Appendix E Part 5

Public Comment Report (Master Bracketed Comments Part 4)

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Mr. John Rydzik Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820 Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Mr. Rydzik:

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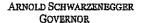
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Subject: Horseshoe Grand Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SCH#: 2009074001

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, HORSESHOE GRANDE CASINO PROJECT, SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS, SAN JACINTO AREA OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY (SCH# 2009074001)

Dear Mr. Rydzik:

Staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the above-referenced Project, consisting of a combined casino and hotel, convention center, arena, gas station, wastewater treatment plant, and other structures and facilities. The 55-acre development site is located east of the San Jacinto River (SJR) near the intersection of Soboba Road and Lake Park Drive, partly in the City of San Jacinto and partly within adjacent unincorporated Riverside County.

The Project is proposed to be constructed on a previously graded portion of a 534.91-acre tribal holding located outside of the existing Soboba Reservation. Consequently, a Project pre-condition requires conveyance of the entire holding to Federal trust status.

In observance of tribal autonomy, the DEIS is issued in compliance with the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) only, exclusive of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). However, in recognizing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authority, the DEIS discusses consistency with several State statutes and regulations, including those implemented by the Regional Board. Our authority is California's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code Division 7) and the federal Clean Water Act. This authority is further expressed in California Code of Regulations, Title 23, and in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin - Region 8, 1995, as amended (Basin Plan). To protect water quality standards (water quality objectives and beneficial uses), as described in the Basin Plan, Regional Board staff believes that the final EIS should incorporate the following comments:

1. The existing Golf Course and Country Club buffers most of the development site from the SJR (Figure 4-6). The Preliminary Hydrology Study states that some storm water runoff flows from the Project site will reach the SJR via the current drainage network. In contrast, p. 4-461 (DEIS Environmental Consequences section) indicates that no

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runoff flows from the Project would leave the Golf Course or general developed area. The final EIS should clear up this inconsistency.

- 2. It is not clear whether the Project intends to allow storm water runoff discharges (overflow of detention basins, etc.) to the SJR when runoff results from a storm of greater intensity than a 2 year, 24 hour storm. The DEIS (p. 3-33) refers to design of a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) in compliance with the Riverside County MS4 Permit. The Preliminary Hydrology Study variously discusses the use of existing and proposed storm drains to convey storm water runoff (treated by a variety of Best Management Practices, Table 5-1) from the 55 acre Project area and adjacent undeveloped holdings to: 1) the existing detention basin southwest of the golf course; and, 2) a new detention basin (shown as Facility No. 10 in the DEIS) that would comply with the WQMP (WQMP basin). The WQMP basin is sized for a 24-hour, 2-year storm (Preliminary Hydrology Study Section 3.1). As part of the Project's environmental analysis, the potential for storm water discharges from the Project detention basins to contribute to hydromodification of the SJR and its tributaries should also be evaluated, and addressed if necessary.
- 3. For precision, in the final EIS, references to the EPA implementing the Basin Plan should be changed to reference the Regional Board, and references to storm water permitting should note that the State Water Resources Control Board is the storm water construction permitting agency and the Regional Board is the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permitting agency¹. Pages 5-2 and 5-3 (Mitigation Section) basically state, incorrectly, that a Notice of Intent (NOI) for Project coverage under storm water permits must be filed with the EPA.
- 4. DEIS Sections 2 and 4 state that a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) will be constructed to provide tertiary treatment for up to 1.2 million gallons per day of waste collected from the existing Reservation and from the proposed facilities. The WWTP that is proposed is intended to meet California Code of Regulations, Title 22 requirements. Tertiary treated, recycled water is to be used to replace well water for golf course and landscape irrigation and for other purposes. Of other listed uses, Board staff is concerned with use of recycled water for parking lot washing because this use poses a potential dry-weather runoff discharge to the SJR. Appropriate management practices need to be designed into the project to assure that all wash water is contained and not discharged to surface water bodies.
- 5. The final EIS should further clarify the proposal for construction of multiple percolation ponds (Section 4, p.4-441; Section 2.1.1, p.2-8). As proposed, when there is low demand for recycled water, WWTP influent will be diverted to ponds for secondary treatment and infiltration. Notwithstanding that p. 4-465 states that WWTP effluent

These National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, implemented by the Regional Board on behalf of the federal government, are specifically: 1) the Regional Board's Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Riverside County (NPDES Permit No. CAS 618033, Order No. R8-2002-0011, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the County of Riverside, and the Incorporated Cities of Riverside County within the Santa Ana Region Areawide Urban Runoff Management Program), also known as the Riverside County municipal separate storm sewer system, or "MS4" permit (soon to be revised as Order No. R8-2009-0033, NPDES No. CA8618033), and 2) the SWRCB's Water Quality Order No. 99-08-DWQ, "General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity," and subsequent revisions.

would cause no pollution or nuisance as defined by Water Code Section 13050, improperly designed or operated secondary treatment ponds have been known to create nuisance odors. The final EIS should include a discussion of the features of the proposed wastewater treatment system, including the secondary treatment ponds, which are intended to assure that its operations will not result in pollution or nuisance conditions.

The percolation ponds are proposed to be sited upon and/or adjacent to minor natural drainage channels (numbered washes indicated on Fig. 4-20). Remnant ancestral drainages and topography and other localized subsurface conditions may allow percolating wastewater to migrate horizontally and surface as seeps or springs. This would be unacceptable. The final EIS should provide a discussion of why these sites were selected and the measures that will be taken to prevent effluent percolating from them from surfacing, or evaluate avoidance of these drainages and propose alternate pond sites.

6. The final EIS should evaluate the extent to which recycled water storage can be optimized, both as a water conservation measure and as an alternative to secondary treatment and percolation.

