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RE: Colorado River Disputed Area
Law Enforcement Policy

Dear Mr. Katzenstein:

On October 8, 2003 West Bank Homeowners Association ("WBHA") sent correspondence with attachments to Riverside County Sheriff Bob Doyle requesting a written policy clarification of the Sheriff's position with regard to attempted evictions by the Colorado River Indian Tribes ("CRIT"), and threat of illegal seizure of personal property, at the disputed territory adjacent to the Colorado River. The attachment, a document entitled "Legal Treatment and Law Enforcement Guideline," describes the long standing dispute between the current residents of the disputed territory and CRIT, and sets forth understanding of the applicable laws that govern appropriate law enforcement policy in the context of this dispute.

Recognizing that the Sheriff looks to County Counsel for guidance on interpretation of laws, we have enclosed this document for County Counsel's careful review and comment. Notwithstanding any direct response by the Sheriff, we hereby respectfully request that County Counsel also provide a response providing clarification of the County's policy regarding the attempted evictions and the serious threat to personal property. The County's involvement in this matter is instrumental in WBHA's ongoing efforts to protect its members' fundamental legal rights during this elevating dispute with CRIT.

I would be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you might have regarding this matter. You can contact me at (949)551-8064. Also, feel free to contact our legal counsel, Steven B. Imhoof, who can be reached at (949) 798-0500. WBHA looks forward to working with the County in a collective effort to resolve these important issues.

Sincerely,

Roger L. French
President

cc: Steve Imhoof, Hewitt & O'Neil
Capt. Dan Ison, RCSD Blythe Station
Congresswoman Mary Bono, 45th District

