

# Attachment C Tribal Notifications and Response



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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November 3, 2023

Jennie Mitchum, Cultural Preservation Director  
Wayne Mitchum Jr., Chairman  
Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community  
3730 Highway 45  
Colusa, CA 95932

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Jennie Mitchum and Wayne Mitchum Jr.:

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We are contacting you to inform you of the proposed project and to inquire if you are aware of any cultural resources that may be present in the area and to solicit your input or concerns. Please contact me at the address listed below.

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Charlie Wright, Chairperson  
Cortina Rancheria – Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians  
PO Box 1630  
Williams, CA 95987

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Charlie Wright:

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Ronald Kirk, Chairperson  
Grindstone Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki  
PO Box 63  
Elk Creek, CA 95939

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Ronald Kirk:

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Glenda Nelson, Chairperson  
Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria  
2133 Monte Vista Avenue  
Orville, CA 95966

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Glenda Nelson:

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Andrew Alejandre, Chairperson  
Laverne Bill, THPO  
Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians  
22580 Olivewood Avenue  
Corning, CA 96021

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Andre Alejandre and Laverne Bill:

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Anthony Roberts, Chairperson  
Yvonne Perkins, THPO  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
PO Box 18  
Brooks, CA 95606

Re: Favero Ranch Cal VTP

Dear Anthony Roberts and Yvonne Perkins:

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December 15, 2023

Yolo County Resource Conservation District  
Attn: Heather Nichols, Executive Director  
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RE: Favero Ranch Cal VTP - YD-11152023-01

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Thank you for the project notification regarding cultural information on or near the proposed Favero Ranch Cal VTP. We appreciate your effort to contact us and wish to respond.

The Cultural Resources Department has reviewed the project and concluded that it is within the aboriginal territories of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. Therefore, we have a cultural interest and authority in the proposed project area and would like to initiate a formal consultation with the lead agency. At the time of consultation, please provide our Cultural Resources Department with a project timeline, detailed project information and the latest cultural study for the proposed project.

To coordinate a date and time for the consultation meeting, please contact:

CRD Administrative Staff  
Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Office: (530) 796-3400  
Email: [THPO@yochadehe.gov](mailto:THPO@yochadehe.gov)

Please refer to identification number YD-11152023-01 in any correspondence concerning this project.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer