe has not yet been adequately consulted for this project, and this impedes on their connection with the land. Please make sure to establish a clear communication and support with the Tribe. Thank you.

Michael Draper

From: Wendy Sugimura
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:00 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: FW: LVFD comments for TI 12/15/20

Wendy Sugimura

Community Development Director
760.924.1814

From: Bob Gardner <bgardner@mono.ca.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Wendy Sugimura <wsugimura@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: LVFD comments for TI 12/15/20

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From: Santiago Escruceria <guadualito@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 1:07:08 PM
To: Bob Gardner <bgardner@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: LVFD comments for TI 12/15/20

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Lee Vining Fire Protection District

PO Box 264

Lee Vining, California 93541

11 December 2020

Dear Honorable Mono County Supervisors,

Once again, we write to you on behalf of the commissioners and firefighters of the Lee Vining Fire Protection District (LVFD) in response to the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment, this time for the hearing planned for December 15.

Our opinion regarding this Project has not changed at all, since we have not received any input whatsoever from either the developer or the County regarding our points of concern about the Tioga Inn development. Besides, if the catastrophic fire in the

north end of the county, the Mountain View Fire, is any example of what the 'new' weather normal is for our area, we should be having a conversation on mitigating LVFDS standing concerns.

The LVFD continuing concerns can be characterized by these four areas:

1. Improving Traffic, Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety - The District feels strongly that clear and enforceable mitigations must be adopted to remove the significant adverse impacts to pedestrian and cyclist safety and to mitigate vehicle hazards at the Hwy 120/395 intersection. The current mitigation measure to protect public safety with a tangible trail connection to town is little more than a wish and a prayer. It lacks any meaningful mechanism to ensure an outcome that will protect employees and their families walking from the proposed project to town. What is the implementation deadline for this?

2. Offsetting Project-related Financial Impacts on the District – The FSEIR, after repeated requests for disclosure, demonstrated that this project, when complete at build out, would generate approximately \$250/year to the Fire District and a total of \$35,225 in restricted development impact fees. We are starting the process to update our development fees, but the fact remains that this project – which seeks to add 100 new housing units to our small community – will only return to the District \$250/year. The imbalance of the impact to our limited fiscal and human capacity is clear. Our requests for mitigation of this impact have been diminished and dismissed. In fact, the impacts have grown larger throughout this process as the FSEIR now proposes to shift the burden of performing CEQA for requested mitigations – i.e. emergency access to 395 – onto our small District.

3. Mitigating Project-related Capacity Impacts to the District – As we have repeatedly stated, our District has never served a project of this size and complexity. It is also clear that adding 300 new residents to our small community of 170 residents (Despite the confusion in county FSEIR documents, we do know how many people actually live here because we counted them at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.) will create a large increase in demand on our small, volunteer District.

4. Fire safety access – The District has repeatedly requested an emergency access route to the west – away from the most likely direction of wildlife – onto the southbound lanes of 395. Given the whole-town evacuations of recent memory, we feel the need to maximize evacuation potential is clear. Plus, given this year's catastrophic wildfires raging throughout California, the chronic inadequacy of evacuation routes is a very real problem across the state. We don't want Lee Vining to join that list.

The LVFD is also in support of the Mono Lake Kutzedika'a Tribe's request that the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment hearing planned for December 15 be rescheduled, since their concerns have not been discussed or addressed since the last hearing.

Sincerely,

Santiago M. Escruceria

Chair, Lee Vining Fire Protection District

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From: lena frey <homefreys@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Hello,

I am writing to request the required analysis to determine the impacts to cultural and environmental sites for the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation and analysis are required by AB 52 and SB 18 for this project. It is important to listen to the consultation of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, and to not risk health and safety on in person meetings during this time. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Lena Frey

From: Emma Ginchereau <emma.ginchereau@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:21 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Public Comment for Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting12/15

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Public Comment for Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting 12/15:

Hello,

I am writing today in support of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe in reference to the proposed Tioga Inn Project. Due in part to the rampant spread of COVID-19 and the current shelter-in-place order, the Tribe has not been given sufficient time to discuss and determine the extent of the impacts of the project on cultural resources and animal and plant life. AB 52 and SB 18 require the Tribe to be given adequate consultation, without which the full impacts to tribal heritage cannot be understood. I urge you to respect the position of the Tribe as the original stewards of this land, and to oppose further action on the project until they have been given proper consultation and all of their concerns have been resolved.

Thank you,
Emma Ginchereau



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Dorothy Alther, Executive Director

December 14, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Mono County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
Shannon Kendall
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Bridgeport, CA 93517
Email: skendall@mono.ca.gov

Re: Tioga Community Housing Project

Dear Mono County Supervisors;

On behalf of the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe (Tribe)¹ we respectfully request that the above titled project not be approved until legally enforceable mitigation measures are in place to protect the Tribe's cultural resources within the project area. Currently, protection of the Tribe's cultural resources are subject to whatever voluntary and discretionary mitigation measures the Tribe and the project developer can agree upon. If the Tribe and developer cannot reach agreement, the Tribe will be left without cultural resource protection. If mitigation measures are agreed upon but then not followed, the Tribe has no enforcement option other than litigation, which is not a viable option.

Although the Tribe, tribal members, and other representatives from local tribes have submitted comments and provided public testimony with regard to different aspects of the current project, the most compelling concerns at this juncture is the destruction of historical trails that traverse the project area and the disturbance and loss of the Cry Dance district that encompasses a significant part of the project area. A map of these areas is being submitted to the County concurrently with this letter under confidential protection as provided for under Public Resource Code (PRC) § 21082.3(c)(1).

¹ The Tribe will also be submitting its own letter in opposition of this project.

The 2019 Archaeological Survey of the project area, conducted by Mary Farrell from Trans-Sierran Archaeological Research, concludes with a finding that the project area had no "historical resources" as defined under PRC § 15064.5. Namely, neither the Lee Vining ditch system (CA-MNO-2764H) nor the isolates that were discovered meet the criteria for eligibility for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources, nor the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places. The criteria for listing on California Register of Historical Resources is found under PRC §5024.1(c). A resource may be listed as an historical resource in the California Register if it meets any of the following criteria:

- (A) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of California's history and cultural heritage;
- (B) Is associated with the lives of persons important in our past;
- (C) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region, or method of construction, or represents the work of an important creative individual, or possesses high artistic values; or
- (D) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Having concluded the project area contained no "historic resources", Ms. Farrell then recites the definition of "tribal cultural resources" under AB 52 (PRC § 21074 (1) and (2)):

1. Sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that are either of the following:
 - a. Included or determined to be eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resource; or
 - b. Included in a "local register of historical resources" as defined in subdivision (k) of §5020.1.
2. 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 §5024.1. In this instance, the lead agency must determine that the resource meets the criteria for listing in the state register of historic resources.

Ms. Farrell does not mention the historical trails within the project area or the traditional Cry Dance district, but instead discusses her interaction with the Bridgeport Indian Colony's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), who raised concerns of possible uncovered and unidentified burials. The protocol for addressing the inadvertent discovery of Native American burials are addressed under AB 52 and other PRC provisions.

Ms. Farrell's failure to identify and analyze the trails and Cry Dance district under the "historical resources" criteria makes her conclusions that no "tribal cultural resources" are present in the project area legally incomplete and should not have been relied upon by the Board in approving the SEIR. Equally important is the lack of mandatory mitigation measures to lessen the significant impacts on the cultural and historical trails, as well as the Cry Dance district.

A proper evaluation of the historic and cultural trails and Cry Dance district demonstrates that they can meet the PRC §5024.1(c) criteria in that they are “Sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places...” that are “...associated with the lives of persons important in our [Mono County’s] past [and the Tribe’s members] ...” §5024.1(c)(B).

