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**(Category D) New Land Assignment: Applying for Oscar Taylor old assignment
David G. Patterson 533-0530-010-08.**

To whom it may concern:

The family of Oscar Taylor's land at Surper, and known as 562-H142, consisting of a 59/1260 undivided interest in 30.00 acres, on file with the Sacramento, California Pacific Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, are contesting David G. Patterson's application of this assignment. Mr. Patterson is not a Lineal Descendent and has no ties to the family or the land at Surper, and therefore, has no right to apply for this land.

Further more, the Planning & Community Development Department has no right to assign any of the families' land to anyone without the consent of family members.

Also, during December 15, 2006 Council meeting, I brought to your attention the Moreck Jack assignment, which has been passed down to my mother Alma Nova Gensaw and her two brothers Lewis and Walter Nova Sr. The families of these assignments have been sent nothing by the Yurok Tribe stating the tribe's intentions of their land, nor have the families seen nor read any of the tribes' Land Assignment Ordinances that state the tribe has the right to disperse family assignments to outsiders.

My question to the council is, how many more of these land assignments are out there with the Yurok tribes' same intention which is to give family assignments away while they have absolutely *no* knowledge of it?

The Moreck Jack assignment also has a family cemetery on it, which is over two hundred years old. Therefore the family has ties, obligations and rights to keep this land for as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and the river flows.

Families of these land assignments should be notified of the tribe's intentions to distribute their lands, which have been in their families for generations, and are now unjustly and unethically being given away without their knowledge. This is what the white man did to the Indian people of this land and now the Yurok Tribe is planning to do the same thing to their own people.

On December 15, 2006, the Planning Department of the Yurok Tribe was asked by Council to assist the family members who showed up that day with their concerns of the Oscar Taylor land at Surpur. And when the question was asked of how many acres was there that the planning department was planning to give Mr. Patterson, they had absolutely no idea. Thus, it became obvious that none of the property was ever surveyed by anyone, and if the family hadn't showed up to contest this acquisition of land, Mr. Patterson would have walked away with more than 1.25 acres of land that is allowed for one person to be allocated according to the Residential Land Assignment Ordinances of the Yurok Tribe.

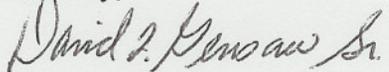
This action is not only unjust and unethical to the assigned families of the Yurok Tribe, it is very flawed and therefore unlawful. Furthermore, some of these lands were distributed through the Bureau of Indian affairs by way of permits and leases and therefore the planning department should make sure those families are notified of the tribes' intentions of those lands.

The Residential Land Assignments, Permits and lease Ordinance must be re-evaluated and the committee and the Planning Department must include *members* of all those lands owners if there is to be any remedy to this unlawful giving of land. Perhaps even the Yurok Housing Authority could be involved in this process.

It is my opinion that these Assignments, Permits , and Leases must be reassigned to the families of these properties, and assist them to mediate/remedy as to how and who they want their land distributed to within their family.

Oscar Taylor assignment at Surpur/ Moreck Jack assignment – Alma Nova Gensaw, Lewis and Walter Nova Sr. Moreck Village.

Sincerely,



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Families of Land Assignments, Permits and Leases

CC: Yurok Council
Yurok Planning Department