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	SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the civil rights claims pursuant to Title 42 U.S.C. §1985 and 42 U.S.C. §1981. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (Federal Question), as a civil action arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States; Title 28 U.S.C. §1343(a)(1)-(a)(2) (Civil Rights); Title 28 U.S.C. §1361 gives this Court jurisdiction to compel an officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof to perform a duty owed to Plaintiffs.
- 2. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims arising under common law, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367, because these claims arise from the same nucleus of operative facts alleged in this Complaint, and are so related to the federal claims over which this Court has original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction to challenge agency action under the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), Title 5 U.S.C. §§500-596; 701, 702, 704 because "final agency action for which there is no other adequate remedy in a court [is] subject to judicial review."

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- This action is timely filed because Plaintiffs did not receive notice of 4. the BIA's adverse action until October 1, 2014, which is the date the response to Plaintiffs' FOIA request was received. As such, the six year statute of limitations for civil suits against the United States has not run. In addition the violations alleged herein are continuing violations. [See, Title 28, U.S.C. §2401(a)].
- 5. Declaratory Judgment and/or Mandamus is sought pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C.§§2201- 02. Plaintiffs have completely exhausted their administrative remedies and are not required to pursue any additional administrative remedies before seeking judicial declaratory relief or mandate.
- 6. Damages are being sought for Defendant's violations of Plaintiffs' civil rights that have caused them to suffer damages and under the Federal Torts Claim Act pursuant to Title 28, U.S.C. §1346(b). Damages are allowed by law because there are analogous California State Statutes regarding Plaintiffs' claims for Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Fraud and Misrepresentation. Furthermore, or in the alternative, Plaintiffs bring their claims for Breach of Fiduciary Duty and Fraud and Misrepresentation under their claims for Violation of Civil Rights.
 - 7. Damages are being sought under the Civil Rights Act 28 U.S.C.

§1331, §1334 et. seq. This Court has jurisdiction to award monetary relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1500.

- 8. Plaintiffs are the beneficiaries of their ancestors' 4/4 blood of San Pasqual Indian. [Jose Juan Martinez, Guadalupe (Alto) Martinez, and Modesta (Martinez) Contreras]. As beneficiaries of their ancestor's blood line they have suffered harm as a direct result of the Defendants' actions, inactions, illegal actions, and violations of statutory mandates. Therefore, Plaintiffs have standing to bring the following causes of action.
- 9. Venue in this Court under Title 28 U.S.C. §139e(3) is proper in that the action is against the Defendant officials acting in their official capacity under color of legal authority of an agency of the United States maintaining a presence in this jurisdiction. No real property is involved in this action.
- 10. Venue is proper in this Court because all but seven Plaintiffs live in San Diego County. For those who do not live in San Diego County Diversity Venue is proper. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1291(e) because Defendants are Federal agencies: the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to this action occurred in this District. And, the location of the Native

American Indian Reservation that is the subject matter of the action is located in this district. The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians is a Federally recognized reservation and is geographically located in the County of San Diego, State of California.

II THE PARTIES Plaintiffs

- 11. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 10, inclusive, of this Complaint and incorporate the same by reference as though fully set forth at length herein.
 - 12. Plaintiffs are categorized for identification in this actions as:

Group A – Adult individuals identified on the Tribe's Membership

Roll, but not Federally Recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as members of
the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Members of Group A qualify for
enrollment with the Tribe, but their applications for Enrollment, although
approved by the Tribal Enrollment Committee, the Tribal Business Committee,
and the Tribal General Council, have not been processed or approved by the

Defendants - Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Group B – Adult individuals identified on the Tribe's Membership

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Roll who are Federally Recognized as Members of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians.