If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Robertson at (951) 782-3259, grobertson@waterboards.ca.gov, or me at (951) 782-3234, or madelson@waterboards.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Mark G. Adelson, Chief

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Dear Mr. Morris:

Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Horseshoe Grande Property (DEIS)

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Horseshoe Grande Property (DEIS) has been prepared to address environmental impacts associated with the 34 parcel, 534.9 acre proposed commercial development. The site is located in the San Jacinto area, south of Soboba Road, north of the San Jacinto River and bisected by Lake Park Drive. The DEIS includes a proposed action and four (4) alternatives.

The site is located within the Zone X-Shaded floodplain limits as delineated on Panel No. 06065C1490G and 1495G effective August 28, 2008 of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) issued in conjunction with the National Flood Insurance Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The site is located at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains with a tributary drainage area from the northeast of approximately two square miles. An existing system of road crossings consisting of an 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), a 10-foot wide x 7-foot high reinforced concrete box (RCB), a 60-inch RCP, three (3) – 48-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP), and a 24-inch culvert are located along the east portion of the site and drain the adjacent offsite areas onto the project site. Additionally, the site is adjacent to the San Jacinto River and protected by San Jacinto River Soboba Levee (District Project No. 4) constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and our District. The levee is currently in the process of being certified.

A good portion of the project would be located in a flowage easement. The easement has significant restrictions. The DEIS shall discuss the flowage easement, impacts and mitigation. This flowage easement has to be quit claimed to move the project forward.

To mitigate for increased runoff, two detention basins are proposed just east of the San Jacinto River levee. A detention/water quality management plan (WQMP) basin, vegetated filter strips, vegetated swales, water quality inlets, extended detention basin, sand filter, porous pavement detention, infiltration basin and an infiltration trench are proposed to mitigate the water quality impacts from the development.

Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Horseshoe Grande Property (DEIS)

Based on the submitted DEIS, the District feels that the following should be addressed:

- 1. As identified in Figure 2-3 (Proposed Wastewater...Infrastructure), the majority of the proposed project lies within a flowage easement. The flowage easement has sisgnificant restriction including "the perpetual right, power, privilege and easement to occasionally overflow, flood, and submerge the land hereinafter described, including all structures and improvements located thereon; and the right to prohibit the construction or maintenance on the land of structures for human habitation except as expressly approved by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District...." The DEIS shall discuss the flowage easement and impacts of utilizing the flowage easement for the project.
- 2. The proposed drainage facilities shown in Figure 2-4 (Proposed Drainage Facilities) are in conflict with the layout of the proposed development for most alternatives.
- 3. The two proposed detention basins located adjacent to the San Jacinto River levee could undermine the San Jacinto River Levee. The DEIS shall address how this impact would be mitigated.
- 4. As shown in Figure 2-4 (Proposed Drainage Facilities), a proposed 66-inch RCP would outlet at the end of the levee. There are erosion concerns with the location of this outlet. The DEIS shall address how the potential erosion would be mitigated. Such information should be included to ensure that the integrity of the levee is not compromised.
- 5. Except for the detention/WQMP basin (facility no. 9) shown on Figure 2-4 (Proposed Drainage Facilities), the treatment control Best Management Practices (BMPs) identified in Table 2-2 (Prescribed Best Management Practices) are not shown on a plan. Supporting exhibits, details, information, and calculations should be included.
- 6. The proposed WQMP basin shown in Figure 2-4 (Proposed Drainage Facilities) are in conflict with the layout of the proposed development for most alternatives. The figure should be revised accordingly.
- 7. It is unclear whether runoff from all areas of the site drain to the water quality detention basin or other proposed BMPs.
- 8. The DEIS references FIRM Panel No. 065056 0005D which has been updated. References should be revised to the current FIRM panel (identified above). Additionally, the project is located within the Zone X shaded area, not Zone X. The text and Figure 3-4 (Flood Insurance Rate Map ...and Surrounding Area) should be revised accordingly.

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Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Horseshoe Grande Property (DEIS)

- 9. Figures 3-4 (Flood Insurance Rate Map ...and Surrounding Area) and 3-7 (Existing Drainage Facilities) incorrectly show the southeast portion of the right bank levee extending to Soboba Road. Additionally, the area south of the project site and levee should have a Zone A designation. Revisions to the figures should be made accordingly.
- 10. Section 3.2.3, Surface Water Quality (page 3-34), identifies Lake Fulmor as the upstream impaired water body. References should be made to downstream water bodies and their impairments (Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore). Additionally, reference to the 2006 list of impaired water bodies should be updated to 2008.
- 11. Section 4.2 Water Resources, Drainage sections for Preferred Alternatives and Alternative I through 3 (example page 4-12), the DEIS states the purpose of the basins is to attenuate storm water flows in compliance with WQMP requirements. The purpose of the WQMP is to address water quality impacts caused by the development (hydromodification). This should not be confused with hydraulic/drainage impacts (requiring the attenuation of flows) caused by the development. Revisions to the text in the appropriate sections should be made accordingly.
- 12. The Area names in Appendix P Table 1 (Offsite Hydrology, 100-Year Storm Event) should be consistent with Figure 3-5 (Drainage Map ...Surrounding Area). Revisions should be made accordingly.

Any questions pertaining to this project may be directed to Tina Hanson of this office at 951.955.2511 or me at 951.955.1214.

Very truly yours,

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Engineering Project Manager

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September 16, 2009

John Rydzik U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Room W-2820 Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: Horseshoe Grand Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SCH#: 2009074001

Dear John Rydzik:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIS to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on September 15, 2009, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

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Description NOTE: Review Per Lead

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pump gas station with a 6,000 sf convenience store.

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Project Location

County Riverside

City San Jacinto

Region

Cross Streets Soboba Rd and Lake Park Dr

Lat/Long 33° 47' 52.7" N / 116° 56' 4.95" W

Parcel No.

