


## [EXT]letter of support

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Greetings Ms. Strachan, Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support. I have known and worked with this group for over 35 years. We all have worked very hard to bring a sense of place for us as Chumash people. It is so hard to do when we can demonstrate properly. I wholly support the return of this Land to this Group.

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- We are supportive of *yak tit'yu tit'yu yak tithini* Northern Chumash Tribe (*ytt* Tribe) and we share their concerns for the future of Diablo lands.
- Although many items in the [Draft Environmental Impact Report \(DEIR\)](#) and Development Plan/Coastal Development Permit/Conditional Use Permit for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Project are troubling we want to point out the following:
  - In 2020 [“Descendants of Native Rancherias In the Diablo Lands Vicinity: A Northern Chumash Ethnohistorical Study,”](#) was prepared by Dr. John Johnson of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History that provides abundant evidence that *ytt* is the precolonization descendant Tribe of the Pecho Coast, where the Diablo Canyon Power Plant currently resides. The DEIR fails to include *ytt* Tribe in section – as the descendent Tribe despite the clear proof in the report prepared by Dr. Johnson that was commissioned by PG&E. This is an omission of important ethnography of Diablo lands.
  - This status as descendent Tribe is seemingly ignored throughout the DEIR. This should be remedied by the County of San Luis Obispo.
  - The DEIR claims that signage and road blocks will be an adequate barrier in keeping the general public away from sensitive Tribal cultural areas, to prevent looting and damage from trampling. Some of these visitors will pick up these artifacts out of interest, others for intentional resale. We know this because these practices continue to take place throughout San Luis Obispo County and the state.
  - However, the DEIR does not prove any success in signage and road blocks in actually keeping the public away and the increased foot traffic and increased awareness of culturally sensitive areas will most certainly result in damaged Tribal cultural resources, including sacred sites, ceremonial sites, cemeteries, and cultural landscapes.
  - In the event that new trails are developed on Diablo lands, it is paramount that the process of creating trails includes meaningful engagement and consultation with *ytt*. It is only with *ytt*'s Tribal knowledge that these detrimental and serious impacts may be mitigated through the careful planning and plotting of trails, if any are developed, or in thinking through barriers that may actually be effective.

- The Tribe's knowledge will also assist in the protection of important animal, tree and plant habitat, including offshore habitat for marine plant, mammals and other marine species.
- While it is not a topic in the DEIR, we also want to express our support for the return of Diablo lands to ytt Tribe.
- It is important that all information mentioned above is taken seriously.
- To see this Land and further lands be under the protection and restorative control of the Indigenous People that live in their Homeland.
- We have All have been dismissed for over 200 yrs. It's time we can show what Native Indigenous stewardship really looks like.

Thank you very much, Julie Tumamait Stenslie

And the Tumamait Family