The list of Group A Plaintiffs is as follows: CINDY ALEGRE-13. GALVEZ (Tribal Enrollment Number [TEN] 584); FRANK ALEGRE, (586); MICHAEL ALEGERE (565), YOLANDA ALEGRE (585); CHRISTOPHER ALVARADO (433); ERIC ALVARADO (442); JACOB ALVARADO (434); JULIAN ALVARADO (436); MATTHEW ALVARADO (435); NICK ALVARADO (432); ROBERT ALVARADO (444); TAMMY ALVARADO (430); TIANI ALVARADO (431); TONY ALVARADO (441); VINCENT ALVARADO (443); KRISTY MARIA ANAYA (539); PEGGY AVILA (580); CARLOS BLANCO (621); ERNEST BLANCO (572); JUAN BLANCO (603); RAY BLANCO (437); REMEDIOS BLANCO (*)⁵; SYLVIA BLANCO (*); THERESA BLANCO-MURILLO (*); VALERIE BOYLE (508); MELVIN CANNON (587); DAVID CARDENAS (568); ANTHONY CHALOUX (454); MELISSA CHALOUX (456); NATHAN CHALOUX (458); SHONTA CHALOUX (453); APRIL CHAVEZ (447); AMANDA CHAVEZ (448); DAVID CHAVEZ (576); LISA CHAVEZ (440); BRUCE ROY CLAY (567); JEREMY *Indicates those persons without a TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER (TEN) because they were inadvertently left off the enrollment list.

for seven of the Plaintiffs who live in other jurisdictions which would trigger diversity jurisdiction of the Court; B) All direct lineal descendants of Jose Juan Martinez and Guadalupe Martinez who were part of the original historical San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians who were carried on the State of California Census in 1852; C) All direct lineal descendants of Modesta (Martinez) Contreras who is the daughter of Jose Juan and Guadalupe Martine; D) All enrolled members of the BAND, but are not federally recognized by the BIA as members of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians.

- 15. At all times mentioned in this complaint Group A Plaintiffs, as direct descendants of Jose Juan, Guadalupe and Modesta (Martinez) Contreras, meet the necessary blood criteria for enrollment in the San Pasqual Mission Band of Indians pursuant to Title 25 C.F.R. §48.5, having no less than 1/8 degree of San Pasqual blood and are therefore entitled to be federally recognized as members of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians.
- 16. List of Group B Plaintiffs is as follows: CHRISTINE ALVARADO (26); PATSY ALARADO (131); LISA BELARDS (24); PAUL COTRERAS (51); JOHNNY ONTRERAS (245); RUDOLPH CONTRERAS (52); JOSE DELGADO (28); LEJEAN MILLER (273); DOLORES PEREZ (46); HUUMAAY QUISQUIS

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(290); JAMES QUJISQUIS (180); ELSIE ROHAS (130); AMELIA MARTINEZ CONTRERAS VILLALOBOS, AKA MELIA DUENAS (219); DELLA VILLALOBOS OCHOA (146); JOSIE VILLALOBOS (2); MARY VILLALOBOS VARELA (104); JOSIE VILLALPANDO (44); GLORIA ZWICKER (213).

- 17. All members of Group B Plaintiffs are residents of San Diego Couty and are federally recognized enrolled members of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians.
- 18. ROE Plaintiffs are persons unknown who are entitled to be federally recognized as a San Pasqual Indian and/or who are federally recognized members of the BAND who have suffered harm as a result of the BIA's actions or inactions.

Defendants

19. Defendant RYAN ZINKE (hereinafter ZINKE") is presently the Secretary of the Department of Interior. He is responsible for the supervision of the various federal agencies and bureau within the Department of Interior, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He is an officer or employee of the United States and has a direct statutory duty to carry out the provisions under Title 25 C.F.R. §48.2(a). During the time period alleged in this complaint ZINKE was

preceded by: Sally Jewell (2013-2017); Ken Salazar (2009-2013); Dirk Kempthorne (2006-2009), and Gale A. Norton (2001-2006) Defendant ZINKE is being sued in his official capacity but Plaintiffs reserve the right to sue ZINKE, Jewell, Salazar, Kempthorne and Norton as individuals depending on what is presented to Plaintiffs in discovery.