Township Range Section Base

Proximity to:

Highways 79

Airports

Railways

Waterways San Jacinto River

Schools

Land Use Rural Residential, Low Density Residential, Open Space Recreation, General Open Space, water

source

Project Issues

Aesthetic/Visual; Agricultural Land; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Cumulative Effects; Drainage/Absorption; Economics/Jobs; Fiscal Impacts; Flood Plain/Flooding; Forest Land/Fire Hazard; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Noise; Minerals; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Schools/Universities; Soil

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September 15, 2009

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Subject:

EPA Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Soboba

Band of Luiseno Indians Proposed Trust acquisition and Casino/Hotel Project,

Riverside County, California (CEQ # 20090232)

Dear Ms. Dutschke:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and our NEPA review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. Due to high workload, our review was cursory and limited to select resource sections. Based on our review, we have rated the DEIS as Environmental Concerns – Insufficient Information (EC-2) (see enclosed "Summary of Rating Definitions").

As a cooperating agency for the project, EPA reviewed the water resources sections of the preliminary draft EIS and submitted comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on September 11, 2008. The comments that were not addressed are repeated here. Our concerns regard the lack of a jurisdictional delineation for waters of the U.S. for the percolation pond area, and the inaccurate representation of EPA's role regarding wastewater treatment and reuse. In addition, the project is located in ozone and particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) nonattainment areas; but the DEIS does not incorporate measures to mitigate air quality impacts from construction equipment, nor are sustainable building or energy efficiency measures incorporated into the project.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this DEIS. When the Final EIS is released for public review, please send one copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 972-3521, or contact Karen Vitulano, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-947-4178 or witulano.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Goforth, Manager

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Summary of EPA Rating Definitions

EPA's Detailed Comments

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SUMMARY OF EPA RATING DEFINITIONS*

This rating system was developed as a means to summarize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) level of concern with a proposed action. The ratings are a combination of alphabetical categories for evaluation of the environmental impacts of the proposal and numerical categories for evaluation of the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE ACTION

"LO" (Lack of Objections)

The EPA review has not identified any potential environmental impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. The review may have disclosed opportunities for application of mitigation measures that could be accomplished with no more than minor changes to the proposal.

"EC" (Environmental Concerns)

The EPA review has identified environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment. Corrective measures may require changes to the preferred alternative or application of mitigation measures that can reduce the environmental impact. EPA would like to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

"EO" (Environmental Objections)

The EPA review has identified significant environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to provide adequate protection for the environment. Corrective measures may require substantial changes to the preferred alternative or consideration of some other project alternative (including the no action alternative or a new alternative). EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts.

"EU" (Environmentally Unsatisfactory)

The EPA review has identified adverse environmental impacts that are of sufficient magnitude that they are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of public health or welfare or environmental quality. EPA intends to work with the lead agency to reduce these impacts. If the potentially unsatisfactory impacts are not corrected at the final EIS stage, this proposal will be recommended for referral to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

ADEQUACY OF THE IMPACT STATEMENT

"Category 1" (Adequate)

EPA believes the draft EIS adequately sets forth the environmental impact(s) of the preferred alternative and those of the alternatives reasonably available to the project or action. No further analysis or data collection is necessary, but the reviewer may suggest the addition of clarifying language or information.

"Category 2" (Insufficient Information)

The draft EIS does not contain sufficient information for EPA to fully assess environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment, or the EPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are within the spectrum of alternatives analysed in the draft EIS, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussion should be included in the final EIS.

"Category 3" (Inadequate)

EPA does not believe that the draft EIS adequately assesses potentially significant environmental impacts of the action, or the EPA reviewer has identified new, reasonably available alternatives that are outside of the spectrum of alternatives analysed in the draft EIS, which should be analysed in order to reduce the potentially significant environmental impacts. EPA believes that the identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussions are of such a magnitude that they should have full public review at a draft stage. EPA does not believe that the draft EIS is adequate for the purposes of the NEPA and/or Section 309 review, and thus should be formally revised and made available for public comment in a supplemental or revised draft EIS. On the basis of the potential significant impacts involved, this proposal could be a candidate for referral to the CEQ.

*From EPA Manual 1640, Policy and Procedures for the Review of Federal Actions Impacting the Environment.

Jurisdictional delineation necessary to determine impacts to waters of the U.S.

The percolation pond area, located less than a mile from the San Jacinto River, contains three ephemeral washes which, if determined by the Corps of Engineers to be waters of the U.S., would require a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit for the discharge of fill, and/or a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the discharge of treated wastewater. The DEIS states that a site visit to the percolation pond site did not reveal any key indicators of a jurisdictional waterway (i.e., cut banks, changes in soils characteristics, etc.) (p. 4-461), and the DEIS concludes that the waters are not jurisdictional.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) requires authorization for all discharges of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands. To comply with these requirements, it is necessary to be able to delineate the location and boundaries for waters of the United States (including wetlands) throughout the project area. The Corps of Engineers or, in some cases, EPA will make the final determination of whether a waterbody is jurisdictional.

Recommendation: EPA recommends a jurisdictional delineation be conducted for the construction of the percolation pond and submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District for jurisdictional determination. This determination has implications for wastewater discharge permitting as discussed below. EPA recommends avoiding and minimizing impacts to the waterways to the extent possible. For unavoidable impacts, the DEIS should describe mitigation that adequately compensates for lost functions. Please refer to the EPA/Corps Mitigation Rule (issued April, 2008) for the most up to date mitigation requirements: http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/final_cmr.aspx.

Inaccurate Wastewater Permitting Information

If the percolation pond will be located in jurisdictional waters, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit may be needed to discharge water into it. If the pond is not located in waters of the U.S., as the DEIS claims, then EPA would not be issuing an NPDES permit for the WWTP, and all information referencing EPA's permitting role in the DEIS is incorrect. References include the section on effluent limitations starting on p. 4-468, which states that limits would be established based on findings by the EPA of the Report of Waste Discharge. A discharge permit is also referenced on p. 4-465 and in the mitigation measures on p. 5-2.

Recommendation: The FEIS must clearly communicate that EPA has no role in regulating wastewater discharge when it occurs via land disposal (i.e. percolation ponds) unless the discharge will occur into a water of the U.S. as discussed above.

Wastewater Treatment Standards / Water reuse

• The DEIS states that wastewater for reuse would be treated to tertiary standards and would meet California's Title 2 requirements for water reuse (p. 2-8), and that effluent from the wastewater treatment plant would meet EPA requirements for reuse (p. 4-464).

There are no federal guidelines for the use of recycled water; therefore, the reference to EPA requirements should be removed.

• The DEIS states that effluent from the WWTP would meet EPA requirements for reuse and the Tribe would monitor the treatment and disposal in accordance with EPA guidelines (p. 4-464, 4-469). It is not clear what guidelines this is referring to; please clarify in the FEIS.

Air Quality

The project site is located in an area that does not meet health- based air quality standards. The area is in nonattainment for the ozone, particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀) and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). There are some mitigation measures identified for dust control, but none for construction equipment emissions. Because of the nonattainment status of the area, and the proximity of residents in the trailer park, some of whom would be less than 500 feet from construction of the area and parking garage, a strict construction mitigation plan should be implemented for this project.

Recommendations: EPA recommends including a Construction Emissions Mitigation Plan (CEMP) for fugitive dust, diesel particulate matter, and other construction equipment emissions in the FEIS and adopting this plan in the Record of Decision. The following mitigation measures should be included in the CEMP in order to reduce impacts associated with emissions of particulate matter and other toxics from construction-related activities:

Fugitive Dust Source Controls:

- Stabilize open storage piles and disturbed areas by covering and/or applying water or chemical/organic dust palliative where appropriate. This applies to both inactive and active sites, during workdays, weekends, holidays, and windy conditions.
- Install wind fencing and phase grading operations where appropriate, and operate water trucks for stabilization of surfaces under windy conditions.
- When hauling material and operating non-earthmoving equipment, prevent spillage and limit speeds to 15 miles per hour (mph). Limit speed of earth-moving equipment to 10 mph.

Mobile and Stationary Source Controls:

- Reduce use, trips, and unnecessary idling from heavy equipment.
- Maintain and tune engines per manufacturer's specifications to perform at California Air Resources Board and/or EPA certification, where applicable, levels and to perform at verified standards applicable to retrofit technologies. Employ periodic, unscheduled inspections to limit unnecessary idling and to ensure that construction equipment is properly maintained, tuned, and modified consistent with established specifications. CARB has a number of mobile source anti-idling requirements. See their website at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/truck-idling/truck-idling.htm
- Prohibit any tampering with engines and require continuing adherence to manufacturer's recommendations

- If practicable, lease new, clean equipment meeting the most stringent of applicable Federal or State Standards. In general, only Tier 2 or newer engines should be employed in the construction phase.
- Utilize EPA-registered particulate traps and other appropriate controls where suitable to reduce emissions of diesel particulate matter and other pollutants at the construction site.

Administrative controls:

- Identify all commitments to reduce construction emissions, and update the air quality analysis to reflect additional air quality improvements that would result from adopting specific air quality measures.
- Identify where implementation of mitigation measures is rejected based on economic infeasibility.
- Prepare an inventory of all equipment prior to construction and identify the suitability of add-on emission controls for each piece of equipment before groundbreaking. (Suitability of control devices is based on: whether there is reduced normal availability of the construction equipment due to increased downtime and/or power output, whether there may be significant damage caused to the construction equipment engine, or whether there may be a significant risk to nearby workers or the public.) Meet CARB diesel fuel requirement for off-road and on-highway (i.e., 15 ppm), and where appropriate use alternative fuels such as natural gas and electric.
- Develop a construction traffic and parking management plan that minimizes traffic interference and maintains traffic flow.
- Identify sensitive receptors in the project area, such as children, elderly, and infirm, and specify the means by which you will minimize impacts to these populations. For example, locate construction equipment and staging zones away from sensitive receptors and fresh air intakes to buildings and air conditioners.

Hazardous Materials/Contamination

The contamination identified onsite at the maintenance area of the golf course resulted from washwater draining into the ground from wash areas, yet there is no indication that measures are being taken to avoid future contamination from these practices. The primary wash area, where total petroleum hydrocarbons and tetrachloroethylene were detected, does not include an oilwater separator. To reduce the potential for continued soil contamination, EPA recommends the proposed project upgrade these facilities and install pollution prevention equipment such as a washrack where water is recycled and eventually discharged to the wastewater treatment plant or other appropriate disposal.

Energy Efficiency / Green Building

The project does not commit to ensuring construction of energy efficient buildings nor does it explore alternative energy elements such as solar hot water. Additionally, the parking lot offers an opportunity to generate clean, renewable energy through installation of photovoltaics on carport structures. Photovoltaic carports provide highly desirable shade for parked cars and offer the opportunity for public education, energy reliability, and better air quality.

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Additionally, the project offers an opportunity to construct a high performance and sustainable building utilizing energy efficient elements. BIA and the Tribe should commit to a facility that is certified as a green building per the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system. LEED emphasizes state of the art strategies for sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor air quality. More information about the LEED green building rating system is available at http://www.usgbc.org.

We understand that indoor smoking provides some limitations to LEED certification. To address this, smoking sections could be provided separately which would allow the rest of the facilities to pursue LEED certification. A recent survey by J.D. Power and Associates shows that a vast majority (85%) of Southern California Indian gaming casino customers prefer a smoke-free environment¹. Additionally, a separate survey of hotel guests showed that 82 percent of hotel guests say they prefer a smoke-free hotel environment².

Recommendation: EPA recommends the FEIS identify additional mitigation measures to minimize energy use for the project. Solar hot water and photovoltaics on carport structures should be considered and the feasibility explored. These project elements should be become an integral part of the project description.