Just a sampling of the public hearings on the project reflect the concerns that some Supervisors voiced in wanting to be responsive to the Tribe’s concerns and also to the importance of tribal cultural and historical presence in the Lee Vining area. During the October 14, 2020 public meeting Supervisor Stump stated, “There is a need to address the tribal concerns. Doesn’t want indigenous people to be the losers in all of this.” Supervisor Gardner stated that he “has concerns for the tribes. The increasing awareness of the tribe for federal recognition. Build an exhibit on the property to bring awareness and showcase their involvement. It would educate people. ...”²

It is also worth noting, CEQA allows a lead agency to determine whether a resource is “historical” even though it is not listed or eligible for listing under the stricter criteria of PRC §15064.5(a)(3). Section 4 of §15064.5(a)(4) provides:

“The fact that a resource is not listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, not included in a local register of historical resources (pursuant to section 5020.1(k) of the Public Resources Code), or identified in an historical resources survey (meeting the criteria in section 5024.1(g) of the Public Resources Code) does not preclude a lead agency from determining that the resource may be an historical resource as defined in Public Resources Code sections 5020.1(j) or 5024.1.”

Similarly, AB 52 (PRC § 21074(2)) allows the lead agency to determine whether a resource, “...in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of §5024.1.”

Because the historic cultural trails and Cry Dance district are “historical” and “tribal cultural” resources and the current project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of these historical resource, the project by law must be found to have a significant effect on the environment. Such a result requires the County to:

“(4) ... identify potentially feasible measures to mitigate significant adverse changes in the significance of an historical resource. The lead agency shall ensure that any adopted measures to mitigate or avoid significant adverse changes are fully enforceable through permit conditions, agreements, or other measures.” PRC §15064.5(b)(4).

The Tribe requests that all mitigation measures that will avoid or lessen the impacts to the trails and Cry Dance district be made mandatory on the developer through permit conditions (i.e. grading permits) or County agreement to ensure enforceability. The Tribe further requests that

² It should be noted that the Tribe opposes the inclusion of any exhibit or museum dedicated to their cultural heritage in any part of the Tioga Inn project. Nonetheless, supervisor Gardner’s comment speaks to the historical importance of the Tribe to the specific project area and broader Mono Lake basin area as well.

the mitigation measures be developed with the County as the lead agency, and not solely with the developer. Finally, until all mitigation measures have been secured and finalized, the project's Specific Plan should not be approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dorothy Alther". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dorothy Alther
Michael Godbe

Cc: Charlotte Lange, Tribal Chairwoman

Jeff Hansen
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Lee Vining CA 93541
(760) 647-6609

Mono County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 715
Bridgeport CA 93517

Mono County Board of Supervisors:

In the continuing saga of the Tioga Inn Project, definitely enough is enough! The applicant has been subjected to massive scrutiny to the point of absurdity!

The time for objections has long past by. You have received input from the general public, the special interest groups representing themselves, and in some cases their "entire world membership". The input from your own county agencies has been returned with the existing codes and regulations cited and they have been dealt with. To continue allowing new concerns to be brought forth that were not a part of requirements in effect at the time of the original application is beyond belief and contrary to the scope of application.

We are talking about private property not public lands that do not fall under the pervue of your board. Put the proper perspective on your degree of authority and appropriate oversight.

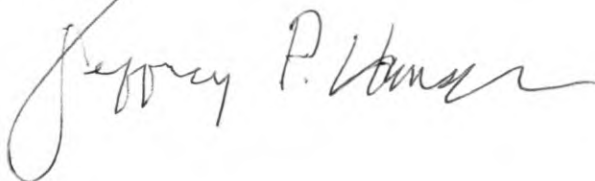
Your in-house reviewers have issued their compliance approvals and all others have had their views aired and discussed. The problem is that we desperately need more housing in Mono County, pure and simple and the Tioga Inn project is addressing this.

The time to vote and be counted has long ago passed. You have allowed more than enough discussion and please don't kick the can down the road any further!

I am a 75 year Mono Basin resident, a 50 plus year business owner and a disabled Viet Nam veteran and as such feel that my comments should receive at least as much consideration as those coming from folks that have never seen Mono County!

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Hansen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey P. Hansen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Jeff Hansen".

Michael Draper

From: Cathie Haynes <afsp@sonic.net>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 12:38 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: final hearing on the Tioga Inn

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Dear honorable Mono County Board of Supervisors,

I have long been a frequent visitor to the Mono Lake area. I am extremely distressed that you as a group are going ahead to finalize this project without

1. honoring your commitment to the Kutzadika Tribe to defer this hearing until they can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. ensuring that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. requiring the project to be safer in the event of extreme, wind driven wildfires (that are ever more frequent!) by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

Thank you for listening,
Cathie Haynes

“When the pandemic ends it will be all new,
old will die with the virus.”
Barbara Robidoux

From: Kris Hohag <kris.hohag@sierraclub.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposition Letter to Tioga Inn Project

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Dec. 15, 2020

TO: Mono County Board of Supervisors

Dear Honorable Supervisors,

Manahuu,

It is with love and concern for our future, that I stand in solidarity with the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe and local community in their opposition to the Tioga Inn Project for the reasons outlined below:

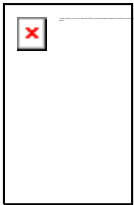
- **Inadequate Tribal Consultation / No Tribal Consent**
- **Inadequate Tribal Monitoring of land disturbances**
- **The Restaurant and the Hotel (150 rooms) was pre-approved in the 1980's with NO Tribal Consultation whatsoever.**
- **The staff housing units (100+) equals further ground disturbances.**
- **Erasing our Indigenous History. Clearing Ancient Trails to Build New Trails**
 - **Burial Ceremonies area**
 - **Deer/Game Trails**
- **Negative Impact on Natural Resources and Habitat for animals/plants**
- **Water use Plan, etc.**

Without a concerted effort to address these issues, approving the project as is will leave a stain on this Board of Supervisors' legacy.

Please do the right thing and work with the local tribal leaders to alleviate their concerns and do this development right or not at all.

Respectfully,

Organisation



Kristopher Hohag, M.Ed.

Senior Organizing Representative

Western Region

Eastern Sierra / Payahuunadü*

*The Place of Flowing Water in the Paiute Language

**Indigenous to Eastern Sierra of California.

Paiute Nation, Payahuupü Nüümü / Kudzaduka

Pronouns: he, him, his.

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[Reimagining Payahuandu: An Indigenous Water and Land History in the Eastern Sierra Nevada, California](#)

Michael Draper

From: jf_iverson <jf_iverson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:09 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Final hearing for Tioga Inn Project

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Mono County Board of Supervisors, please consider the many concerns of the local community and the objection of the Kutzadika'a tribe. These include mitigation to remedy impacts of cultural heritage resources, safety at the junction of Hwy 395 and 120 and fire safety concerns of the Lee Vining Fire Department.

Please defer the hearing until the tribe can meet with the developer. A plan must also be implemented to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route connecting the site and Lee Vining. And listen to the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department concerns about an emergency fire route to Hwy 395.

Concerned property owners in Mono City. Frances and Jon Iverson

Sent from my iPad

From: Jessica Johnson <jessica247365@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:17 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project.

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Hello,

I am writing to submit a public comment on the Tioga Inn project. My name is Jessica Johnson and I'm a resident of the Payahuunadü (aka Owens Valley) and frequent visitor to Mono Lake and Lee Vining. It is vitally important that the Kutzadika indigenous people are consulted on this project that will impact life and environment around Mono Lake. I am in opposition of the project moving forward until the tribe has been adequately consulted and an appropriate analysis has been made. Their tribal heritage must be preserved. As settlers, we must respect the original stewards of the land.

Thank you,

Jessica Johnson

Michael Draper

From: Owlsnest <owlsnesttwo@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 10:28 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Topga Inn

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Greetings:

We strongly believe in the 3 points put forth from the Mono Lake Committee.

1. This point should be considered high priority. This area at one time belonged to the Kutzadika Tribe, & their presence is still in the area. We believe their concerns regarding cultural heritage resources should be fully considered & not rushed through.
2. Safety is #2 in priority.....traffic tends to be quite high at times, especially on weekends in the summer when a lot of locals & visitors descend for meals at the site.
3. Fire. Being from Sonoma County (& a frequent visitor to the East side), fire has to be considered, planned for & systems for quick evacuation have to be in place before an event.

Please do NOT RUSH this project. This area is too precious.

Much thanks, keep safe.