Defendant MICHAEL BLACK (hereinafter 'BLACK") is presently 20. the Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. He was preceded in this position by: Lawrence Roberts (2016-2017); Kevin Washburn (2012-2016); Donald Laverdure (4/22/2012 - 10/2012); Larry Echo Hawk (2009-2012); George Skibine (5/2008-5/2009); Carl Artman (3/2007-5/2008); James Cason (2/2005-3/2007); Dave Anderson (2004-2005). Plaintiffs believe and thereon allege that Defendant ZINKE [and his predecessors] delegated the duty to oversee and review the TRIBE'S tribal membership issues to Defendant BLACK [and his predecessors]. Defendant BLACK is being sued in his official capacity but Plaintiffs reserve the right to sue him, Roberts, Washburn, Laverdure, Echo Hawk, Skibine, Artman, Cason, and Anderson as individuals depending on what is presented to Plaintiffs in discovery. Plaintiffs believe and therefore allege that during the time pled in this Complaint James Cason (2/2005-3/2007) as Assistant Secretary - Indian

Affairs delegated to Michael D. Olson [acting for the Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs] the duty to review and adjudicate Plaintiffs enrollment applications. [See April 7, 2006 letter].

- 21. WELDON LOUDERMILK is presently the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the Department of State. Defendant LOUDERMILK is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the BIA. LOUDERMILK was preceded by Michael Black [4/25/2010 2016], W. Patrick Ragodale [2005-2010] who served in the position as Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at all times mentioned in this Compliant. LAUDERMILK is being sued in his official capacity, but Plaintiffs reserve the right to sue him, Black and Ragodale as individuals depending on what is presented to Plaintiffs in discovery.
- 22. AMY DUTSCHKE is presently the Pacific Regional Director (Sacamento), Department of Interior-Indian Affairs. DUTSCHKE was acting Director in 2006 and has been the named Director since 2010. DUTSCHKE is an enrolled member of the Ione Band of Miwok Indians in Calfiornia and has been serving as the Office's Deputy Regional Director for **Trust Services** since June of 2000. As the Deputy Regional Director, DUTSCHKE was responsible fore the day-to-day management of the BIA's trust programs including real estate series,

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natural resource management, water rights, range management, land titles and records, probate, fire management, forestry and endangered species. She represented the Interior Department for the San Luis Rey Water Settlement. There is no indication that she was delegated the duties that she performed related to adjudication of (or lack thereof) Plaintiffs' applications or adjudication of Modesta (Martinez) Contreras' blood quantum. On information and belief Plaintiffs believe that DUTSCHKE has an undisclosed familial relationship with Allen E. Lawson, Jr., who is the present Tribal Chairman and the grandson of an illegitimate son [Theophilius Addison McKinnon, III who changed his name at the age of 18 to Alan Ernest Lawson (after his step-father)] of Helen Trask and Theophilius A. McKinnon, II. Both DUTSCHKE and Allen Lawson, Jr's mother are Miwok Indians originating from Northern California. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that it was DUTSCHKE who unilaterally decided to deny the Enrollment Committee's request to CORRECT Modesta Martinez's blood level from 3/4 to 4/4 and confirm the enrollment of descendant Plaintiffs. It was DUTSCHKE who unilaterally failed to give Plaintiffs the required statutory notice of her actions. It was DUTSCHKE who unilaterally returned Group A Plaintiffs' applications to the illegal Enrollment Committee without adjudicating Group A

Plaintiffs' applications in violation of 25 U.S.C. §§48.8 and 48.9 DUTSHCKE is being sued in her official capacity and as an individual.

- 23. JAVIN MOORE, is presently the Superintendent of the Department of Interior Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency Riverside. Defendant MOORE is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the BIA, Southern California Agency. He was preceded in this position by: Robert Eben (2013-2016), James Fletcher (2005 unknown time), and others presently unknown to Plaintiffs, who served in this position at all times mentioned in this complaint. MOORE is being sued in his official capacity and as an individual. Plaintiffs reserve the right to sue his predecessors as individuals depending on what is presented to Plaintiffs in discovery. On information and belief, Group A Plaintiffs allege that the Secretary of Interior was required to delegate the authority or duty to approve or disapprove Group A Plaintiffs applications pursuant to Title 25 U.S.C. § 48.
- 24. DOE Defendants, 1 through 200, inclusive, are government employees who are agents acting in the scope of delegated authority; the scope of which is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Each of the Defendants herein is responsible for the acts and/or omissions [of the other Defendants] as herein

alleged.

25. The named Defendants have the statutory authority, and it is within their power, to adjudicate Plaintiffs applications, and review the erroneous enrollments of non-San Pasqual individuals, including the Trask Descendants. Yet, they refuse to act pursuant to statutory mandates and fulfill their fiduciary duty to the Plaintiffs.

III

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ALLEGATIONS

- 26. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege paragraphs 1 through 25, inclusive, of this complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth at length herein.
- 27. Group A Plaintiffs are the direct descendants of Jose Juan Martinez ("Jose Juan"), Guadalupe Martinez ("Guadalupe"), and their daughter Modesta Martinez Contreras ("Modesta"). [Collectively referred to as the "Martinez Ancestors"].
- 28. Each of Group A Plaintiffs' Martinez Ancestors are full blood San Pasqual Indian and are historic members of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. ["BAND"]

- 29. Plaintiffs' dispute with Defendants dates back to the late 1800s and early 1900s.
- 30. After the BAND was driven from its aboriginal land, which was originally located in the fertile area where the San Diego Wild Animal Park now exists, in 1910 the United States government designated land in another township for the BAND because the Government was unwilling to dispossess the white homesteaders from the San Pasqual aboriginal land.
- 31. The newly designated land was filled with rocks and had little or no water. In spite of these harsh conditions, the land was still valuable. Squatters remained problematic, particularly with the tremendous influx of new settlers at that time
- 32. In order to deal with the issue of squatters, on April 1, 1910, Amos Frank, who was the Indian Superintendent of the Mesa Grande School, hired a white man named Frank Trask as a "police private and Judge" to preserve the San Pasqual reserve.
- 33. In the early 1860s Roswell Trask, who was a white man and the father of Frank Trask, relocated from Ohio to the San Pasqual Valley. Roswell Trask's first wife, Mattiana Martha Warner Trask, who was a ½ Mexican and ½ White

Woman. She is the mother of Frank Trask. This would make Frank Trask's blood line 3/4 Caucasian and 1/4 Mexican: Frank Trask has no San Pasqual Blood.

- 34. Frank Trask's second marriage was to Lenora LaChappa, a 1/4 blood Mesa Grande Indian woman. They had two daughters [Florence Trask Wolf and Helen Trask Lawson] whose blood line would be 3/4 Caucasian, 1/8 Mexican, and 1/8 Mesa Grande Indian. FrankTrask's Descendants have no San Pasqual blood.
- 35. The present Trask Descendants clearly have some Mesa Grande Indian blood, but they do not have any San Pasqual Indian blood.
- 36. Amos Frank relocated Frank Trask and his family [wife and two daughters] onto the San Pasqual reserve in 1910 in order to protect the reserve from squatters.
- 37. Frank Trask's employment as caretaker of the San Pasqual reserve ended within a year [1911]. Although his employment with the BIA ended, he and his family remained on the land as squatters for the next 40 years. They prevented members of the BAND from moving onto and from coming onto the reservation.
- 38. In the 1950s, the BAND started to formally organize itself. The BAND worked with anthropologist Dr. Florence Shipek to assemble the documentation necessary to establish BAND membership. Dr. Shipek worked

with the BAND's Enrollment Committee, which was comprised mainly of members who were unquestionably of San Pasqual descent. [Exhibit 1] This Enrollment Committee also included members who were not of San Pasqual descent, including Florence Wolf Trask, the daughter of Frank and Lenora Trask.

- 39. In 1955 Leonard Hill (who was Pacific Regional Director at the time) testified before the California Legislature that the BIA knew the Trasks were white and non San Pasqual Indians and were living on the Trust Patented San Pasqual land, but the BIA has continually refused to do anything about this situation depriving all Plaintiffs of their tribal heritage and rights. [Exhibit 2]
- 40. On July 29, 1959, the BIA published the Proposed Rule governing Enrollment of the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians in California at 25 C.F.R. §48, Code of Federal Regulations. [Exhibit 3] The BAND approved this specific proposed rule into its Constitution in 1971. [Exhibit 4]
- 41. 25 C.F.R. §48 requires that persons seeking enrollment in the BAND must possess no less than 1/8 San Pasqual blood. Following the approval of the proposed regulation, and unbeknownst to the BAND, the rule that was ultimately codified and published at 25 C.F.R. §48 on March 2, 1960, differed in a significant respect from that which the BAND approved. [Exhibit 5] The added section,

codified at 25 C.F.R. §48.5(f), read in pertinent part as follows:

A person who meets the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of this section, but whose name has been carried on the census roll of another reservation shall be declared ineligible for the enrollment unless he can establish that he has been affiliated with the San Pasqual Band for a continuous period of at last one year immediately prior to January 1, 1959, evidenced by residence on the reservation or through active participation in tribal affairs such as attendance at tribal meetings, and being permitted to vote on matters relating to the San Pasqual Reservation.

