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To whom it may concern:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 10 lies within a portion of the ancestral territory of the Southern Sierra Miwok Nation (SSMN). Pursuant to the January 2014 First Amended Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and California State Historic Preservation Officer and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance With Section 106 Of The National Historic Preservation Act, As It Pertains To The Administration Of The Federal-Aid Highway Program In California, Caltrans District 10 consults with the SSMN tribal government on any federally-funded undertaking proposed within their ancestral territory in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties for both internal projects and on oversight projects with Local Agencies.

Caltrans District 10 has consulted with SSMN tribal government for decades for both federally and state-funded projects. Caltrans District 10's partnership with the SSMN government is crucial to the preservation of historic properties and tribal resources within the federal highway system in the SSMN ancestral territory.

Sincerely,

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