BIA and the Tribe should specify that project facilities will be constructed for certification by LEED. This specification will guide the building process and create a high-performance, sustainable building. LEED certification will enable the Tribe to establish themselves as recognized leaders in the green building sector and offer them the opportunity to market their venue as an environment-friendly facility.

Evaluation of Connected Actions

- Appendix F contains a Fire Station Plan with two new planned fire stations, with one to be co-located and built in conjunction with the casino (App F, p. 7). It is not clear that the impacts of this station are included in the impact assessment. These stations are connected actions³ and are included in the project facilities list in Appendix N.
- The DEIS incorrectly defines the wastewater treatment plant, which is a connected action for the project, as an "indirect effect" and evaluates the direct impacts from this connected action in a separate section at the back of the document starting on page 4-458. We recommend that these effects be included in the main body of the DEIS as they are direct effects of the proposed action.

Miscellaneous

The discussion of the State Phase II General Stormwater Construction Permit for Riverside County is confusing since it does not apply to a project on Tribal land. We recommend removing this paragraph and referencing only the permit the applicant will obtain from EPA. More information about this permit is available at: http://www.epa.gov/region/water/tribal-CWA-workshop/docs/StormwaterFactSheet.pdf.

¹ See http://www.jdpower.com/corporate/news/releases/pressrelease.aspx?ID=2008082

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Calicinto Ranch Comments on the Preliminary Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Horseshoe Grande Fee-to-Trust Application

Dear Mr. Broussard:

I am writing this letter, not as the attorney for Calicinto Ranch, but as a Board member and a concerned party who has worked with Calicinto Ranch since their inception. I have observed all of the good work that they have done and think it is absolutely a shame that not only this little residential community, but especially Calicinto Ranch, could become utterly destroyed by this project. Calicinto Ranch and its owners of record, the largest property owner directly east of the proposed project, were not notified of the proposed plans and have been required to seek out information from others. Several items on the project proposal are simply incorrect. Road closings do not take everything into consideration. A suggestion of two road closing possibilities is incorrect. Both alternatives represent the same closing and re-routing. The adverse effect that this project and road closing will have upon Calicinto Ranch and all the people the road services is unacceptable.

First, please note that a right-of-way and easement granted to Mr. Pirelli, the owner of the land to the east, has been recently fenced off. It appears that the terminus of the easement, as indicated in the proposed plans, is simply ignored. Several maps of the area clearly show the easement, the road in existence, and the fence that has recently been placed over the easement. This is not addressed. Pirelli's rights are ignored.

Calicinto Ranch is a charity, formed initially to provide a camping experience (primarily free of charge) to disadvantaged inner-city children. Secondarily, it serves as a facility for church-related meetings and retreats. The work of Calicinto, after it became a 501(c)(3) charity, was recognized by Charles Colson of Prison Fellowship. Prison Fellowship asked that the ranch be made available for camping by prisoners' kids. Since then, Calicinto Ranch has been devoting much of its resources to camping experiences, with a Christian-backed environment, for

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children of prisoners. The casino proposal and everything that goes with it would simply destroy the value of the land as used by this charity, and its usefulness as a camping facility for these disadvantaged youth.

- 1. All proposals under the plan eliminate the major intersection of Soboba Road, and instead curve it so that it provides access to the Indian reservation and commercial business, but eliminate easy access to Calicinto Ranch and to the Pirellis' home.
- 2. The plans do not take into account the elimination of a drainage holding pool that catches the drainage during heavy rains down the slopes of the San Jacinto Mountains and across Soboba Road. Currently existing aerial photos clearly show the holding pond. The new plans make absolutely no provision to gather the water. It appears that culverts which have been or will be removed will result in all drainage directly across the road and through the property on the other side of the road without any accommodation. Although rain is scarce, it can roll down the mountain with a vengeance.
- 3. The arena for events makes no accommodation for the noise which will travel uphill and impact everything that is done at Calicinto Ranch for these disadvantaged children and church-related activities.
- 4. The City of San Jacinto has expressed several concerns, but its concerns do not address the effect upon the property owners and, most glaringly, Calicinto Ranch, which is directly to the east. The parking lot, the hotel, the accumulation of people, the noise, and the traffic have not been assessed in that regard.
- 5. The current location of the casino and its facilities on the reservation already provide traffic and noise. It is nothing compared to what will exist with the move. It is not believed that the effect of the noise, crowds, and gathering, upon this facility that has as many as 200 children plus counselors and animals at its facilities throughout the summer months, and significant numbers of gatherings the rest of the year, has been considered. Consideration of this devastation must be addressed.

It is sad that this is simply ignored, with no attempt to give notice to Calicinto Ranch and to the Pirellis, or to receive their input.

- 6. Not only will the traffic affect all of the other residents in the area, but it will have a devastating effect upon this ranch and the good work that it does.
- 7. It does not appear that the plan addresses the effect on the agricultural land to the east. While this land does not produce significant crops, it is used for raising animals, and most importantly, for the purposes of Calicinto Ranch.

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- 8. It is believed that the tribe has a significant amount of land on the existing reservation that can be used to provide a casino, a hotel, and other facilities, with significantly less noise impact upon the neighbors, and specifically Calicinto Ranch.
 - 9. Drainage from the mountains needs to be reviewed.
- 10. The outright taking of easements which are already granted needs to be reviewed, and the effect of the noise and traffic upon Calicinto Ranch needs to be given fair review.

It is a travesty that the Department of the Interior has decided not to review the impact upon the neighbors directly to the east.