42. In a letter dated November 20, 1959, to Orlando Garcia, Field Representative-Riverside Field Office [Attention John Pappen] from T. Broeck Williamson, (Supervisor Programs Officer - Sacramento Area Office - Tribal Programs) which stated, in pertinent part: "We suggest that the attached correspondence not be made available to the San Pasqual Enrollment Committee . . .". In violation of Group B Plaintiffs civil rights, the defendants conspired to

keep this change in the proposed rule a secret from the BAND until it was codified into law. The Defendants' acted in conspiracy to enroll the Trask Descendants by

writing 48(f) in such a way that the Trask Descendants, who have no San Pasqual blood, would qualify for enrollment under 48(f). [Exhibit 6]

- 43. In 1959, the Defendants created a base roll that included the Trask Descendants. In 1966 the Defendants added to the 1959 Base Roll, that was approved by Robert Bennett acting on behalf of the Defendants-Department of Interior. The true San Pasqual Indians, through their Enrollment Committee, objected to the inclusion of the Trask Descendants. The BIA ignored and have never responded to their objections.
- 44. On June 7, 1965, E.E. Hyden, Associate Solicitor of Indian Affairs, sent a letter to Leonard M. Hill, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs [Sacramento] stating: "The question is then raised as to how the children of Mrs. [Helen Trask] Ward and Mrs. [Florence Trask] Wolfe [Trask Descendants] could qualify for enrollment under Part 48.5(b) when the Indian blood they possess may not be of the San Pasqual Band. In this connection, it is our conclusion that a construction may be placed on the language of the regulations governing the preparation of the membership roll of the San Pasqual Band to hold that persons of Indian blood who were recognized as Band members when the basic roll of June 10, 1910, was compiled, may be considered to be of the blood of the San Pasqual

Band. Further, the respective amounts of Indian blood of tribes other than San Pasqual possessed by such persons as of 1910 may be included in the computation of the total amount of their San Pasqual Indian blood and that of their descendants. With this interpretation, the children of Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wolfe could qualify for enrollment, provided the Indian blood they derived from their respective mothers totaled at least 1/8 degree." This "construction of the language" interpretation is in violation of 25 C.F.R. § 48 and the San Pasqual Constitution. Furthermore, interpreting Section 48.1 definition of "blood of the Band" in this manner is beyond the authority of the Solicitor, the Secretary, and the Area Director. It is simply unconstitutional. [Exhibit 7]

unilaterally, without the Tribe's consent, prepared and Robert Bennett as

Commissioner [now Assistant Secretary, DOI] unilaterally approved the Tribal

Membership Roll of the BAND, without the BAND's approval. This Roll included several non-San Pasqual people [including the Trask Descendants] due to Section 48.5(f) and based on a E.E. Hayden's secretarial construction of the phrase "blood of the Band," as used in the C.F.R. to mean "total Indian blood of a person named

Band," as used in the C.F.R. to mean "total Indian Affairs. He was the Deputy Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

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on the basic membership Roll dated June 30, 1910. [Exhibit 9, 10]

- By unilaterally defining the term "blood of the Band" to mean any 46. person with the blood of any Indian could be enrolled in the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, Secretary Bennett exceeded his authority.
- 47. The BAND objected to the use of the 1910 census because it included Frank, Lenora and the Trask children, even though Lenora and her parents were listed on multiple census rolls from the 1880's until 1909 for the Mesa Grande Tribe. These erroneous interpretations and actions by the BIA resulted in the erroneous admission of Trask Descendants to the BAND.
- 48. In 1971 the BAND created their Tribal Constitution which incorporated 25 C.F.R. §48. The BIA approved the BAND's Constitution on January 14, 1971. [Exhibit 4]
- 49. In 1950, several bands of Indians filed suit against the United States relating to certain land and water rights. This came to be known as the Claims 80-A Docket. The United States settled and paid monies into a trust to be distributed by the BIA. To distribute this money, 25 C.F.R. §76 was published for the sole purpose of bringing the 1966 roll current and BIA distributing the money held in

trust. After the next generation of Trask Descendants were enrolled in 1994, the BIA distributed the 80-A Docket money.

