

APPENDIX Q

NRCS Consultation

U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request	9/27/05
Name Of Project	North Fork Rancheria Casino and Hotel Project	Federal Agency Involved	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Proposed Land Use	Casino and Hotel	County And State	Madera County, California
		Date Request Received By NRCS	

PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form)		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres %	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS
VINE/TREES/OPEN			10/25/05
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used PRIME & UNIQUE SOILS LIST	Name Of Local Site Assessment System NONE		

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	55.8	5.3		
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	249.2	25.3		
C. Total Acres In Site	305.0	30.7	0.0	0.0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	45.8	0		
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	18.6	0		
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion				
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	0	69	0	0

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Maximum Points			
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))					
1. Area In Nonurban Use		15	14		
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use		10	9		
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		20	20		
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		20	0		
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area		15	0		
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		15	10		
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		10	6		
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		10	0		
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	5		
10. On-Farm Investments		20	10		
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		10	0		
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		10	0		
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	74	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	69	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	74	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	143	0	0	0

Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Reason For Selection: