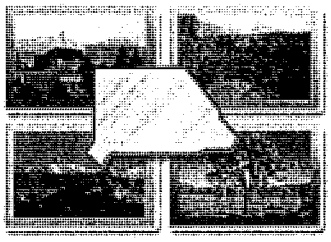
Map of Tribal Lands within LAFCO 3206 and Letter Dated March 18, 2016 to Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Requesting Consent to Annexation

Attachment 3



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March 15, 2016

Timothy Williams, Chairman
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
500 Merriman Ave.
Needles, CA 92363

Dear Chairman Williams:

RE: LAFCO 3206 – Reorganization to Include Annexations to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, its South Desert Service Zone and Service Zone FP-5 (City of Needles area)

The Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (LAFCO) is currently processing the above described proposal which proposes to include the entirety of the City of Needles boundary within the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD). The area proposed for annexation includes the tribal lands of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, as graphically displayed on Attachment #1 to this letter. A copy of the application materials is included as Attachment #2 and was previously provided with the Notice of Filing dated January 12, 2016.

This letter is requesting that the Tribe review this proposal and provide a response on the inclusion of tribal lands:

1. Provide the Tribe's position in writing on inclusion within the SBCFPD. Failure to receive the Tribe's consent will require that the territory be excluded from the consideration. In the processing of a similar type proposal in 2006, requests were made of the affected Tribes when considering the reorganization of County Fire. At that time, LAFCO was provided with Certification of Resolution No. 2006-52 by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation of Arizona, California and Nevada consenting to the overlay (copy included as Attachment #3). If the Fort Mojave Tribe consents to this overlay, a similar resolution would need to be provided.

2. The proposal includes the annexation to Service Zone FP-5 which carries with it a per parcel annual special tax of approximately $144 per year. This letter is requesting the Tribe's position on the inclusion within this district and the obligation for payment of this special tax. As outlined in #1 above, the Tribe's consent is required for inclusion within this Service Zone.

This proposal is anticipated to be heard by the Commission at its April 20, 2016 hearing. In order to address this issue within the staff report, we will need to know the Tribe's position by no later than April 8, 2016. If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (909) 388-0480 or by email at: kmcdonald@lafco.sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD
Executive Officer

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Attachments:
1. Maps of Tribal Lands Affected
2. Application Materials
3. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Council Resolution No. 2006-52

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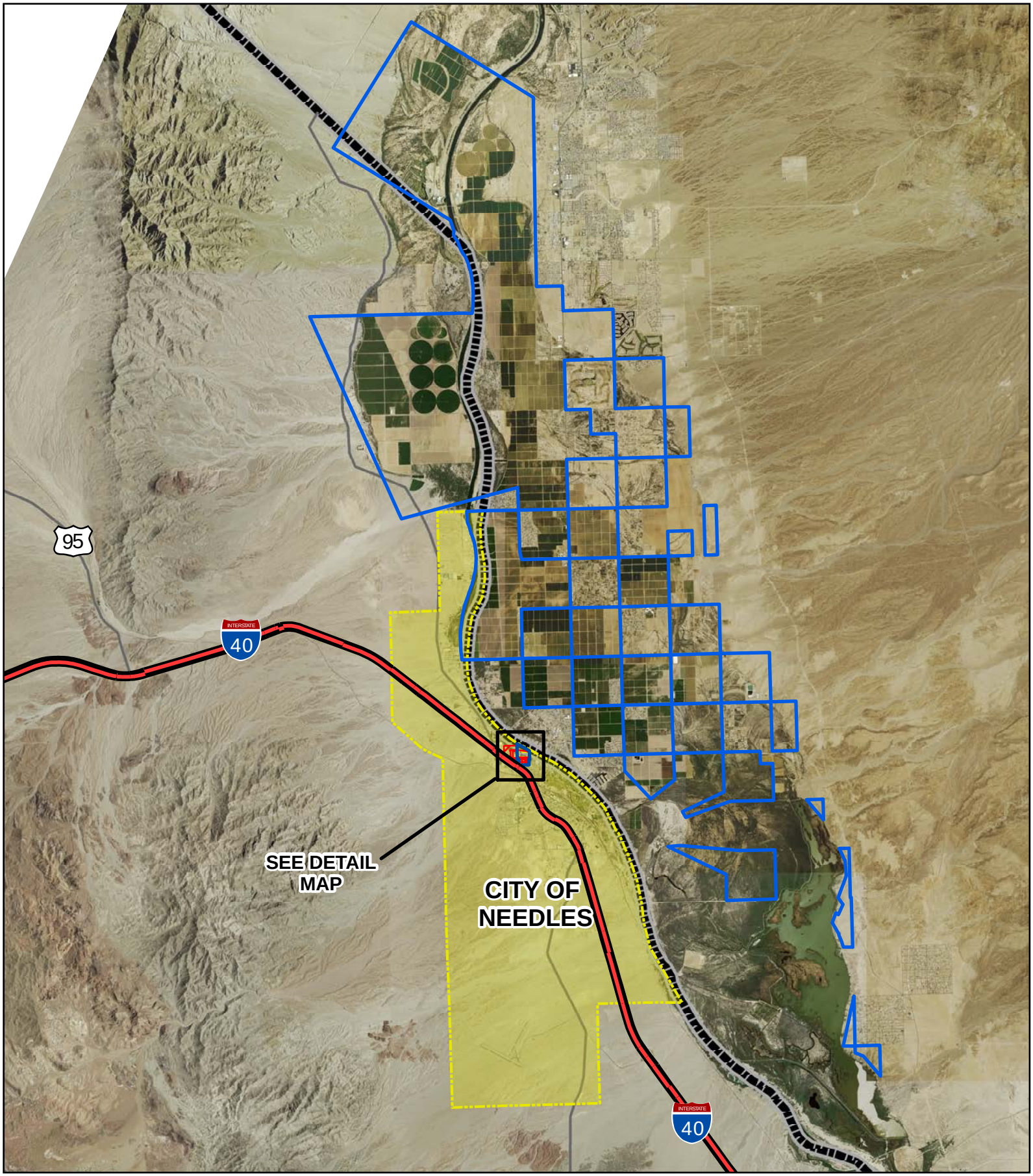