Very truly yours,

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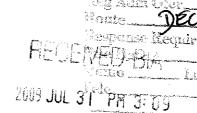


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First allow us to say that we want to rescind our previous support for the project known as the "Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer"

Since that time we have been made aware of many negative aspects involved with this project. The Luiseno Tribe has proven to be very poor neighbors, refusing to meet for discussions with the property owners who will be most affected by their Casino expansion, and according to city officials they have ignored requests by the City of San Jacinto for further meetings regarding this project. The Luiseno Tribe presents themselves as above the law waving their "Sovereign Nation" status like a rouge country does its diplomatic immunity. As I'm sure you've heard there have been numerous criminal activities on the reservation, land they already own. Gun battles with the Riverside County Sheriff's Dept., drugs, stolen vehicles and parole violators found on the reservation. There was another shooting there just this last weekend. In the past emergency services were afraid to respond to calls for assistance without backup, and the tribe refused to allow deputies on their land without prior permission. This is not a situation that calls for further expansion with more casino activity. In the last two years our Mobile Home community of 254 homes has been victimized by numerous burglaries, car vandalism and suspicious persons prowling our park at all hours. While the residents of the reservation may not be responsible for any of the recent incidents the proximity of their casino and the type of clientele drawn there is certainly a major contributing factor. Imagine how much worse the situation could become with the huge expansion the Luiseno Tribe proposes. We will actually be an island of homes totally surrounded by Indian Reservation land, over which they and only they will have a say in what happens. There is to be a RV park right out our back area, only a few feet from our homes.

At the present time the residents of our community must plan are exits and returns based on the events being held at the current casino, with a larger venue it will be nearly impossible to leave our area due to the increasing traffic.

By the stroke of a pen the BIA can render the value of our homes unsafe and financially worthless. Our property values will plunge to zero, not many would desire to buy a home on a piece of land completely surrounded by an Indian Reservation, especially one with such a bad reputation. The Luiseno Tribe will then at some point negotiate to buy this land and WHO will represent OUR interests when they come knocking at our doors to" Buy" our homes for a pittance of there true value.

This proposed expansion is not on legal reservation land, it will create pollution, noise, heavy traffic and increased criminal activity for all the homes in the surrounding areas.

We ask you to deny this project the "Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer.

Sincerely,

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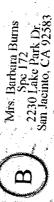
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How can you tell these citizens that they must give up their life style in a quiet residential community in order to accommodate the desires of the wealthy Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians? This is even more difficult to understand when the existing Soboba reservation is large enough to accommodate their proposed new casino and hotel.

In summary, I believe that this is another classic example of American Greed where the Soboba Bands pursuit of increased profits is at the expense of other American citizens.

Sincerely,

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Re: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' Hotel/Casino Project

Dear Mr. Morris:

My purpose in writing is to state my adamant opposition to the conversion of land from fee-to-trust, and subsequent annexation to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian Reservation. Based on just a few very salient points, I strongly feel this land should remain within its current boundaries, jurisdiction and zoning.

- 1.: Extensive research by the Save Our Communities (SOC) committee has determined that none of the proposed land to be annexed was ever owned or occupied by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians prior to their purchase of same. This directly contradicts their contention that the tribe had "historically" occupied this area.
- 2. An annexation of this nature would be unprecedented, insofar as the reservation would then completely surround and isolate three communities (roughly 2000 residents of San Jacinto).
- 3. There would be loss of considerable tax revenue to the City of San Jacinto. In addition, property values in all three affected communities would be negatively impacted. Who would want to buy a home next to a Vegas-scale casino/hotel?
- 4. There is more than adequate land available within existing reservation boundaries for the tribe to build their proposed "complex". The City of San Jacinto is opposed to any of their proposed "action plans", and has gone on record as being willing to facilitate construction of a road leading directly onto reservation land.
- 5. Residents of the three communities that would be directly impacted by this annexation, as well as officials with the City of San Jacinto agree that this proposed project would be completely inappropriate land use for the area.

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I have attended all the scoping meetings, and have yet to hear any genuine concern for the residents who live in our three communities. Noise barriers and buffers will not eliminate the very real fact that we will not be able to enjoy the same peace and quiet that others will enjoy in their neighborhoods that are not next to this hotel/casino/sports arena.

Please look beyond the smooth rhetoric and easy answers from the tribe's lawyers and representatives, and consider the real people who will be most affected by this proposal.

Sincerely,

Patricia Finn

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Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs

Re: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' Hotel/Casino Project

You may have noticed by my address I do not live in the Hemet-San Jacinto area. We do feel that we have the right to speak up about the proposed Soboba Hotel and Casino project. We are against it!!!

Now let me tell you why!!! Our daughter and our 3 granddaughters lived in Hemet for years. Until a Soboba Indian got drunk one night and drove his new large truck on the highway, crossed 3 lanes, a wide dirt median, 2 more lanes and ran into my daughter head on. This was not his first drunk driving offense. This man ran away without even checking on my daughter. He killed her. He was only interested in getting away so he could dry out from the alcohol and drugs. He left 3 girls without a mother, both of us without a daughter, and countless relatives, friends, and co-workers with a broken heart and the question. Why?

We learned a lot while we were trying to pick up the pieces of all of our shattered lives. We learned that they don't have to carry car insurance, except for 30 days of drive off insurance, because they are not held monetarily responsible for their actions off the Reservation. Why are the Indian tribal members given a free pass on responsibility? You cannot sue them because they are a sovereign nation. Their money is safe from any arbitration. Why isn't the public made aware of this? I even wrote Chairman Salgado. Our letters were refused over and over again. When gambling was voted in nobody was told that there would be 2 different sets of laws in this country, our law and Indian law. Where is the equality? If this situation were reversed our daughter would have been held responsible. But wait!!! She had car insurance. She was responsible. She was obeying the laws!

The Indian who tore our family apart is serving a short sentence for this crime, while my 3 granddaughters are serving a life sentence. He even offered a cash settlement, which he wouldn't be held accountable for, if we would agree to 18 months in jail instead of prison. The District Attorney wouldn't entertain this request. Monetary restitution was never mentioned again. He only wanted to use his money (\$approximately \$30,000.00 a month) to buy his freedom not to help our granddaughters. There were so many criminal acts on The Soboba reservation, the D.A. had to take a stand. Even the Judge hearing the case tried to figure out a way to have him be financially responsible, but as you know there is no way because of the agreement with the US government.

My 3 granddaughters still live in the Hemet area and I wish they didn't because of the high rate of crime and the fact that the Tribal Chairman has openly declared war because of how the Indians were treated 200 years ago. This is 2009. I would think they would be better off if they looked to the future instead of still fighting a war that is over 200 years old Who's scalping who here? I have friends who live in the area and they are afraid, too. For the United States to give The Soboba Tribe more land and a bigger Casino would be putting more money into the hands of a tribe known for drug trafficking, murder, and weapon arsenals, would be irresponsible and unconscionable. Please do the right thing and turn this request down.

Thank you for reading this,

Bob and Cecelia Morris

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At a recent standing-room only memorial service in Hemet, dozens spoke of Flores' impact on the community, family members said.

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"After hearing everybody talk about what she meant to

them it just started the emotions rolling," said her 41-year-old brother Richard Duran, of Henderson, Nev. "She was more than just my sister.'

Roy Austin, 70, worked alongside Flores for eight years before he retired last year from teaching special-education classes in Hemet for the Riverside County Office of Education. Flores' daughters rode miniature horses at his 5-acre ranch, he said.

Austin, who presided over Sunday's memorial ceremony, said he remembers how the disabled children flocked to Flo-

"They seemed to have feelings about good people and Sherrill was one of them," Austin said. "(They) would start smiling as soon as Sherrill came into view."

Hit-run Heme fatality % suspect arrested

SURRENDER: Authorities say Marshall Reves Vega was sought in the traffic death of a Hemet woman.

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California Highway Patrol spokesman Chris Blondon said by phone Friday.

Following the crash, a CHP helicopter circled above the scene for about two hours flying over possible residences said both vehicles sustained of the man wanted in connection with the felony hit-and-run accident, Blondon said.

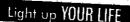
"We're following up on all those leads, trying to get a better idea of what happened."

he said.

The accident occurred in the rural foothills near where the southbound speed limit on the highway increases from 45 to 65 mph. No speed estimate was provided for either vehi-

There were no signs of driver intoxication, Blondon said. He extensive front-end damage and briefly blocked southbound traffic.

Reach Paul DeCarlo at (951) 846-2305 or pdecarlo@pe.com-



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Sherrill Flores

Cherrill Flores, 36, of Hemet, died Sept.) from injuries sustained in an auto-mobile accident

Services were Sept. 4. Inland Memorial Harford Chapel in Hemet handled arrangements.

Mrs. Flores, who was born in California, lived in Hemet 13 years. She worked for the County of Riverside for eight years.

She is survived by three daughters. Amber, Selina and Leticia, all of Hernet, her parents, Bob and Cecelia Morris of Corona; and a brother, Richard Duran

and Memorial Cremation & Burial

Suspect Jews sought 4/3/05 in fatal hit-and-run

HIGHWAY 79: He fled the scene of the head-on crash that killed a Hemet woman, officials say.

BY PAUL DECARLO THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

BEAUMONT - Authorities continued searching Friday for a hit-and-run suspect involved in a wreck that left a Hemet woman dead on Highway 79,

Sherrill Lynn Flores, 36, of Hemet, died following a head-on collision just after 10 p.m. Thursday along Highway 79 just south of First Street, authorities

The driver of a white Ford F-150 pickup ran away from the scene after his truck veered from the northbound lanes across the double-yellow center divider and hit Flores, who was headed south in a white 2004 Toyota Matrix, authorities said.

Flores was pronounced dead about 20 minutes after the collision, Riverside County Coro-

ner's records show

State records show the white 2005 Ford pickup had been registered to a Banning resident, See **FATAL**/B4A

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Authorities are searching for a man between the ages of 25 and 30 with dark hair worn in a pony tail. The man, who police believe may be from Banning, is wanted on suspicion of felony hit-and-run from a crash that killed a Hemet woman.

Anyone with information should call the California Highway Patrol at (951) 769-2000 or (760) 772-8900. ·

SOURCE: CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL



Suspect in hit-run surrenders

ARREST: Authorities say Marshall Reyes Vega, 31, was sought in the traffic death of a Hemet woman.

11:50 PM PDT on Wednesday, September 7, 2005

By PAUL DeCARLO / The Press-Enterprise

A Banning man turned himself in five days after authorities say he ran away from a wreck that killed a 36-year-old Hemet woman along Highway 79.

Marshall Reyes Vega, 31, is out on \$50,000 bail after surrendering Tuesday evening at the California Highway Patrol substation in Beaumont, authorities said.

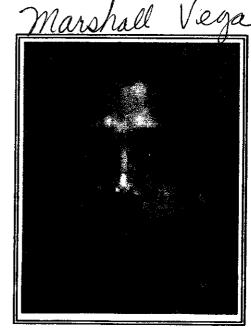
Vega, who was arrested and briefly booked into Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility near Banning, could face charges of felony hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, CHP Officer Robert Saiz said.

Sherrill Lynn Flores, who had been driving back to Hemet after a nursing school class in San Bernardino, died following the head-on crash last Thursday about 10:30 p.m. just south of First Street along Highway 79 in Beaumont.

Since then, family and friends have struggled with the sudden loss of the mother of three who worked for the past nine years at Hemet's West Valley High School as a teacher's aide for developmentally disabled children.

"I think we're still numb," said Cecilia Morris, Flores' 60-yearold mother from Corona. "We keep expecting to hear from her again."

