

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA  
INDIANS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

STEVEN MNUCHIN, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of the Treasury,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cv-1136-APM

**DEFENDANT’S STATUS REPORT**

On May 11, 2020, the Court denied Plaintiffs’ motion for a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction. Mem. Op. & Order (ECF No. 29). The Court also ordered Defendant to file by May 15, 2020, a status report “about the progress he is making towards paying the remaining \$3.2 billion” of the \$8 billion set aside for Tribal governments under Title V of the CARES Act, Pub. L. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (2020), 42 U.S.C. § 801. *Id.* at 15.

Defendant continues to work diligently toward disbursing the remaining \$3.2 billion. *See generally* Ex. 1 (Kowalski Decl.). As previously stated, Treasury intends to allocate that remaining amount based on “the total number of persons employed by the Indian tribe and any tribally-owned entity, and further data to be collected on the amount of higher expenses faced by the tribe in the fight against COVID-19.” *Id.* ¶ 3. The form to collect that data has already been posted, and a portal to collect responses will be opened next week. *Id.* ¶ 4. Treasury expects that it will allow Tribal governments seven business days from the date of posting to submit the requested data. *Id.* ¶ 5. Treasury expects that it can process that data, and determine the final payment amount for each Tribal government, within seven business days of that submission deadline. *Id.* ¶ 6. Payments can commence the next business day after the amounts are determined. *Id.* ¶ 7.

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