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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 23, 2025
TO: ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: MARCO RODRIGUEZ, PLANNER I
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT # AP_2025-0015

In the Staff Report under the section titled *Agency Comments*, it was initially noted that no response had been received from the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. However, on July 2, 2025, the Tribe submitted formal comments to staff. Their statement reads:

“The Tribe has concerns about the “Ground Scope of work” our understanding is that it is for underground cable. When was the last time this area was surveyed for cultural resources? The proposed work involving earth movement is concerning to the Tribe. When the cultural survey question has been responded to, the Tribe may want to have a monitor onsite during earth movement activities. The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians is one of the MLD’s of the area. The Tribe’s point of contact is Ms. Valerie Stanley, THPO. THPO@sherwoodbanc.com Thank you.

On July 9, 2025, the applicant responded via email and clarified that neither the conduit, 2” innerduct (Tower), or the 2” rigid (Compound) components will require trenching.

The primary concern expressed by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians pertains to potential cultural resources in the project area. This concern aligns with previous findings noted in the 2010 Use Permit Modification, specifically under the *Environmental Review* section of the Staff Report, *Cultural Resources (Item 19)*, which states:

“No significant earthmoving is proposed and the site has been previously developed. No mitigation required, however, staff offers Condition Number 9 to advise the applicant of the requirements of the County’s archaeological ordinance and provide protection of any archaeological resources that may be discovered during construction.”

Furthermore, the project resolution for AP_2025-0015 includes Condition of Approval No. 8, which states:

If any archaeological sites or artifacts are discovered during site excavation or construction activities, the property owner shall cease and desist from all further excavation and disturbances within 100 feet of the discovery and make notification of the discovery to the Director of the Department of Planning and Building Services. The Director will coordinate further actions for the protection of the archaeological resources in accordance with Section 22.12.090 of the Mendocino County Code.

As such, Staff does not recommend any additional Conditions of Approval.