

Ms. Mary Milam  
United States Dept. of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW, MS 4141-MIB  
Washington, DC 20240

Re: Chairperson Burley's Comments regarding DRAFT Tribal Consultation Policy

Dear Ms. Milam;

The California Valley Miwok Tribe is in receipt of a letter (dated Jan 14, 2011) signed by Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Ken Salazar and a letter (dated Jan 14, 2011) signed by Laura Davis, Deputy Chief of Staff in which the correspondence states that the Department of the Interior is instituting a Department-wide policy for consultation with Indian Tribes and is requesting the input of Tribal leaders regarding the United States Department of the Interior's draft Tribal Consultation Policy.

The letter states that all Tribal leaders' comments must be received by March 14, 2011.

I and the Council have read through the draft Tribal Consultation Policy three times. We've fully discussed the nine pages of proposed language. We believe that the policy as written provides the needed framework for Tribes to be involved in the decision making role as affecting Indian Country.

Interior officials and managers implementing these proposed requirements and guidelines (as written in the draft Tribal Consultation policy) will strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States federal government- Department of the Interior - Indian Affairs and Tribal nations.

The California Valley Miwok Tribe believes that the Interior's draft Tribal Consultation Policy will improve communication, and good-faith efforts to involve Tribal Leader's input in the decision-making process on issues affecting Indian Country.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
Silvia Burley, Chairperson  
California Valley Miwok Tribe