50. On March 3, 1994, wrongfully alleging that the BAND did not have an Enrollment Committee, Riverside Tribal Operations Officer Frances Muncy ("Muncy") took **unilateral** action to make the Band's membership roll current. Muncy unilaterally provided this wave of enrollees notice and an opportunity to submit documentation supporting their enrollment in the BAND. These non-San Pasqual persons were subsequently enrolled in the BAND, and the money was disbursed. At the same time, the Trask Descendants' blood degree was also erroneously increased by Muncy.⁷

<u>IV</u>

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

51. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege paragraphs 1 through 50, inclusive, of this complaint and incorporates the same by reference as though fully set forth at length herein.

⁷ At this time Frances Muncy, the Tribal Operations Officer between 1965 and
2015 [50 years], erroneously enrolled the Alto Descendants whom the BIA
disenrolled. Alto v. Jewell, no. 11-cv-2276-BAS (BLM), 2015 WL 5734093, at
*23 (S. D. Cal. Sept. 30, 2015 (granting summary judgment and affirming
Assistant Secretary's decision to disenroll the Alto Descendants), aff'd, 661
F.App'x 502 (9th Cir. 2016). She was supervised by the Superintendent - Riverside.

- 52. In 2005, Plaintiffs submitted their applications for enrollment to the Constitutionally valid elected Enrollment Committee. After considering historical documents in its possession, as well as newly discovered documents such as the 1955 San Pasqual Census (the only BIA census to have stated blood degree of the San Pasqual Indians), the Enrollment Committee unanimously voted that Plaintiffs had sustained their burden of proof establishing they were qualified for enrollment.
- 53. The Enrollment Committee's determination was predicated on a finding that Plaintiffs' ancestor Modesta's blood degree should be increased from ³/₄ to 4/4. The Enrollment Committee took its determination to the Tribe's General Council which agreed with the Enrollment Committee on April 10, 2005.⁸
- 54. On September 12, 2005, the Tribe's Business Committee wrote to James Fletcher ("Fletcher"), Superintendent of the Southern California Agency, stating it concurred with the Enrollment Committee and General Council and the enrollment of the Group A Plaintiffs.
 - 55. Ten days later, on September 22, 2005, the Enrollment Committee

⁸ While the BIA ha final authority over membership decisions in the BAND, the General Council
of the BAND exercised it's right to define its own membership under Santa Clara Pueblo v.
Martinez (1978) 426 U.S. 49, which was then submitted to the BIA for final determination under
25 CFR §48. Under 25 CFR §61.11(b) the recommendations shall be accepted by the BIA unless
there is a determination that the recommendation was clearly enrroneous.

submitted a letter to Fletcher, requesting that the BIA correct Modesta's blood degree from 3/4 to 4/4 degree San Pasqual blood and enroll the Group A Plaintiffs. This letter along with Plaintiffs' applications was hand delivered to Fletcher.

- 56. The BIA had thirty days by statute to respond to this letter dated September 22, 2005. The BIA did not respond to this letter until December 8, 2005. In its response James Fletcher (Supervisor-Riverside) stated "the preponderance of the evidence dos not sufficiently demonstrate that Modesta [] is full blood." [Exhibit 11]
- 57. James Fletcher's December 8, 2005, letter was only sent to the Pacific Regional Director, Amy Dutschke. ("DUTSCHKE"). It was not sent to Plaintiffs.
- 58. On January 31, 2006, DUTSCHKE concurred with Fletcher [Riverside] that Modesta was not full blood San Pasqual Indian. [Exhibit 12]
- 59. On April 7, 2006, Defendant DUTSCHKE, claiming that she received documents from "all" parties", which was not truthful, acted outside of her appointed authority, as Pacific Regional Director Indian Affair, and denied the BAND's request to increase Modesta's blood degree and to enroll the Plaintiffs.
- 60. Acting Assistant Deputy Secretary of Indian Affairs Michael Olson stated that the April 7, 2006 decision was final for the BIA. [Exhibit 13] In

violation of 25 C.F.R. §48.10, Group A Plaintiffs were not give notice of the April 7, 2006 erroneous determination.