Regards,

Marcia and Ralph Johnson
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owlsnesttwo@att.net

From: Jaime Kalenik <jaimekalenik@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 12:08 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: 12/15 Public Comment

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I would like to submit a comment on Item #10A at the December 15th meeting regarding consideration of the Tioga Inn specific plan amendment. My family owns property in Mono County.

My understanding is that the vote has been deferred in the past to address concerns, including to consult with the local Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe on the impacts of the project. That process has been impacted by local conditions, not least of which is the continuing pandemic. It is important that this project have the tribe's participation to the fullest extent possible and so the vote should be further delayed until the proper process has been established and completed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jaime Kalenik

From: Maygen Keller <maygenkeller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 7:55 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Hello,

I'm writing to ask that you delay any planning around the Tioga Inn Project until it is safe and possible to properly consult the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. I also ask that you delay any decision making until the Tribe has weighed in.

Indigenous people all over the world, including North America, have invaluable knowledge and expertise in land stewardship and we owe it to them and to the land to have them weigh in meaningfully on this project and any projects going forward.

Thank you,

maygen keller

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[maygen keller](mailto:maygen.keller@mono.ca.gov)
[612.237.7531](tel:612.237.7531)

From: Gaylene Kinzy <gkinzyreische@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 12:41 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Request for delay of Tioga Inn Project

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To the Mono County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you this email as a District 2 Mono County resident and relative of the Mono Lake Paiute people in regards to the upcoming decision to approve action on the Tioga Inn Project in Lee Vining. I, like many others, request that no action is made until the Mono Lake Paiute Tribal Council is properly consulted in accordance with California laws AB 52 and SB 18. Please delay this process until an adequate analysis is made to determine the impacts on the Tribe's heritage sites and cultural resources (plants and animals). It is also my understanding the Council has not been able to meet on a regular basis due to public safety health concerns from the pandemic we are still experiencing. Please take this factor into consideration.

Thank you again for your time.

Kind regards,

Gaylene Kinzy

Benton, CA

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December 15, 2020

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Attn: Michael Draper:

Subject: Tioga Inn Specific Plan and SEIR

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has the following comments for the Mono County Board of Supervisors (Mono County) public hearing scheduled for 12:30 pm on December 15, 2020. These comments pertain to the modified Tioga Inn Project (Project) approved by Mono County on October 20, 2020.

The resolution approved by Mono County on October 20, 2020, added a Secondary Fire Access map and permits the construction and maintenance of a permanent secondary emergency access road located in the southwest quadrant. The map identifies this road being constructed over real property owned by the project proponent, LADWP, and Southern California Edison. LADWP had not been previously notified of a permanent road being built over its property. LADWP has not authorized or given its permission to either the project proponent or Mono County to construct a road over LADWP property. The secondary fire access road conditions approved in the October 20, 2020 resolution should be removed or changed to a location on land owned by the project proponent.

Please write to our office at 300 Mandich Street, Bishop, California, 93514, attention Real Estate, if you have any questions regarding this matter or if you want to further discuss the development of a secondary access road over LADWP property, please contact Donald S. McGhie at (760) 873-0248, donald.mcghie@ladwp.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Perez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Perez
Manager of Aqueduct

DSM:bs
c: Mr. Donald S. McGhie

Michael Draper

From: Queenie Barnard
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:10 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: FW: Opposing Action on Tioga Inn Project

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From: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Queenie Barnard <qbarnard@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: Opposing Action on Tioga Inn Project

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Effective March 19, 2020, the Office of the Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters/ Clerk of the Board has suspended in-person services due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

For questions about how to access services at this time, please contact:

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Clerk of the Board: 760-932-5538, sdedman@mono.ca.gov, <https://monocounty.ca.gov/bos>

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From: Jamie Lan <jamvlan@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposing Action on Tioga Inn Project

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Hello,

My name is Jamie Lan and I am from Seattle, WA. I am writing to express my support for the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. Before any further action is taken on the Tioga Inn project, the Tribe must be adequately consulted so any tribal concerns can be resolved. Due to COVID-19 and the stay-at-home order, the Tribe is unable to meet with the Mono County Board of Supervisors, yet the Board is proceeding with the project anyway. This is not ethical. The Tioga Inn project will have unknown impacts on tribal cultural sites.

The Board must delay action on the Tioga Inn project until the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe can be adequately informed and consulted with.

Thank you,
Jamie Lan



December 14, 2020

Mono County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
Shannon Kendall
PO Box 715
Bridgeport, CA 93517
Submitted by email to: skendall@mono.ca.gov

RE: Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment hearing scheduled for December 15, 2020

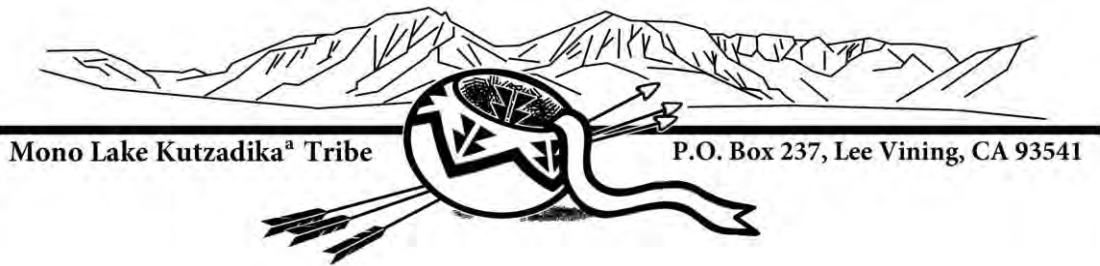
Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors,

The Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe respectfully requests a rescheduling of the December 15, 2020 meeting to approve action on the Tioga Inn Project.

On October 14, 2020 the Board deferred a vote on the Tioga Inn Project approval to allow time to resolve issues regarding:

1. Pedestrian safety concerns along highways 120 and 395 between the project site and the town of Lee Vining.
2. Tribal concerns regarding the lack of adequate consultation and impact analysis on tribal heritage affected by the project.

At the October 14, 2020 meeting, the Mono County Board of Supervisors allowed additional time for the tribe and project proponent to meet to discuss and resolve tribal concerns. The tribe worked with Mr. Domaille to set up a meeting and site visit on November 30, 2020 however the tribe was forced to cancel due to a snow storm that knocked out power and phone service to the tribal office and made travel treacherous. A meeting was rescheduled for December 4, 2020 but that meeting had to be postponed so that the tribe could fully prepare, and also because Mono County reached alarming rates of COVID-19 spread, infections, hospitalizations and deaths. The tribe simply could not bring tribal elders and others out to a meeting that would put their health and lives at risk. Now with Governor Newsom's regional stay-at-home order in effect, the tribe must postpone any future meeting until conditions are safe to resume important work on resolving tribal concerns with the project.



The tribe's legal counsel has submitted a letter requesting a rescheduling of the December 15, 2020 Tioga Inn Project meeting and in addition will submit a letter to the Board on our behalf regarding our concerns.

For the record, the tribe has not received complete and adequate consultation and issue analysis as required by AB 52 and SB 18 on this project. Without adequate analysis, a true determination of impacts to tribal heritage has not been made. Without a determination of impacts, many of which have significant unavoidable direct and cumulative impacts to tribal heritage, the Mono County Board of Supervisors did not have before them an accurate depiction of the true and lasting impacts this project will have on tribal heritage when the Board voted to approve and then certify the FSEIR on October 14th and 20th, respectively, of this year.

Many of our tribal concerns are not just ours. Neighboring tribes are also impacted by the project as numerous tribal resources are shared and communal in nature. The historical and traditional trails impacted by this project are a multi-tribal resource that connected neighboring tribes to one another and to communal and sacred places. These trails are also sacred as they connect our people to our ancestors throughout generational time. One of the traditional trails that crosses the Tioga property connects us to the traditional trail to Bloody Canyon and Yosemite. This inter-tribal trail is regional in nature, connecting the Kutzadika'a to the Awahnee and is still in use today. The Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe works with Yosemite National Park to arrange annual walks along the trail between Mono Lake and Yosemite. The Bridgeport Paiute Tribe also works with Yosemite National Park to arrange walks from the Bridgeport area into Yosemite. Yosemite National Park also works with the Bishop Paiute Tribe on walks from the Owens Valley into Yosemite. The emphasis on these walks is to preserve cultural heritage. The tribes have no other way to pass on this cultural heritage to current and future generations as the learning comes not through teaching but through this shared experience.

