

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista

Office of the Tribal Trustee

March 24, 2026

Nikki Bass,
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Dear Director Bass,

I write in response to your letter to me dated April 2, 2025.

In your letter you were kind enough to point out two deficiencies your office determined to be needed to be able to deem the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista's documented petition as complete.

The first being the updated genealogy records of each Tribal member and the second was the request to "resubmit the Tribal membership list with the required certification, ensuring that the certified membership list included "all known current members of the Petitioner"

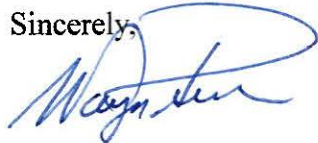
I am attaching the Tribal Council letter to you dated March 24, 2025 that contains the Tribal membership list with the required certification as well as the attachment to their letter which is the Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. Genealogical Certification letter for all Tribal members which completes our genealogy update.

With these submissions, in response to your requests, we request that our petition for Federal acknowledgment under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83, Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe (25 CFR Part 83) have an immediate assignment of a new petitioner number to our petition and the placement of our petition onto the active consideration list.

As previously stated by the Tribal Council in correspondence to you, please coordinate any and all communications through my office.

Finally, I wanted to make sure that you have Chairperson Zwierlein's correct mailing address which is 3030 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, CA 92037.

Sincerely,



Wayne F. Pierce
Tribal Trustee
Amah Mutsu Tribal Band
of the Misson San Juan Bautista

cc: Chairperson Zwierlein

Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista

Certification of the Tribal Membership List,
Separately Certified
By The Members of the Tribal Council Governing Body

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Dear Director Bass:

We, the members of the Tribal Council governing body of The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista, through this letter, do hereby certify the attached Master Tribal Roll, (MTR), Certified by Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., is the current membership roll of The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista. We submit this membership list to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs through the Office of Federal Acknowledgment as part of the documented petition for Federal acknowledgment under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83, Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe (25 CFR Part 83).

This MTR submission contains the complete, current membership list of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista, and includes all known members of the petitioner as required under 25 CFR Part 83. Section 83.7 requires each member's full name, date of birth, current residential address and parent's names with mother's maiden name.

Also, the Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. genealogical certification letter for those individuals that comprise the MTR completes our update for the genealogy records of each member.

Through this submission, and in line with your April 2, 2025, letter directives for a complete update of the membership genealogy and the certification by our governing body of the membership list, we therefore deem our petition for Federal acknowledgment under Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83, Procedures for Establishing That an American Indian Group Exists as an Indian Tribe (25 CFR Part 83) is complete and therefore request the immediate assignment of a new petitioner number to our petition and the placement of our petition onto the active consideration list.

Sincerely,
The Tribal Council for the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista

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Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista

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RE: Genealogy Certification for the
Members of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
of the Mission San Juan Bautista

Dear Director Bass,

Attached are 12 pages that comprise "The Master Tribal Roll" (MTR) for the members of The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band of the Mission San Juan Bautista, (AMTB) completed and certified by Genealogy Research Associates, Inc. (GRA). Included on the list is the name of each individual in alphabetical order by their surname, along with their current residential address, birth date, and parents' names, of the father along with the mothers maiden name.

The following is an explanation of the work completed by GRA to determine and certify the complete genealogy records for each member on the MTR.

Each tribal member of the AMTB required four pieces of information for certification by GRA, and in some cases where the birth, baptism, and other record was lost, other documents were provided that filled in the gap:

1. A Descendancy Chart from the original native of San Juan Baptista down to the member. These are summaries of documents linking the nine individual Native Americans born or baptized at the San Juan Bautista, California Mission while it was under control of the Spanish Friars. The individuals listed on the Master Tribal Roll of the Amah Mutsun Tribe are descendants of these nine California San Juan Native Americans.
2. Photocopies of the original documents that prove relationship from the applicant to his/her parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, going back in time to the original native member. These are usually baptismal records, birth or other vital records, and sometimes other public federal records that prove the relationship.
3. A copy of the authorization or permission forms indicating the person's desire to be included in

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the application for recognition.

4. Personal family papers that provided more evidence of parentage.

VERIFICATION OF THE RESEARCH

Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., at 9665 S. Rosella Court, South Jordan, UT 84009-1539 has verified the relationships for each member contained in The Master Tribal List through a review of documents and official federal records applying a knowledge of the languages, customs, and record-keeping practices of the time period in accordance with genealogy proof-standards. The following customs should be noted:

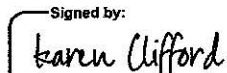
1. Names for individuals and places have migrated from a spoken-only Native American dialect to Spanish, and then to English. Therefore, whenever possible, we have maintained in the documentation, the spelling as it was found in the actual record. For example, Stephen today, was formerly Esteban; John was Juan, Higuera was Iguera, Lawrence was Lorenzo. The original Amah Mutsun members were given Spanish names when they were brought into the mission system, but sometimes their Indian name was given in the records as well. Later the names were translated from a phonetically written form of Spanish to English.

2. That area known as Monterey County today previously covered a larger area which encompassed the San Juan Mission area. Later the San Juan Mission area was split off to become part of San Benito County.

3. In some cases, the husband in a family could have been part of a different California Indian tribe, but the wife was not recognized as that tribe because she was born in the San Juan area. We have left references to the husband's lineage in order to not confuse the issue, but we are aware of the situation. The applicants have not claimed lineage to the other tribes.

It is the opinion and certification of Genealogy Research Associates, Inc., that the genealogical records prove a direct link from the living members of the Amah Mutsun MTR back to their original Native American ancestor(s) as identified in the original baptismal records from the Mission San Juan Bautista.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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