April 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Revised Approval of Disaster Household Distribution in Response to the National Emergency Declaration Due to COVID-19

TO: Jesus Mendoza
Regional Administrator
Western Regional Office

This memorandum is in response to the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association’s (SCTCA) request to revise its use of U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Foods to operate disaster household distribution. This request is in response to food assistance needs resulting from the COVID-19 National Emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020.

SCTCA requested that USDA revise its initial list of approved USDA Foods from the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) for disaster household distribution. This change would apply to 125 food packages out of their approved estimate to provide food packages to 725 individuals under disaster assistance. SCTCA will continue to use the same distribution methods to provide food assistance.

Approval is granted for SCTCA to revise its food selection for disaster household distribution. The following foods are approved for the disaster household distribution food package for a household of one-to-two members:

- 1 flour or cornmeal
- 1 pasta or rice
- 2 cans of vegetables
- 2 cans of fruits or 2 units of dried fruit
- 1 unit of beans
- 1 can of meat

SCTCA must follow the same Terms of Approval as stated in our original approval letter dated April 9, 2020.

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