

# **Appendix D**

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**AB 52 Consultation Letter**

# County of Santa Clara

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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band  
Attn: Valentin Lopez, Chairperson  
P.O. Box 5272  
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Re: Cordoba Center Use Permit Application - Notification of Project and Tribal Consultation (File No. 2145-16P-16A-16G)

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On January 4, 2015, the Cordoba Center of Morgan Hill, California submitted an application for a Use Permit, Architecture and Site Approval, and Grading Approval for construction and operation of a religious and cultural institution at 14065 Monterey Road in San Martin, California. As the Lead Agency for this project, the Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development recognizes its responsibilities to, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource and engage in consultation with tribal representatives who may have traditional lands or cultural places located on or in the vicinity of the site of a proposed project and who request such a consultation.

The proposed religious and cultural institution (Cordoba Center) would include a mosque, a community building for education, recreation and assembly, an ancillary graveyard, and summer youth camp. Facilities have been designed to accommodate up to 300 persons for scheduled religious services with greater anticipated capacity for occasional special events. The project would be located on a 15.8-acre site fronting on Monterey Road just north of California Avenue, San Martin (14065 Monterey Road, APN: 779-06-002). The Cordoba Center application is available at <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Development/Current/Pages/2145.aspx>. The County is the Lead Agency for the Cordoba Center project, and I am serving as the CEQA point of contact.

This letter serves as a formal notice under AB 52 that the County staff has deemed the Cordoba Center application complete. To date, the County has not received any request for notification from the Tribe for consultation on the Cordoba Center. Upon receipt of this letter, the Tribe has 30 days to respond and request consultation in writing under AB 52. The Native American Heritage Commission has provided a

sample letter to assist tribes requesting consultation, which is included as an attachment and available on the NAHC website.

Failure of the Tribe to respond to this formal notification concludes the process provided under AB 52, and no consultation is required. The Tribe, however, may continue to participate in the CEQA process in the same manner as a member of the public or public agency via public comment.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (408) 299-5779 or by e-mail at david.rader@pln.sccgov.org.

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