The trails also connect us to our Cry Dance Districts, (CDD) such as the one located on site and impacted by this project. These regional Cry Dance districts are sacred places where we honor our departed ones and fulfill our obligations to them. It takes a lot of resources to hold a Cry Dance, especially in prehistoric times. Singers and participants traveled to the CDD. There had to be space for them to set up camps. Cry Dances may last from one to several days. The dance area had to be cleared of vegetation and an enclosure was constructed around the dance area. A large number of downed trees and large shrubs had to be collected from the adjacent hillsides and riparian areas to build the enclosure and to keep multiple fires burning all night. The tribe's legal counsel will share a confidential map, in their correspondence, with the Mono



County Board of Supervisors to show areas of tribal concerns within the CDDs. The destruction of Cry Dance Districts do not allow for the continuation of cultural practices and prevent us from partaking in our obligations to departed ones. This in turn prevents the transfer of experiences, and religion to younger generations. The only treatment of the Cry Dance district in the record, beyond public comments raised by the tribe, was a comment by the County's CEQA consultant, Sandra Bauer, noting that the project developer had told her that, to his knowledge, no cry dances had occurred on-site in many years. There is no analysis of this tribal cultural resource in the FSEIR, and no mitigation was ever considered.

The tribe is concerned about our cultural resources that may be impacted by the project, through construction. Tribal cultural resource monitors are essential to this project. Although the tribe did agree to 50 hours of compensated monitoring early on, further consultation is needed as the project construction details and construction phases have changed considerably and the 50 hours agreed upon was based on those earlier designs. Additional monitors and monitoring time will be needed in response to project changes. Cultural resources will also be impacted by the doubling of the Lee Vining population from Tioga Inn residents and motel guests. There will be more people who will be out and about within the Mono Basin. Cultural resources are [increasingly vulnerable to looting](#) as people collect "souvenirs" or items for sale on the black market. Cultural items are vulnerable to damage and desecration directly, but also indirectly by human-caused wildfires. Currently there are not enough law enforcement officers to patrol the Mono Basin to safeguard tribal heritage from the influx of people this project will bring. The recent Mountain View fire in northern Mono County is a tragic reminder of how damaging wildfires are to the environment, cultural resources, and to the community.

The tribe is concerned about the environment. Impacts to tribally-important animal and plant species and their habitat were not analyzed from a tribal perspective. The project and the influx of people and vehicles will cumulatively contribute to the fragmentation of wildlife habitat, negatively affect wildlife foraging and migration patterns and create point-source pollution. Point-source pollution includes wind-transported debris, noise pollution, air pollution, water pollution and light pollution. Light pollution degrades dark night skies and visibility of astronomic features that are important for the transmission of cultural beliefs, and religion to current and future generations.

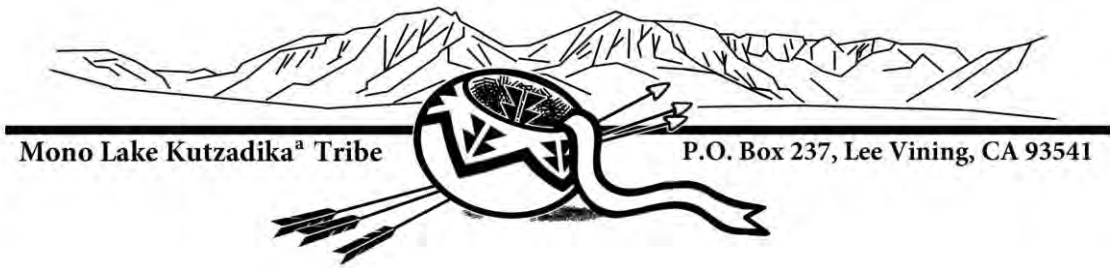
The tribe is concerned about safety. Doubling the Lee Vining population (Tioga Inn residents and motel guests) will strain, already inadequate local community infrastructure and emergency response services. Mono County does not currently have the capacity to deal with wildfire, pandemics, climate change and other emergency situations. Doubling the population without adequate services to support an increase in residents is a major safety concern. If



there was any doubt as to the effects of simultaneous emergencies, the Mountain View fire is a wakeup call to all. Mono Lake Kutzadika's tribal members living in the Walker area had their houses burned to the ground during the dead of winter. On top of that, the county is experiencing the worst COVID-19 scenario ever experienced this year. The Lee Vining Fire Protection District (LVFPD) provided a list of very real safety concerns that are shared by the tribe. The most recent comments from the LVFPD highlight their concerns that safety issues related to the Tioga project are ignored or dismissed by the Board. The lack of consideration to safety by the Board is truly disturbing.

While the Tioga Inn project purports to have adequately consulted with the tribe and analyzed our concerns, we do not agree that this is the case. Many of our concerns were conflated with the concerns of others. While there are aspects of our concerns that are shared by others, our concerns are rooted within our perspective, culture, history and religious beliefs such that our concerns are distinct and must be analyzed as such. There is the potential that impacts from the housing, hotel and restaurant will significantly and permanently impact tribal heritage. These concerns need to be analyzed. Tribal consultation did not occur during the 1993 EIR which analyzed the hotel and restaurant. The hotel and restaurant will significantly impact tribal cultural resources but these resources were unknown to Mono County decision makers as there had been no tribal consultation that would have provided this information. The 1993 EIR needs to be recirculated to allow tribal consultation and impact analysis. Adequate consultation would allow for the project proponent, Mono County, and the tribe to work together to provide a meaningful analysis and determination of impacts.

Mono County has the responsibility as a public agency to protect Mono Lake Kutzadika's Tribal heritage and interests within Mono County. As a decision maker, the Board of Supervisors must ensure that adequate, meaningful consultation and analysis occurs throughout the design process, in all its iterations from the original 1993 EIR to where the project now stands. Mono County has a responsibility to provide mitigation that addresses impacts and preserves tribal heritage now and into the future. Our people have been in this region since time immemorial. We look forward to continued consultation on this project. We request that the Board not approve the Specific Plan and that the Board reopen the EIR process (revoking previous confirmation of the FSEIR, certified on October 20th). We would look forward to further consultation on this project.



Respectfully,

Charlotte Lange

Charlotte Lange, Chair, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe

Michael Draper

From: Elin Ljung <elin.ljung@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:31 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: comments about tomorrow's Tioga Inn agenda item

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Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors,

Please respect the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe's request to postpone the Tioga Inn agenda item until they and the project proponent have been able to meet to resolve the Tribe's concerns about the project. To proceed with the Tioga Inn agenda item tomorrow, without the information you requested be ready for you by now, would be pointless and disrespectful.

I am also curious about whether or not any discussions have taken place with Caltrans about a safe way for people to walk and bike between the project and Lee Vining. No information about that exists for the public to view yet, which is another good reason to postpone the agenda item.

After last month's horrifying fire that devastated the community of Walker, I hope you will reexamine the sensible idea of requiring an additional evacuation route. To let the project proceed with only one evacuation route in addition to the main road, a route that leads people into the prevailing wind direction and thus into the likely path of a wildfire, is to invite disaster.

Thank you,

Elin Ljung
Lee Vining

Michael Draper

From: Karen Loro <nettlesk@me.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:19 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Resolving issues with Tioga Inn Project

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Hello,

I urge you to honor the following :

1. Follow through and honor their commitment to the Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

I am a frequent visitor to Mono Lake and enjoy riding my bicycle in and around the corridor . Lack of safe trails between the proposed resort and town is inexcusable . I look forward to hearing that the above concerns are addressed and mitigated to the satisfaction of all concerned parties.

thank You , Karen Loro

Michael Draper

From: LYNN & GORDY MACDERMOTT <glmacd@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:46 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga inn

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Hello Board,

I am asking you to please:

Defer the hearing until the tribe can meet with developers to find ways to resolve their concerns.

Also that there is a safe pedestrian & bike route to Lee Vining.

Finally: address the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Dept.

Thank You, Gordy MacDermott

To Whom It May Concern,

Please postpone the December 15th vote on the Tioga Inn Project until tribal communities have been consulted, as required by law/ordinance. I understand that meeting have already been pushed back due to health and safety concerns of varying causes but that does not mean a vote should be rushed through without an evaluation of the projects impact by tribal leaders. They must review the project and have adequate time to do so.

Thank you and best regards,
Liz Mason

Michael Draper

From: Barry McPherson <bdmcpherson@coho.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:17 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn comments 12-15-2020

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Supervisors,

The county staff has done an excellent job of listening to all the input and making adjustments to the Tioga Inn plan, and I'm grateful for that.

But this oversized development was a bad idea from the beginning with inadequate coordination and accommodation to the concerns of local people.

In my opinion it has moved from a terrible development being imposed on long-term locals, including the Kutzadika'a people, wildlife, and tourists, ---- to just a bad development plan being imposed on the same.

It has moved from a development by a long-term local businessman to an entitlement for an unknown developer to come in at some future unknown date.

Therefore, I still strongly urge you to vote this down and allow a new start on creating much needed workforce housing that is close to where the jobs are and does not grossly change the character of a treasured part of the county: the Mono Lake Basin.

And I again encourage the County to pursue ways to work with LADWP to free-up land for expansion of Lee Vining's housing and business opportunities north of the high school and community center --- where development will provide better access to schools, churches, and businesses in town on acreage that will have far less visual impact on the Mono Lake Basin than the Tioga Inn development.

Barry McPherson
905 NE 7th St
Newport, OR 97365
Cell phone # (503)708-8688

Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:22 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn

From: Steve Meyers <steve@meyerschevrolet.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:15 AM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the Tioga Inn project. In this time that we live I am afraid that money is dictating most of the decisions that are made. I have seen our environment take a hit on many occasions so that somebody can get rich or richer.

I would just hope that the decision about the Tioga Inn is not solely a financial one, but one that includes the concerns of the stakeholders in the Mono Lake area. When the decision is made there is no turning back.

I personally have only been to Mono Lake once in my life but have long supported the efforts to protect it. Many people over the years have fought to protect Mono Lake and its importance to people and wildlife.

Please consider carefully what you are about to do because as I said , you can't go back.

Thanks for your consideration.

--

Steven L. Meyers
New Era, MI

From: Shea Millan <shea.meara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project Tribal Concerns

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To whom this may concern,

Please allow the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe adequate consultation and issue analysis as required by AB 52 and SB 18 on the Tioga Inn Project. This project will affect cultural sites and animal and plant life. It is important to listen to the Tribe before moving forward on this project because they also speak on behalf of the plants and animals that do not have a voice on this issue,

Respectfully,
Shea Millan

From: Marissa Mirbach <marissa.mirbach@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:28 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Opposing Action on the Tioga Inn

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Hello,

I hope you've had a great Monday. I wanted to reach out to make a comment about upcoming actions on the Tioga Inn.

As Californians, we have learned so much about the importance of respecting the Indigenous people who have inhabited and stewarded our land for thousands of years. In this case, taking the time to study the impact of the Tioga Inn on the tribal heritage should be a priority.

I hope that you take the time to properly engage with the tribe before taking any actions.

Thank you,
Marissa



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December 9, 2020

Mono County Board of Supervisors

c/o Clerk of the Board

Shannon Kendall

PO Box 715

Bridgeport, CA 93517

Submitted via email to: skendall@mono.ca.gov

RE: Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment hearing scheduled for December 15, 2020

Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors,

The Mono Lake Committee (MLC) is writing in support of the Mono Lake Kutzedika'a Tribe's request that the Tioga Inn Specific Plan Amendment hearing planned for December 15 be rescheduled.

At the Board's hearing on October 14, 2020 the Board deferred a vote on project approval. The purpose of the deferral was to provide time for additional consultations and discussions in hopes of developing resolution to two specific project concerns:

- 1) Resolution of concerns raised by the Kutzedika'a Tribe about the project, including project mitigations the proponent can implement to remedy impacts to the Tribe's cultural heritage resources.
- 2) Exploration of solutions to the significant public safety problem posed by the project's failure to develop a safe route between the project site and the town of Lee Vining for pedestrian and bicycle use. Conversations with Caltrans were specifically mentioned.

The Tribe, in their December 7, 2020 letter to the Mono County Board of Supervisors, reports that there have been no meetings held between the Tribe and the project proponent, despite scheduling efforts by both parties. It is essential that a meeting, and any necessary subsequent actions, take place prior to a Board hearing so that the Board and the public can be informed about the resolution of the Tribe's concerns.

Additionally, rescheduling would provide public benefits. MLC notes that with the hearing date less than a week away no public information has been provided about the County's investigation of the public safety concern flagged for further exploration. As a result, the public is uninformed about any project changes and

approval conditions that are under consideration and is thus unable to comment effectively in advance and at the hearing.

Lastly, rescheduling would provide further opportunity for consultation with the Lee Vining Fire Protection District. Mono County remains in a state of emergency in the Walker area due to the tragic Mountain View fire and the major destruction it caused in a very short amount of time. Significant fire safety concerns have been raised about the Tioga Inn project and presented extensively to your Board by the Lee Vining Fire Protection District and others. It is our understanding that since the October 14 hearing there has been no communication by the project proponent or county staff with the Lee Vining Fire Department and no attempt to resolve or sufficiently mitigate LVFPD concerns. The Mountain View Fire is an unfortunately dramatic reminder of the necessity of doing so.

In short, it appears the December 15 hearing date will not provide the Board with the information it requested for consideration. MLC urges the Board to honor the Tribe's request and defer the hearing until consultation and resolution of the Tribe's concerns has been accomplished.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey McQuilkin
Executive Director



Bartshe Miller
Eastern Sierra Policy Director

From: [Queenie Barnard](#)
To: [CDD Comments](#)
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Project
Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 7:38:23 AM

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From: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
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Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Project

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kate Mook <kateemook@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to give time to the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe for proper consultations RE the Tioga Inn Project.

With COVID-19 infections at an all time high, as well as the high rates of infection rampant in Native American communities, the Kutzadika tribe is not being given their rightful say in this project. After all, this project is taking place on their land where they have more history than anyone else, by a long shot.

I am a Native American historian and have published and researched extensively on the issue of Native American communities being kicked out of their homelands and then being completely removed from any say in their lands (Yosemite, near the Tioga Inn, being a prime example). This is unacceptable and only furthers the racist and false notion that these communities are less-than other races and nationalities.

It is necessary that you allow more time for the planning of this project in order to include the needed opinions of the Kutzadika nation. If you are valuing the timeliness of this project over the say of this tribe, then you are saying that money is more important than the Kutzadika culture, their people, and their history.

Do the right thing and figure out how to incorporate the Kutzadika people fairly and justly in this project.

Sincerely,

Kate Mook

Michael Draper

From: Ellen Mosher <emosher@me.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:32 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Concerns over the proposed Tioga Inn

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Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors,

As a Native American, I am disturbed that the Kutzadika'a Tribe's objections to the Tioga Inn proposal have not been discussed with the tribe by the Board. For too long our country has ignored the culture and concerns of Native Americans and I would have expected that the Mono County Board of Supervisors would have responded to the objections brought forth by the Kutzadika'a tribe. It is time to put people and the environment before profit.

The issue of pedestrian and bicycle safety through Lee Vining is a tremendous issue that has not been remedied to date. Speeding through town is apparently the norm, with the speed limit just a suggestion that few follow and is seldom enforced. Resolving concerns about fires have not been documented given that Lee Vining only has a volunteer fire department.

Please consider the above concerns, and please respect as well as act on the objections made by Kutzadika'a tribe. The issue of public safety for residents and visitors to Lee Vining should be foremost in your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Mosher
1054 Lundy Lake Rd
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: tioga inn-- NO

From: nacouzi nacouzi <snacouzi@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 6:19 PM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: tioga inn-- NO

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no tioga inn eyesore

From: Tori Nichols <torinichols@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:44 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the recent developments in the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation from the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe was not taken as required by AB 52 and SB 18. The impact to tribal heritage has not been properly considered, and this threatens both the environment (which this area depends on for tourism) as well as the people whose ancestral homelands are here. I oppose the methods used- especially how consideration was not taken to protect the health of tribal members that could not safely attend meetings. The process has not been transparent, and an egregious lack of communication is obvious in the way meetings were not changed to virtual during an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Please understand that without legitimate consideration of tribal partners, a determination of impact has not been made.

