

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE WILTON RANCHERIA 53.34-ACRE TRIBAL OFFICE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FEE-TO-TRUST PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior, has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) dated October 2026 for the Wilton Rancheria (Tribe) 53.34-Acre Tribal Office and Economic Development Fee-to-Trust Project. The EA has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] § 4321 et seq.) and assesses the environmental impacts from the acquisition by the BIA of an approximately 53.34-acre property (Project Site) into federal trust status for the benefit of the Tribe (Proposed Action). Although the Tribe is not currently proposing specific development on the Project Site, the EA analyzes a reasonably foreseeable development scenario consisting of an approximately 15,000-square-foot tribal administrative office and a 12,000-square-foot gas station and convenience store with up to 24 pumps, together with parking, drainage facilities, on-site water and wastewater facilities, and ancillary uses.

The Project Site consists of three parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers: 132-0131-015-0000, 132-0262-001-0000, and 132-0262-002-0000) of tribally owned land in unincorporated Sacramento County, California. Regional access is provided by Interstate 5 (I-5), which connects with Hood Franklin Road. Local access is available from a driveway off Hood Franklin Road. The Project Site is primarily undeveloped grassland with a stock pond and foundations from a former dairy barn and rural residence. The surrounding area is primarily rural residential and agricultural in character.

The public comment period for the EA will be open for 30 days, beginning on October 23, 2026 and ending on November 23, 2026. Public comments will be considered by the BIA, and either a Finding of No Significant Impact will be prepared or additional environmental analysis will be conducted. After the NEPA process is complete, the BIA may issue a determination on the Proposed Action.

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The EA is available for public review online at <https://nepa-review.org/wilton-hoodfranklin/>.