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# YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION



## **Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation rescinds application regarding County Road 41**

**Brooks, Calif.** – Responding to a recent decision by the Yolo County Planning Commission, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has rescinded its application to the county to abandon County Road 41. The road passes through land that the Tribe recently reacquired, which holds great significance as its ancestral homeland. The Tribe sought the abandonment, with the goal of maintaining it for fire and safety access, when the county said it did not have the funds to maintain the road.

In light of the Planning Commission's decision, Yocha Dehe does not want to prolong the process or cause further expense to the county. The Tribe seeks to balance the needs of the Tribe to protect its ancestral homeland, with the concerns of the local community. The Tribe has faith that the public will respect this land, which it holds sacred, and refrain from trespassing and continued vandalism on the property.

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