Signed,

Michael Draper

From: Marc Norton <nortonsf@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:11 AM
To: CDD Comments
Cc: Mono Lake Committee
Subject: Tioga Inn project

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I write to tell you that I have serious misgivings about the Tioga Inn project. It seems as if the quality of life for the people of Lee Vining is being pitted against the economic gain of a a very few people.

If this project must be built, for some reason that escapes me, at a minimum steps should be taken to insure that the county:

- 1) Follows through and honor the commitment to the Kutzadika'a Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer.
- 2) Addresses the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department regarding possible, if not inevitable, wildfires.
- 3) Ensures that the project includes a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project and the town.

I have been visiting Mono Lake and Lee Vining for over 40 years. I hope the county will preserve this immensely important natural area both for its great beauty and for the residents of Lee Vining.

Marc Norton
San Francisco

Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn

From: gerryjim <gerryjim@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:19 PM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn

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Before you OK this Inn, follow through and tell the developer to honor his commitment to the Kutzadika Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.

Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining. This has not been done.

Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department. This has not been done.

It seems the developer is just stonewalling the board and not following through. I suggest instead of letting the developer run roughshod over you, you give the developer a deadline or you will not allow the project to go forward.

Gerald Orcholski

Pasadena, CA

From: Anaxyrus Canorus <toadtriller562@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:06 AM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Dear S. Kendall,

I am reaching out to express my deep concerns with the current plan to begin work on the Tioga Inn Project without conducting a full environmental and cultural impact review. The willfull ignorance is not only illegal, it is absolutely unacceptable, selfish, shameful, and dangerous to our community. As a wildlife biologist with the US Forest Service, and as a taxpayer of Mono County who pays your salary, I demand that you complete a full environmental and cultural impact audit, consult with the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe and acquire their support of the project. To ignore this will show that you are incompetent as a leader, community member, communicator, and land manager, thus deeming you unfit to continue in your current position. The blatant and disrespectful ignorance of the environmental and tribal impacts reveal that you are untrustworthy, selfish, and racist. To continue with the project without community support will forever stamp these qualities to your reputation; history will not be kind to you. If you are unable to function as a member of this community, you will be removed from your current role. We will not pay you for a job that does not suit you and will replace you with someone who is community-minded and qualified to carry out the job responsibilities. History has its eyes on you, and so does this community.

R. Pahl

From: Genevieve Parker <gvpkr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Call to respect Mono Lake Tribal rights

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Genevieve Parker. I've resided in Reno, NV since 2014 and visited or traveled through the Mono Lake territory many times. I have even had the pleasure of performing at the Visitors Center. I am only a visitor on the land, but I feel a deep appreciation to the indigenous people who have stewarded the land for generations untold.

I understand that a vote on the proposed Tioga Inn Project has been delayed to allow time to resolve issues including pedestrian safety and to redress inadequate consultation and project impact analysis with the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. While extending the project timeline was a correct decision, inclement weather and Covid-19 have made it impossible for those meetings to happen safely.

The fact that it has not been safe to make progress on consultation and analysis with Tribal representatives should in no way negate the fact that it needs to happen. The Tioga Inn Project will affect the Tribe's cultural sites as well as animal and plant life. It is essential to include indigenous people's input in guiding this project. Resisting pressure to act urgently in favor of proceeding with respect and intentionality would be a commendable decision. Please delay and oppose any final decisions about the project until the Tribe has received adequate consultation and issue analysis as required by AB 52 and SB 18 on this project.

Thank you for your time and care,
Genevieve Parker

From: Kerstin Paulsson <paulssonk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Hi Kendall,

My name is Kerstin Paulsson and I am a Mono County resident. I'm writing in support of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe, who need more time to meet to discuss concerns regarding the Tioga Inn Project.

Mono County Board of Supervisors have delayed the vote on the project approval to allow the tribe time to confer, to be able to properly consult the Board of Supervisors on the project taking place on their ancestral land, as required by AB 52 and SB 15. This adequate analysis is crucial in determining impacts of tribal heritage. However, due to unsafe weather and pandemic conditions, the Tribe have not had the chance to meet. In the interest of safety and health in these unprecedented times, as well as in the best interest of our community at large, the vote for the Tioga Inn Project approval must wait until the Tribe has been able to meet to provide adequate consultation on the project. This project vote cannot move forward without their voice.

If possible, could you please forward my email to all members of the Board of Supervisors? Thank you so much for your time, and I hope you are staying healthy and safe!

All the best,
Kerstin

Michael Draper

From: Peggylmb <peggylmb@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 12:32 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn

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This is now the 4th time I have commented and written to you the board. I feel like this is going to get shoved through even though the people have spoken and no one wants this project on so many levels. PLEASE VOTE NO!! Protect what areas of beauty we have left, not someone's idea of making a buck. Travelers to this area and locals are not looking for this project, but leave it behind when they come up the majestic High Sierra.

Michael Draper

From: Dennis Romanosky <hartsky@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 4:20 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn

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To whom it may concern,

The sad thing is that people can protest this development until the cows come home and it will still happen and that's a shame.

Dennis Romanosky

From: Nathan Rome <nato.rome@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe and tioga inn project

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To the Mono County Board of Supervisors,

If you actually read this, and I don't expect you to read an email if you won't consult the tribe you are affecting, listen to the voices of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe.

The tioga inn project should not be approved to be built in an area where it will affect native land and culture. Enough of their land has been taken and culture erased and it is about time for their voices to be heard. Listen to what they want when you are going to change their land.

Thank you
~Nathan Rome

From: Jeannie Schmidt <paradachs@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:14 AM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To Mono County Board Supervisors,

It has been brought to my attention that a decision is to be made concerning the Tioga Inn Project today. I oppose this action based on the fact that the Mojo Lake Kutzadika tribe has been prevented by weather and now Covid restrictions from adequate consultation and issue analysis as required by AB 52 and SB 18.

This project will affect cultural sites as well as plant and wildlife in the area. It is important and legally required to consult with and listen to the tribe.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely

Jean Schmidt

Michael Draper

From: Crystal Sevier <cdsevier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 2:42 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Please postpone Tioga Inn project hearing

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Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors,

I continue to be concerned about the proposed Tioga Inn project. Please postpone the meeting scheduled for December 15 until the following have occurred:

Firstly, I support the Kutzadika'a Tribe's call to postpone until such a time that the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns. Please honor the commitment you previously made to the Tribe regarding this meeting.

Secondly, there needs to be an agreement in place with Caltrans about safe pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the project site and Lee Vining.

Thirdly, there needs to be an agreement in place with the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department regarding fire safety for the project, especially in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires.

Thank you for your consideration,

Crystal Sevier

From: Crystal Shei <crystalthanks@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:38 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga lake inn project comment

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Dear Mono County Board,

I'd like to voice my support of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe in the following:

1. Opposition of the Tioga Lake Inn project
2. Proper consultation for the protection of tribal land

The Tioga inn project will affect animal life, plant life, as well as cultural sites important to the Tribe, and it's important that they be consulted and given adequate issue analysis to determine the impact to tribal heritage.

Thank you for reading,

Crystal Shei

Michael Draper

From: Wendy Sugimura
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Bob Gardner
Cc: CDD Comments
Subject: RE: Tioga Inn Comments

Received, thank you.

Wendy Sugimura

Community Development Director
760.924.1814

From: Bob Gardner <bgardner@mono.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Wendy Sugimura <wsugimura@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Comments

FYI

From: Travis Silcox <silcoxt5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Stacy Corless <scorless@mono.ca.gov>; Bob Gardner <bgardner@mono.ca.gov>; Jennifer Kreitz <jkreitz@mono.ca.gov>; John Peters <jpeters@mono.ca.gov>; Fred Stump <fstump@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Comments

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Hello Mono County Supervisors:

In the matter of the Tioga Inn final hearing, I respectfully request that you defer any decision until the Kutzadika'a Tribe has had a chance to address its concerns with the developer.

Additionally, this project needs a clear plan for pedestrian access from the development into the town of Lee Vining, and it also needs an emergency plan for wildfire evacuation.

I am a frequent visitor to Mono County and to this area in particular. I am a contributor to the Mono Lake Committee and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust. I am very invested in the beauty, culture, and natural wonder of this part of California, and I hope you will balance economic development with the concerns I and others have raised.

Thank you,

Travis Silcox, Ph.D.
Sacramento, California

Michael Draper

From: Linda Siska <lindasiska@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:08 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn project

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I am quite concerned that the hearing on the Tioga Inn is going forward despite the lack of coordination with the Kutzadika tribe and Caltrans. I submit that the hearing needs to be postponed until such time as outstanding issues have been resolved. Much is at stake here, including the sanctity of indigenous lands, the safety of the local residents, and the scenic value of Mono Lake. Please consider postponing this hearing.

Linda Siska

Michael Draper

From: Raymond F. Skryja <rbskryja@sonic.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2020 6:19 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider the following in your decision regarding whether or not to approve the Tioga Inn Project as now presented:

1) A safe path from the Project to Lee Vining for pedestrians and bicycles needs to be clearly and definitely defined and required of the builder. This is especially true where such a path crosses Highway 120.

2) Make sure the lighting in the Project conforms to International Dark Sky Association recommendations. While humans are chiefly diurnal, much of the living world is not and count on the night to conduct

their normal activities. The IDSA standards are a reasonable compromise for the entire living world.

3) As should be apparent to all, especially in California and the West, wildfires are a persistent threat. Having only one route to escape the Project is illogical and dangerous. A separate emergency route to

US Highway 395 is a necessary simple solution.

4) The Kutzadika'a Tribe has some perinate concerns. To not honor a commitment to allow the Tribe to address these concerns with the developer is to disrespect the Tribe members as citizens worthy of an

equal voice. If more time is needed for proper consideration of the Tribe's concerns, in the interest of fairness and inclusion, so be it.

Thank you

Raymond F. Skryja

Michael Draper

From: Andy Skumanich, PhD <andyskumanich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:44 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Please do NOT destroy the beauty and character of LeeVining

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Greetings,

We are still very concerned about the possibility that the unique and charming character of Lee Vining will be irretrievably ruined by the proposed development.

We are part-time visitors to Lee Vining and we always choose it over Mammoth Lakes (which we like in it's own way). We cherish the unique nature of Lee Vining which is precious.

Please do not let the Resortification of Lee Vining happen just for more money. There are things in this world more valuable than more money and once that's gone, it cannot be recovered.

We urge the commission to NOT approve any Tioga Mart expansion.

best regards,

Andrew Skumanich, Ph.D.

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Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Hearing

From: Sandy Steinman <sandysteinman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:32 PM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Hearing

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I am opposed to the approval of the Tioga Inn project that is scheduled for Dec. 15. I am opposed to the project and feel at a minimum the following concerns have not been met and should be addressed before approving the project

1. Follow through and honor their commitment to the Tribe by deferring to the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve the concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven weather by creating an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the local Volunteer Fire Department.

Sandy Steinman
sandysteinman@gmail.com

Michael Draper

From: Anne Stine <anne42@wildernessrites.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:25 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Regarding Tioga Inn

I'm wondering why the Board is not listening to the vast majority of the input from local community, Mono Lake supporters (of which I've been one for over 25 years), and the local Kutzadika'a tribe. Clearly the board is only interested in short term gain and not in the care of this most unique area, and for future generations. This is a request, one of countless others, that you listen to our wishes, and honor your commitment to the tribal people and listen to their concerns. That you create a safe pedestrian and bike route between the project site and Lee Vining. That your continued effort to ignore our voices, puts this local, state and national natural treasure at risk of being forever destroyed in what is even now its current beauty and unique features. You are not representing the wish of the people.

Anne Stine
Wilderness Rites.
Ashland, Oregon

Long time supporter of Mono Lake and the preservation of its natural beauty.

Michael Draper

From: George <gwtoddart@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 11:22 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn

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So it appears that once again monetary greed wins the day! Against a majority of negative comments it appears that this project will go forward. It was wrong from the beginning and it is still wrong. The Board of Supervisors should be ashamed of themselves. Thank you, George Todd

"Rage, rage against the dying of the light..."

Greetings Board of Supervisors,

As you know, the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe was provide additional time to work on voluntary measures regarding the Tioga Inn project. I won't go into the details of the unforeseen delays but wanted to share a few things from a tribal perspective.

The Mono Lake Kutzadika'a Tribe routinely consults with the BLM, NPS, USFS and other state agencies within an official capacity as the tribal government for our tribe. With these other federal and state agencies, we are accustomed to consultation on the basis of a government to government relationship.

Our consultation experience on the Tioga Inn project with Mono County has been radically different from what we are accustomed to when working with other federal and state governments. From our perspective Mono County has not engaged fully with the tribe, especially when working with the project proponent on resolving issues. Mono County identifies opportunities to engage but goes no further.

The most recent example of this is when Mono County provided an opportunity to work with Mr. Domaille on resolving issues on a voluntary basis. Mono County did not provide a timeline which would identify projected milestones to work toward. We were surprised to learn that Mono County intends to take further action on the Specific Plan prior to allowing needed time to work with the project proponent to resolve issues. Mono County provided the opportunity but did not provide the time line it was allowing for this effort to take place.

Without this critical piece of information regarding the time interval Mono County allowed, it is unreasonable and unfair to deny the tribe and the proponent the opportunity to resolve issues as Mono County had directed.

How does Mono County view tribal consultation, is it a government to government relationship?

A related issue is the role of Mono County in protecting Native American heritage within Mono County. In all of the previous meetings it is not clear how Mono County has defined its role and obligations to tribes within the county. In the record Mono County notes that it **respects** Native American culture but it has a **responsibility** to the land owner. This differentiation between respect and responsibility seems to form the basis for how the County has responded to Kutzadika'a concerns. Mono County has asked the proponent to meet with the tribe on tribal concerns and work toward voluntary resolution. Mono County has taken a very obvious backseat to working in resolving tribal concerns and has not acted within a government to government capacity. This approach would never be allowed within federal and state agencies. We know this from experience in working with these other agencies.

How does Mono County view its responsibility to protect Native American culture and interests in Mono County?

We hope that you will provide clarification on these two important questions, both for this and future projects.

Sincerely,

Dean Tonenna, Mono Lake Kutzadika'a elder

Michael Draper

From: Becky Peratt
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 7:23 AM
To: Michael Draper
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn project

-----Original Message-----

From: Neal Turner <neal@mailfence.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:28 PM
To: CDD Comments <cddcomments@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn project

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To the Mono County Board of Supervisors:

In considering whether to allow the Tioga Inn project's development, I urge the Board to (1) meet their commitment to the Kutzadika'a Tribe to defer hearings till the Tribe has discussed with the developer how to resolve the impacts on cultural heritage resources, (2) require the project to construct a safe foot and bicycle route between the site and Lee Vining, and (3) require the project to address wildfire safety by providing an emergency escape route to Highway 395.

Sincerely,
Neal Turner.

From: BryAnna Vaughan <BryAnna.Vaughan@bishoppaiute.org>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Opposition any action to Tioga Inn Project without proper tribal consultation

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Manahuu –

I am not writing this as a representative of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, but as a local who is well-informed of the Tribal Consultation requirements enacted into law and required by AB52. As you are well aware, the Tioga Inn Project is a significant change to the local area and the people of the area, particularly the indigenous tribal people. I oppose any action to the Tioga In Project until proper consultation with the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe can be safely conducted.

Thank you,

BryAnna Vaughan
Water Quality Program Coordinator
Bishop Paiute Tribe

From: Sadie Ward <sadiew721@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:00 AM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Oppose Tioga Inn Project

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Good morning,

My name is Sadie Ward and I am writing today in regards to the needed consultation of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. In order to protect their land and people, this tribe needs you to consider deeply the effects that the Tioga Inn Project will have. It will put them, their land, and plants and animals at risk.

