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Tribal Council Chairman Eldred Enas
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**RE: Permit WB-129(R)
Notice to Quit**

Dear Chairman Enas:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 4, 2010, giving notice to quit possession of the above referenced Permit. In your letter, you have suggested that any questions that I may have be directed to Eric Shepard, the Tribes' attorney. Since Mr. Shepard has refused to discuss these matters with me, I have chosen to address these questions to you directly.

In prior correspondence acting within my authority as President of the West Bank Homeowners Association, I have alluded to a solution that includes a tremendous financial opportunity for the Tribes. I have noted that I would like to discuss this solution with you directly several times. The tribes have consistently declined my offer as did Mr. Shepard when I met with him on September 3. Since the Tribes and their attorney have refused to discuss anything with me, I have opted to present the solution in written form to members of Congress. Prior to drafting the solution, I discussed the solution verbally with other members of Congress over the past 3 years. In fact, I have spent a considerable amount of effort attempting to help the Tribes in a very profound way. From conversations with Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack's staff last week, I understand that the framework for the proposal was delivered to the Tribes' Washington D.C.'s representative. I also understand that Congressman Grijalva's staff has indicated that they will also discuss the solution with the Tribes.

My hopes are that the Tribal leadership will recognize the huge benefit for tribal members and that if we work together with members of Congress, we can accomplish a legislative remedy that will cure the current difficulties with non-tribal members living in California between Riverside Mountain and the Palo Verde Diversion Dam, and simultaneously provide a quantum leap in the economics of the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

In light of the ongoing discussions regarding this proposal, I would like to request that the Tribes consider withdrawing the Notice to Quit for my permit. Secondly, I ask that the Tribes freeze all other issues regarding permits in this area until we have had a chance to review the framework of the proposal, and get feedback from the Tribes and members of Congress in discussion.

The second question that I have for the Tribes centers on the Tribal attorney's refusal to discuss these matters with me. I would like to point out that in my capacity as President of the West Bank Homeowners Association, I have advised all residents to meet with the Tribal attorney as the Tribes' have requested, and to participate in negotiations. My position and the position of the association is that we should work together with you, our neighbors across the river, to find ways to restore stability and harmony in this area. From statements in the press, it appears that the Tribes' Attorney is pleased that residents have indeed met with him and are in discussions. Yet, for some unknown reason, it appears that the Tribes feel hostility toward me personally. It seems that the recent Notice to Quit was an act of retaliation by the Tribes for my work as president of the WBHA. I have no hostility for the Tribes. I do not view my relationship with you as adversarial. So my question is simply, why the apparent hostility?

The final question that I have for you concerns the matter of compassion. As you know, most residents in this area have had their "places on the River" for decades. The Blythe Boat Club has used their beaches since 1947. In Ranchos Not So Grande, many residents are on their 3rd generation. At Water Wheel South, many residents have had their properties for over 40 years. I personally have had my residence since 1983, 27 years. We understand the Tribe's frustration with the issues of nonpayment of rents since the findings and Stipulated Agreement in AZ v CA. However, these issues can surely be resolved short of attempts to force people from their homes.

I ask you to consider the emotional attachment that many people in the area have to their homes. I also ask you to consider that many people are elderly, and cannot afford to be displaced. I know that the Tribes' are particularly sensitive to displacing people from their homes. In fact, the historical record shows evidence of this compassion between the Mohave and the Chemehuevi tribes over a hundred and fifty years ago. So in that context, I ask a simple question. Can we approach the Tribe's issues in a manner that will prevent the confiscation of property, and the resulting disruption of people's lives?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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