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Washington, DC 20240

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Mr. Rudy Ortega, Jr.  
1019 Second Street, #1  
San Fernando, California 91340

Dear Mr. Ortega:

The Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (FTB Petitioner) is under active consideration for a Proposed Finding (PF) in the Federal acknowledgment process. This letter is to advise you that the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (AS-IA) and the Office of the Solicitor need additional time to issue the PF on the FTB Petitioner. By letter of December 13, 2019, we had previously indicated that the Department would issue the PF on March 13, 2020.

The AS-IA is extending the review of the documented petition for 60 days. The AS-IA found good cause to extend, under § 83.8(a), the issuance date of the PF to Tuesday, May 12, 2020, or before.

This 60-day extension will allow the Department of the Interior time to complete its review of the petition and issue a PF under the applicable regulations. This letter notifies the FTB Petitioner and those parties listed in § 83.22(d) of this extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4071-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Thank you for your patience. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment

cc: Parties under § 83.22(d)