

## **APPENDIX Z**

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Letter to Brian Wallace

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March 31, 2006

Mr. A. Brian Wallace  
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Re: Sierra Colina 18-acre parcel at Stateline, NV; APN #1318-23-301-001

Dear Brian:

Thank you for the absolutely delightful day we spent with you, Max and Joseph talking about the history and philosophy of the Washoe Tribe and walking around Sierra Colina, the 18-acre parcel situated between the Lake Village subdivision and the Burger King/UPS commercial center. We appreciated the generosity of your time and the many insights you shared with us about the Washoe Tribe's repatriation efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin. From our time with you, as well as that of the other members and executives of the Tribe which we had the pleasure to meet and confer with the previous week, we have an enhanced understanding of the importance of land throughout the Tahoe Basin to the Washoe Tribe

As we discussed, in terms of our efforts to care for the Sierra Colina land, we recently received a permit from TRPA to begin fuels reduction and forest health restoration work. We are enthusiastic about beginning this work as soon as weather allows. The forest health on Sierra Colina has been neglected for years, and we are concerned about fire prevention as well. We asked Max and Jimmy to let us know whether the Washoe Tribe's environmental unit is interested in this and other upcoming Sierra Colina environmental improvements.

We have also filed an application with TRPA to request permission to underground the electrical lines that are closest to Highway 50. We think this effort will have scenic and safety benefits. Since we have just submitted that application to TRPA, we are uncertain as to the work schedule.

As we also discussed, we hope to meet soon with Nevada State Lands, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, The Lake Village Professional Building HOA, TRPA, and hopefully the Forest Service to explore the potential opportunity to pursue a possible environmental improvement project to improve the water quality issues associated with lower Lake Village Drive. Since the Lake Village HOA has already elected to conduct an EIP on its property, we look forward to the collective results that our respective efforts could produce in environmental improvements for Lake Tahoe.

We are close to filing a project application with TRPA to begin the detailed study of how to provide a number of community benefits on our property, among which are the prospect of deed-restricted for sale moderate-income homes (of which there are none at this time in Douglas County at the Lake), market homes, public pedestrian and recreation trails linking to other existing trails nearby, and open spaces for conservation of the sensitive stream zone.

A. Brian Wallace, Chairman  
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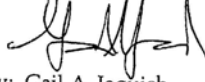
In conjunction with our project application to TRPA, we will request that TRPA prepare at our expense a complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will result in the public having the opportunity to fully participate in and provide input to the process. We look forward to the involvement of the Washoe Tribe in the cultural resources assessment to be conducted as part of the EIS (as we discussed with Lynda, Steven, Daryl, Max and Jimmy last week at the Washoe Tribe's offices).

We would also like to continue exploring with you and your colleagues potential opportunities for us to participate with the Washoe Tribe to honor and protect the Washoe Tribe's culture and history here in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and on other matters that may be of importance to the Washoe Tribe with respect to Sierra Colina.

Thank you for the wonderful books about the Washoe Tribe that you so kindly gave to us, and for the Washoe shirts which we treasure and feel honored to have. Until our next time together, we send our warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

Sierra Colina, LLC



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