



Pauma Band of Mission Indians

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May 5, 2008

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John Snyder, Director
County of San Diego Public Works
County Operations Center
5555 Overland Avenue, Suite 2156
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Certification of Final Tribal Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Snyder:

I am pleased to report that I am hereby certifying, on behalf of the Pauma Band of Mission Indians ("Tribe"), the enclosed Final Tribal Environmental Impact Report ("TEIR") prepared by Tierra Environmental Services pursuant to Section 10.8.4 of the Amended Tribal-State Compact dated June 21, 2004 between the Tribe and the State of California ("Compact"). Accordingly, the Tribe desires to commence negotiations for an intergovernmental agreement with County of San Diego ("County") pursuant to Compact section 10.8.8.

The proposed Pauma Casino and Hotel ("Project") will be constructed and operated on the Tribe's Reservation in Pauma Valley, California. The Project will include a 19-story hotel, resort facilities and associated parking. The casino will include approximately 73,583 square feet of gaming area and up to 2,500 slot machines, 50 table games, and 10 poker tables, in addition to food and beverage venues and retail. The hotel will have 384 rooms and 16 ground-level villa suites. Other facilities include a spa, pool, multi-purpose events center, meeting facilities, administration and back-of-house area, a 1,500-space parking garage, 2,350 surface parking spaces, new water wells, a 500,000-gallon water reservoir, new percolation pond system and an expanded wastewater treatment facility.

The Tribe determined the Project will not significantly affect off-Reservation aesthetics, agriculture, geology/soils, hydrology/water quality, land use, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, or socioeconomic conditions (environmental justice). Additionally, any significant effects on off-Reservation air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, noise, public services, and traffic/circulation will be mitigated by the measures detailed in the TEIR.

In accordance with Compact section 10.8.4, all comments and recommendations received on the draft TEIR, as well as a list of all persons, organizations, and public agencies providing comments, and all responses of the Tribe to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process are attached in the Final TEIR at Appendix G and incorporated by reference herein.

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The Tribe looks forward to working in good faith with the County to negotiate a binding intergovernmental agreement as contemplated by Compact section 10.8.8. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Robert Rosette at 480-889-8990.

Sincerely,



Chris Devers, Chairman
Pauma Band of Mission Indians

cc: Andrea Hoch, Legal Affairs Secretary
California Secretary of State
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Sacramento, California 95814



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Resolution of the General Council of the Pauma Band of Mission Indians

Resolution No. 010608-01

Resolution re Issuance of Final Tribal Environmental Impact Report

Whereas: The Pauma Band of Mission Indians (the “Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe recognized by the United States Secretary of Interior as having jurisdiction over Indian Lands in California which are eligible for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. §2701 – 2721, and amendments thereto (IGRA); and

Whereas: Under the Articles of Association of the Tribe, the General Council is the governing body of the Tribe; and

Whereas: The General Council is authorized to manage tribal assets, finance projects it believes will benefit the Tribe, and enter into government-to-government tribal compacts; and

Whereas: The Pauma Band of Mission Indians through its General Council previously entered a Tribal-State Gaming Compact with State of California on May 1, 2000, which was amended on June 1, 2004 which included a provision for the Tribe to prepare a Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) as set forth in Section 10.8 of the amended compact; and

Whereas: The Tribe, as the lead entity having reviewed and approved the final draft TEIR at its January 6, 2008 General Council meeting, and authorized its issuance as provided in Section 10.8.4 of the amended compact, and authorized its Chairman to certify the final TEIR and make it available to the County of San Diego at least fifty-five (55) days before the completion of negotiations with the County pursuant to Section 10.8.8 of the amended compact; and

Whereas: The Tribe further authorized its Chairman to release the final TEIR and its exhibits, which is also combined with an Environmental Assessment (EA), to the National Indian Gaming Commission for federal review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and

Whereas: The General Council has determined that the issuance and certification of the TEIR/EA is appropriate and will further the Tribe’s goal of promptly opening an expanded gaming facility, and initiate the fifty-five (55) day negotiation period with the County of San Diego.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the General Council of the Pauma Band of Mission Indians in a meeting duly assembled:

1. That the Final Tribal Environmental Impact Report and its exhibits may be issued and certified by its Chairman in early February, 2008 or as soon as thereafter as the document is bound and ready for transmission;
2. That the Chairman is authorized to release the final Environmental Assessment and Tribal Environmental Impact Report and its exhibits to the National Indian Gaming Commission for review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.
3. By this Resolution, the General Council has approved the issuance, certification and release of the above describe document(s) and no further authorization is needed by the Chairman from the General Council to do so.

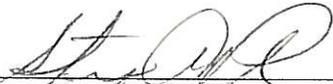
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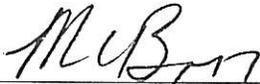
CERTIFICATION

We, the Undersigned Business Committee members of the Pauma Band of Mission Indians were authorized on January 6th, 2008 to approve and enact the TEIR with a resolution, if needed, by a vote of 32 votes in favor, 0 votes opposing, and 0 abstaining at a duly called General Council meeting, and because a written resolution is needed, the Business Committee does hereby certify that the execution of the foregoing Resolution is authorized pursuant to the January 6th, 2008 vote. Accordingly the foregoing Resolution is adopted by the General Council for the Pauma Band of Mission Indians, and the Business Committee further certifies that its adoption is for the purpose of conducting business and that this resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Chris Devers, Chairman


Temet Majel, Secretary


Stephen Peters, Vice-Chairman


Marlaine Bojorquez, Committee Member