



## Autry National Center

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Ms. Mimi Morris  
Executive Officer  
California Cultural & Historical Endowment  
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Dear Ms. Morris:

It is with sadness and regret that I inform you and the board of the California Cultural & Historical Endowment that the Autry National Center of the American West must terminate its Round 3 grant agreement. As was stated in our most recent quarterly progress report, the current economic climate necessitates that the Autry indefinitely postpone the tunnel waterproofing project at the Southwest Museum of the American Indian for which Round 3 funds were awarded. No state funds have been expended on this project, nor has the Autry submitted any requests for reimbursement.

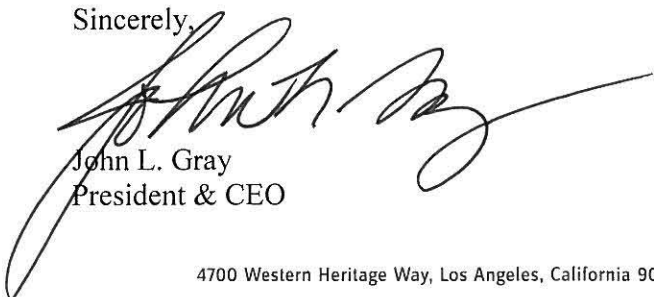
All matching funds for the tunnel waterproofing project were raised by the Autry through unrestricted operating support and assigned a special account designated solely for this purpose. However, due to the global recession, and subsequent drop in contributed revenues experienced by the Autry over the past twelve months, it has become necessary to reassign CCHE matching funds from their restricted use for tunnel waterproofing to support of the Autry's exhibitions, core programs, collections care, and general operations.

The Autry is taking a careful and cautious approach not only to the remainder of this fiscal year (ending December 2009), but to FY2010 and FY2011 as well. There is just no way for us to predict at this time when matching funds might be available for restoration work at the historic Southwest Museum site. For the moment and for the foreseeable future, the Autry must postpone making further capital investments there.

On the bright side, we recently completed our Round 1 project, involving major waterproofing work on the Southwest Museum's Caracol Tower. This critical project could not have been accomplished without a major grant from CCHE. For this, we are enormously grateful to CCHE for its leadership and support. We are also very grateful to the CCHE board for its understanding and patience throughout the Round 3 grant making and contracting process, as well as for its larger commitment to preserving the histories and legacies of California's diverse peoples.

Please feel free to contact me, or David Burton, the Autry's director of government affairs, should anything else be required for the proper termination of our Round 3 agreement. My best wishes to you and the CCHE board.

Sincerely,



John L. Gray  
President & CEO