- 61. Between April 7, 2006, and the present time neither DUTSCHKE, nor any of the other Defendants, provided Plaintiffs with written notice of any of these determinations as required by 25 C.F.R. §48.9.9
- 62. DUTSCHKE, and the Superintendent, in violation of the statutory requirements set out in 25 C.F.R. §48 returned Plaintiffs' applications to the new illegally formed Enrollment Committee unadjudicated.
 - 63. After DUTSCHKE, and the Superintendent, returned Plaintiffs'

Title 25 C.F.R. §48.8 mandates: The Director shall review the reports and recommendations of the Enrollment Committee and shall determine the applicants who are eligible for enrollment in accordance with the provisions of §48.5. The Director shall transmit for review to the Commissioner and for final determination by the Secretary, the reports and recommendations of the Enrollment committee relating to applicants who have been determined by the Director to be eligible for enrollment against the report and recommendations of the Enrollment committee relative to applicants who have been determined by the Director not to be eligible for enrollment against the reports and recommendations of the Enrollment committee, with a statement of the reasons for the determination. [Emphasis added].

Title 25 C.F.R. §48.9 **mandates**: "If the director determines an applicant is not eligible for enrollment in accordance with the provisions of §48.5 he **shall** notify the applicant in writing of his determination and the reasons therefor." [Emphasis added].

unadjudicated applications to the illegally formed Enrollment Committee, the Trask Descendants caused an illegal moratorium to be placed on enrollment decisions. The Defendants, by their inaction, have allowed this moratorium to prevent Plaintiffs from having their applications adjudicated.¹⁰

- 64. Because the BIA erroneously enrolled the Trask Descendants and other non-San Pasqual persons, the non-San Pasqual persons have been able to gerrymander the BAND's government due to their powerful voting block and ability to "pay off" by way of lucrative positions in the tribal government and threaten those who would disagree with them.
- 65. As a direct result of the BIA's illegal and unconstitutional acts, the Trask Descendants have been able to vote themselves into positions of power within the BAND, including dismissing the legally formed Enrollment Committee in 2006 and installing an illegal enrollment committee.

¹⁰This action is timely filed because Plaintiffs did not receive notice of the BIA's erroneous adverse action until October 1, 2014, which is the date the response to Plaintiffs' FOIA request was received and the April 7, 2006 letter was discovered. As such the six year statute of limitations for civil suits against the United States has not run; in fact it is subject to equitable tolling under *United States v. June 134 S. Ct. 2873 (2014); and United States v. Kwai Fun Wong 135 S. Ct. 1625; 575 U.S.* (2015). In addition, the violations alleged herein are continuing violations [See, Title 28, U.S.C. §2401(a)]. Further, the Band instituted an unconstitutional moratorium when the non-San Pasqual Alto family were disenrolled. Plaintiffs' have been rebuffed or ignored by the BIA for years because of the illegal and unconstitutional moratorium the BIA have encouraged and condoned. Therefore, any statute of limitations has been tolled.

- 66. This illegal Enrollment Committee "buried" Plaintiffs' applications upon their return to the BAND and wrongfully advised the BIA that Plaintiffs did not qualify for federal recognition in the BAND.
- 67. On October 1, 2014, and May 27, 2015, Plaintiffs received responses to the two FOIA requests they had filed in order to ascertain the status of their applications. It was only through their FOIA requests that Plaintiffs discovered DUTSCHKE's negative determination and the April 7, 2006, letter. It was also through the FOIA requests that Plaintiffs learned that twenty-two of their cousins were enrolled by the BAND and federally recognized in 2005.
- 68. In January and April 2015, Plaintiffs filed 25 C.F.R. §2.8 appeals with DUTSCHKE, seeking adjudication of the Plaintiffs enrollment application. On or about July 25, 2015, MOORE issued a letter stating that the BIA no longer had the original applications to adjudicate the enrollment, and the April 7, 2006 letter was 'Final' for the Department; exhausting Plaintiffs administrative remedies.
- 69. On or about May 6, 2016, Plaintiffs, who are the Descendants of Jose Juan Martinez, his wife Guadalupe Martinez, and their daughter Modesta (Martinez) Contreras, met with Superintendent MOORE, Morris Smith who had

been appointed Tribal Operations, and Tina Salinas, Assistant Tribal Operations.