Native lives matter.

Thank you,
Sadie Ward

From: Megan Watson <watson.meganm@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:26 AM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Comment for Public Hearing: Tioga Inn Project 12.15.2020

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Hello,

My name is Megan Watson and I am a professional archaeologist working in California. I am writing today to urge the Board of Supervisors to delay the Tioga Inn Project until proper consultation has been conducted with the Kutzadika Tribe. I had the honor of working with the Kutzadika years ago in the Lee Vining area. The area holds immense cultural significance to the Kutzadika and they have a right to consultation under AB 52 and SB 18. The Tribe has requested consultation but Covid makes it incredibly difficult to schedule these types of meetings. Please have some patience during these unprecedented times and defer any action on the Tioga Inn Project until proper consultation with the Tribe can safely be conducted.

Thank You,
Megan

Michael Draper

From: Gretchen Whisenand <gmwhisen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 11:12 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Dear Supervisors,

I have submitted a number of comments on this ill-advised project. As a frequent visitor to beloved and fragile Mono Lake, my strong opposition remains unchanged.

First, as a resident of Santa Rosa, I am all too familiar with the ever-increasing danger of wildfires. This project is sited in an area that came quite close to burning just several years ago. The pass to the east is basically a wind tunnel. This location WILL burn again.

Second, you have not honored your commitment to defer a hearing until the developer has resolved the concerns of the Kutzadika'a. Yet another broken treaty?

Please. The harm you will do cannot be undone.

Gretchen Whisenand

Michael Draper

From: Howard Whitaker <hjameswhitaker@att.net>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 10:13 AM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Project Hearing

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I ask that the Board do the following:

1. Follow through and honor their commitment to the Tribe by deferring the hearing until the Tribe can meet with the developer to explore ways to resolve their concerns.
2. Ensure that the project has a mandated plan to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle route between the project site and Lee Vining.
3. Require the project be safer in the event of extreme, wind-driven wildfires by requiring an emergency fire route to Highway 395 and addressing the concerns of the Lee Vining Volunteer Fire Department.

Howard Whitaker, 2041 Campton Circle, Gold River, CA 95670

From: Grace Whitten <gracewhittenn@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:18 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Tioga Inn Project Concerns

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To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned about the recent developments in the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation from the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe was not taken as required by AB 52 and SB 18. The impact to tribal heritage has not been properly considered, and this threatens both the environment (which this area depends on for tourism) as well as the people whose ancestral homelands are here. I oppose the methods used- especially how consideration was not taken to protect the health of tribal members that could not safely attend meetings. The process has not been transparent, and an egregious lack of communication is obvious in the way meetings were not changed to virtual during an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Please understand that without legitimate consideration of tribal partners, a determination of impact has not been made.

Signed,

Grace Whitten

Michael Draper

From: Queenie Barnard
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 4:39 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: FW: Tioga Inn Project

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From: Andrew Wickman <ajwickman@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 4:45 PM
To: BOS <BOS@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To the Mono County Board of Supervisors,

We're writing in regards to the Tioga Inn Project and requesting another extension of the timeline for board action on this project. We are long term residents of the Eastern Sierra but not nearly as long as the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe. Please allow time for the indigenous people of the area to be heard and tribal concerns addressed. Because of the pandemic, stay at home orders and weather conditions board action should be postponed until conditions improve and everyone's safety can be guaranteed. This is too important an issue to be dealt with without hearing all concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Drew and Judy Wickman

Michael Draper

From: Nina <nwouk@ix.netcom.com>
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 12:56 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Proposal

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Hi, County Supervisors

I am writing in support of the Kutzadika'a tribe which has contacted you concerning the proposed Tioga Inn building project and its impact on their cultural heritage. It is wrong and disrespectful to continue this country's dismal history of ignoring the things that matter to its first peoples. The right thing to do is delay any hearing or decision until the Tribe has been able to meet with the developer and their concerns are resolved to their satisfaction.

There are additional public safety issues that need to be addressed, such safe pedestrian and bicycle routes between the project site and Lee Vining, and an emergency fire route to Highway 395. Fire Departments need to be in on planning from the very beginning of any building project, not expected to adjust as an afterthought. That should be obvious to everyone in California by now. It's nice that we aren't breathing smoke right now, but we will be again all too soon.

All the best

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From: Kathy Yuan <katheyuanphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: OPPOSING Tioga Inn Project w/o Mono Lake consultation + consent

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Hi there,

I'm writing to oppose further action on the Tioga Inn Project, in support of the Mono Lake Kutzadika Tribe — who as of today, 15 December 2020, I understand NOT to have received adequate consultation and issue analysis (as required by AB 52 and SB 18) on determining the Project's impact on tribal heritage. This includes the stakes of plant + animal lives in the area.

As a private U.S. citizen, I have come to understand through Indigenous activists like Jolie Varela (Nüümü, Owens Valley) and historians like Dina Gilio-Whitaker ([As Long As Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice](#)) that operating on Indigenous lands comes with the responsibility of sustainable, long-term + traditionally-informed stewardship — namely, centering Indigenous ancestry and claims to the health of the land, as they are the original + sole holders of this judgment. We cannot in good conscience move forward on projects that infringe upon tribal heritage WITHOUT adequate consultation AND consent. I urge you all to center the Kutzadika people in this project to devise a creative and truly communal solution to this project and make a way toward more inclusive Indigenous input in the future!

Respectfully,
Kathy Yuan

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Kathy Yuan
katheyuanphoto@gmail.com

From: Ally Zlaket <allyzlaket@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to convey my deep concern about the recent developments in the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation with the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a was not completed as required by AB52 and SB18. The impact of the project on tribal heritage has not been properly evaluated, which threatens both the environment (which this area depends on for tourism) as well as the people whose ancestral homelands are here. I oppose the methods used, especially the fact that accommodations were not made to protect the health of tribal members who could not safely attend meetings. The process has not been transparent at all, and there was a clear lack of communication about the meetings not being held virtually during the uptick in COVID-19 cases. Please understand that without legitimate consultation of your tribal partners, a thorough determination of the project's impact on the environment and the cultural history that is so valuable to this region cannot possibly be made.

I look forward to hearing about the steps you are taking to contact the Mono Lake Kutzadika'a directly and resolve these glaring issues.

Sincerely,
Ally Zlaket
UC Berkeley '22

Public comments received after 12:30 pm December 15, 2020.

From: Mary Margaret Bivens <mmbivens@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:39 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Comment on Tioga Inn Project

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Signed,

Mary Margaret Bivens

UC Berkeley - Class of 2021

Legal Studies and Gender & Women's Studies Majors/Education Minor

She/Her/Hers

From: Jennifer Blackmon Guevara <jjblackmonguevara@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:52 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Comments Tioga Inn Project

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Signed,

Jennifer

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Jennifer Blackmon Guevara
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From: T Johnson <tulasidevidasi@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project Concerns

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Signed,
Tulasi Johnson
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tulasi@berkeley.edu

From: Tori Nichols <torinichols@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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Signed,

Michael Draper

From: Lars Romsos <larschronan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 1:16 PM
To: CDD Comments
Subject: Tioga Inn Project

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To whom it may concern,

I am appalled at the recent developments in the Tioga Inn Project. Adequate consultation from the Mono Lake Kutzadika tribe was not taken as required by AB 52 and SB 18. The impact to tribal heritage has not been properly considered, and this threatens both the environment (which this area depends on for tourism) as well as the people whose ancestral homelands are here. I oppose the methods used- especially how consideration was not taken to protect the health of tribal members that could not safely attend meetings without facing the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. The process has not been transparent, and an egregious lack of communication is obvious in the way meetings were not changed to virtual during a massive surge in COVID-19 cases. Please understand that without legitimate consideration of tribal partners, a determination of impact has not been made.

Sincerely,

Lars Romsos

From: Patricia STEENLAND <steenpat@berkeley.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 12:37 PM

To: Shannon Kendall <skendall@mono.ca.gov>

Subject: Opposition to Tioga Inn project

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Signed,

Patricia Steenland