Fort Mojave Indian Tribal Lands

1:160,000

N

0 1.5 3 6 KM

Legend

- Fort Mojave Indian Reservation Land
- Lands Owned by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- City of Needles
- San Bernardino County

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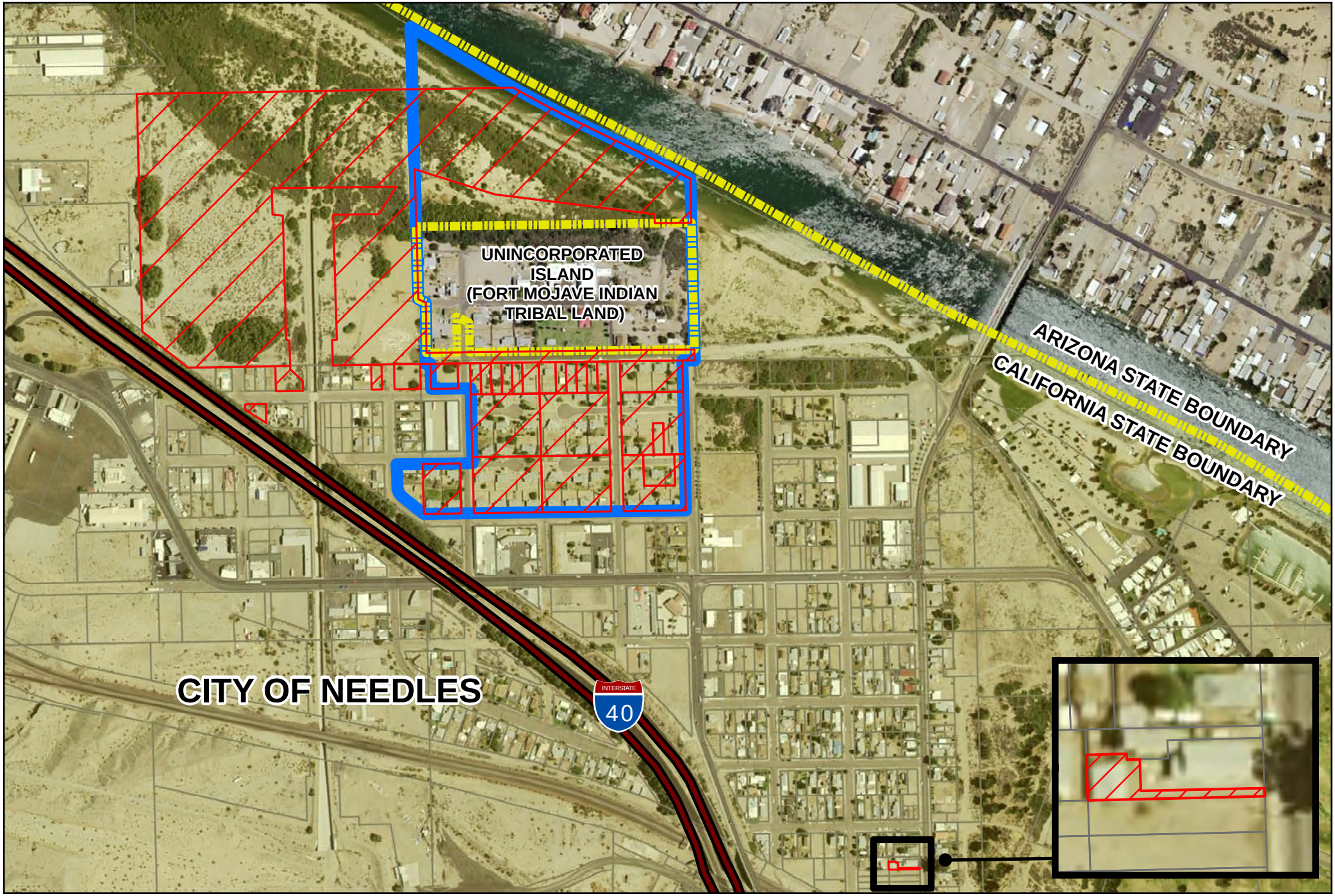

Fort Mojave Indian Tribal Lands Within the City of Needles

N

1:7,100

0 62.5 125 250 Meters

Legend

- Lands Owned by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Mojave Indian Reservation Land
- City of Needles

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