Morris Smith requested Plaintiffs resubmit their enrollment documents to the Riverside for review.

- 70. Plaintiffs supplied the documents as requested on May 23, 2016, but have not received any response from the BIA to the submission of those enrollment documents. Plaintiffs have exhausted their administrative remedies.
- 71. After Plaintiffs filed their original complaint in this case (16-cv-2442), a declaration was submitted by MOORE, with attached Exhibits. The exhibits demonstrate that the BIA has the names of each and every Plaintiff enrolled by the San Pasqual Tribe on April 10, 2005 and has the ability to adjudicate their enrollment. Additionally, an Exhibit was attached which was a letter dated March 2017 to the San Pasqual Enrollment Committee advising them they were mandated by statute to review each application and that they had thirty (30) days in which to file with the Director those applications that they approved or disapproved. Also, at the next General Council meeting that took place on the reservation on April 9, 2017, the Trask Descendants moved to implement a new moratorium on enrollment until a new enrollment ordinance could be put in place by the Council.

- 72. On information and belief Plaintiffs allege that any new ordinance will remove federal government oversight of the enrollment process and will result in the disenrollment and disenfranchisement of BAND members as has happened to many members of other Tribes once the BIA no longer oversees the enrollment process.
- 73. Plaintiffs allege that if this occurs, the Trask Descendants can take action to deny Plaintiffs enrollment and/or disenroll those already enrolled in the BAND. Should this occur, Plaintiffs will have no recourse with the U.S. Government or any court. They will be left out in the cold while the descendants of a white man, who are not San Pasqual Indians, reap the benefits and rewards that are due to Plaintiffs as a result of their ancestor's heritage.

IV

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IS INAPPLICABLE

- 74. Plaintiffs refer to and reallege Paragraphs 1 through 73, inclusive, of this Complaint, and incorporate the same by reference as though fully set forth at length herein.
- 75. Plaintiffs are not challenging the actions of the San Pasqual

 Enrollment Committee wherein the Enrollment Committee recommend enrollment

of Plaintiffs to the General Council and the General Council, at their April 10, 2005, meeting, unanimously approved the enrollment of Plaintiffs.

- 76. Plaintiffs are not challenging the Tribal Counsel's act of forwarding Plaintiffs' applications and their letter supporting Plaintiffs' federal recognition in the San Pasqual Mission Band of Indians to James Fletcher, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency on or about September 12, 2005.
- 77. Plaintiffs are not challenging the letter sent on September 22, 2005, by the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Enrollment Committee to U.S.

 Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency,

 James Fletcher Superintendent wherein the Committee wrote: "The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Enrollment Committee has reviewed the attached documentation and has determined that the evidence is substantial to recommend to the General Council that the Blood Degree [of Modesta (Martinez) Contreras] be corrected from 3/4 to 4/4 degree San Pasqual Blood." [Emphasis added]. This was a correct recommendation.
- 78. Plaintiffs are not suing the Tribal Council, the Tribal Enrollment Committee, The Tribal Business Committee, or any members of the Tribe because

they agree with the Enrollment Committee, the Business Committee and the General Council's decision to enroll them.

- 79. Plaintiffs are specifically attacking Defendant DUTSCHKE's, and other Defendants, "interlocutory" decision to return their applications to the enrollment committee without adjudication of their applications as required by 25 CFR §48.8
- 80. Plaintiffs are specifically attacking Defendant DUTSCHKE's failure to give them the mandated statutory notice of her acts: i.e. denying the Enrollment Committee's request to correct Modesta (Martinez) Contreras' blood quantum enroll Plaintiffs, and DUTSCHKE, and the other Defendants, returning their applications to the illegal Enrollment Committee without adjudication in violation of statutory mandate in violation of 25 CFR §§48.9 and 48.10.
- 81. Plaintiffs are seeking equitable and legal relief against the actions, inactions, omissions, intentional, negligent, and/or fraudulent acts of the United States government through the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Therefore, Plaintiffs allege that sovereign immunity is not a bar to their claims against the United States government.
 - 82. Plaintiffs further allege that there are no other parties than those