



U.S. Board on Geographic Names

U.S. Geological Survey
523 National Center
Reston, VA 20192

January 18, 2017

The Honorable Anthony Jack, Chairman
Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians of the Big Valley Rancheria
2726 Mission Rancheria Rd
Lakeport, California 95453

Dear Chairman Jack:

As you may know, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible by law for standardizing geographic names for use by the departments and agencies of the Federal government. The BGN has received a proposal to apply the new name To Kalon Creek to a currently unnamed creek near Oakville in Napa County. Because local opinion is important to the BGN and because the stream is located in an area that we believe is of current or historical interest to the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians, we would like your office's opinion concerning this issue. We also ask that you share this request with the appropriate offices or others who might have an interest.

The proponent of the new name reports that "To Kalon" is the name given to one of the first vineyards in Napa Valley and that it reportedly means "the most beautiful" in ancient Greek. He is asking that the name be applied to the stream in order to highlight both the history of the vineyard and the unique soils drained by the stream.

This proposal is on the BGN's current Review List; the relevant pages are enclosed for your review. Please refer also to the other enclosed documents, which include the original proposal, a map showing the location of the feature, and a Geographic Name Proposal Recommendation form to facilitate a response from your office.

In order for the BGN to review all responses and vote on this issue in a timely manner, we ask that if possible you respond with an opinion by March 3rd, 2017. If you need additional time, please let us know by that date. Please note that if no response is received, the BGN will presume that you have "no opinion" and will make a decision that might affect the use of names in your area of interest.

If you have any questions, to submit your recommendation, or to request more time, we may be contacted by mail at the address above; by telephone at (703) 648-4552; by fax at (703) 648-4549; or by e-mail at BGNESEC@usgs.gov.

Sincerely,

Lou Yost, Executive Secretary
U.S. Board on Geographic Names

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The Honorable Jose Simon III, Chairman
Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California
P.O. Box 1035
Middletown, California 95461

Dear Chairman Simon:

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The Honorable Eddie Crandell, Sr., Chairman
Robinson Rancheria
P.O. Box 4015
Nice, California 95464

Dear Chairman Crandell:

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