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KARUK TRIBE LAND USE COMPLIANCE POLICY
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BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Karuk Tribe Land Use Compliance Policy is to ensure that the Tribal Council make informed decisions regarding the use of lands purchased by the Tribe and its entities. The Tribe is required to be in compliance with rigid legal requirements and restrictions imposed by grant agreements that may be used to purchase land for the Tribe.

TRUST LAND: The Karuk Tribe recognizes the importance of securing land into trust for the Tribe, and the relationship of Self Governance and Tribal Sovereignty to managing our own land. Therefore, all property purchased by the Karuk Tribe or its entities shall be held in the name of the “KARUK TRIBE” until the property can be transferred to “THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE KARUK TRIBE”.

LAND USE PLAN: If a tribal department purchases property with a specific land use goal, it is the responsibility of that department to develop a Land Use Plan with the Tribe for the property so that the maximum beneficial use can be achieved. The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority’s (KTHA) Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for all NAHASDA funded acquisitions shall serve as the Land Use Plan for that particular parcel.

LAND USE CHANGES: The following procedure will apply to planning for the use of land purchased by the Tribe or Tribal entity:

For proposed land use changes from the current Land Use Plan, the Director of Land & Transportation Planning of the Karuk Tribe shall be contacted to determine what Tribal department or entity purchased the property, and if the proposed lands use change conforms to existing land use plans.

- a Upon identifying the Tribal department, contact with that department director will be made to determine if the proposed purchase and/or use is allowed under the restrictions of their program.
- b Representatives of the KTHA shall be included in all discussions of projects, leases, and other activities occurring on or affecting Tribal lands purchased with NAHASDA funds or otherwise managed by the KTHA. To request approval for projects funded on lands purchased with NAHASDA funds or otherwise managed by the KTHA, requests will be submitted to the KTHA Board of Commissioners through the Executive Director.
- c For all other Tribal entities or departments, a request will be submitted to the Tribal Council through the Director of Land & Transportation.
- d All proposed projects must have the final approval by resolution of the Tribal Council.



The project in question will proceed provided that the project has been reviewed and approved by the Tribal Council, and it is reflected in the Tribal Council meeting minutes and KTHA meeting minutes, if applicable.

Approval will not be granted for new development that is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant funding that was appropriated for its purchase, or where the development does not conform to existing land use plans. All proposed projects must have the final approval by resolution of the Tribal Council. Tribal Council approval of the KTHA IHP shall be considered approval of proposed project(s) in the IHP when the IHP is approved by tribal resolution.