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May 30, 2008

Soboba Tribal Administration 23904 Soboba RD. PO Box 487 San Jacinto, CA 92581

Letter sent to tribe by my Musband Robert Morris

Attention:

Dear Chairman Salgado and Soboba Tribal Administration,

First let me introduce myself. My name is Bob Morris. I was encouraged to write to you by mutual friends at The Assembly of God Church. I was told that you are a fair man. My step daughter was Sherrill Flores. She lost her life September 1, 2005 at the hands of Marshall Vega, a Soboba tribal member. Sherrill left behind 3 beautiful daughters, her mother, brother and many more members of her family. This has been a very sad and stressful time for all of us.

I am enclosing the impact statements from my wife and granddaughters. Please read them. Sherrill was a wonderful person. Her life was dedicated to helping those who were in n need. She worked with the most severely mental and physically handicapped young adults. Her dream was to become a nurse in order to do more. She was on her way home after class (Nursing school) when she was struck head-on by Marshall Vega. He ran after the accident, not even stopping to check on her.

But there is one thing left undone. M<r. Vega thought he could buy a lesser sentence by offering to have a trust fund set up for Sherrill's mother and daughters. This was put before the judge. The judge tried to make this happen since the money he receives from gaming could not be touched by law and he didn't carry car insurance. Carrying auto insurance is something that should be encouraged by the tribal leaders in order to show responsibility and it is the morally right thing to do. I see ads on television stating the tribes want to give back to the community and be productive members of society. This would make a goodwill statement instead of the anger, the sadness, unfairness and frustration the victim" are left with.

During the court appearance for Mr. Vega's sentencing, tears were shed by everyone including Mr. Vega, his attorney, and even the court reporter. We were feeling sorrow for Mr. Vega and for his children who are left without a father for the length of his sentence. We wished Mr. Vega hadn't abused alcohol or chosen to drive. We heard about Mr. Vega's rehab and hope he can stay free of alcohol and come back for his children. BUT Mr. Vega never offered to be financially responsible after he learned that he couldn't buy a shorter sentence. I was told that the tribes have a fund available to compensate families for losses (compensation that insurance companies pay) like our family has suffered. Is this true? Is there anyway you could help with this? If auto insurance was in place that would have helped this family to be compensated and I wouldn't be writing you for help.

Respectfully,

Robert Morris Enclosures (5)

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians

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August 14, 2008

Here is the answer I received from Soboba, Idenying my request for help for my grand-daughters

Robert Morris 2307 Patriot Way Corona, CA 92882

Dear Mr. Morris,

The Soboba Tribal Council has received your letter and expresses their sympathy for your loss.

To address your questions in regards to a fund to compensate families for losses, the Soboba Tribe does not have such a fund.

If you should have any further questions, you may contact me at 951.654.2765 ext. 4115.

Respectfully,

Dione Kitchen
Executive Assistant

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Cecelia Morris 2307 Patriot Way Corona, CA 92882

Dirk Kempthorne Department of Interior 1849 C St. NW Washington, D.C. 20240

February 7, 2008

Re: The Soboba Indian Reservation Land:

Dear Mr. Kempthorne,

I am writing to you concerning this matter even though I do not live in the City of Hemet or the City of San Jacinto which are the areas most closely affected by this matter. Let me explain why this is a matter of concern to me and my family.

This is first letter sont when the tribe was trying expansion

On September 1, 2005 my daughter was on her way home from school when a Soboba tribe member crossed three lanes, a wide dirt median and two more lanes and plowed head on into her. He had been drinking and never put on the brakes until after he hit her. He never bothered to see if she needed help. He only thought about himself and he ran. My daughter did not have a chance. She died and left behind three beautiful daughters who will grow up without their mother. These girls still live in the Hemet/San Jacinto area. He turned himself in five days later with a high_priced attorney. This was the beginning of my education concerning Indian affairs.

Not only did I find that there is no financial responsibility to her family from this man. He receives a large amount of money from Indian gaming but this would not help her daughter's future. I was now learning all about the criminal activities this tribe. The Riverside County District Attorney's office has told me of the many problems the have had trying to go after offenders who escape to the Reservation and hide. In fact, at the time the Riverside Sherriff Department's contract with the Soboba Tribe was rescinded by the Tribal Chief. Too many tribe members were being picked up so out went the contract.

Please do not let this expansion happen. This will only put more money at their disposal to use for drug, weapons, alcohol and murder. Check with the Riverside DA's office, the Sherriff Dept., Fire Department about the criminal activities and the threats on their lives.

Thank you for your time and please keep this confidential.

Cecelia Morris

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By CHARLES HAND The VALLEY CHRONICLE

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search.

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Improving Quality of Life for Indian Tribes

On February 5, 2007, Interior Secretary Kempthorne launched two initiatives aimed at improving quality of life for Indian tribes. Combating a methamphetamine crisis in Indian Country and promoting higher academic achievement in Indian schools are key initiatives in the FY2008 budget for the Department of the Interior

The President has proposed a \$16 million increase to fund the Bureau of Indian Affair's Safe Indian Communities Initiative, which will strengthen law enforcement capabilities on tribal lands by providing \$5 million to hire and train additional law

enforcement officers; \$5 million to increase staff at Indian detention facilities and for training detention officers; and \$6 million to provide specialized drug enforcement training for officers and public awareness campaigns about the dangers of methamphetamine use for tribal communities.

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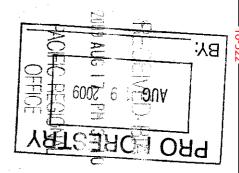
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Dale Morris
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Mr. Morris,

Please be advised of my concerns with the projected "project" surrounding my community. I'm very much opposed to Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer. Not only that the transfer would eliminate all tax revenues, also the uneasiness of living in the shadow of a proposed casino, concerns me greatly, with all the extra traffic to our area, and possibly whatever else it may bring to our door step.

Kindly make note of my disapproval.

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Thank you,

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- It is not appropriate, nor the intent of the law to harm U.S. citizens who may be caught in a Tribe's sovereign pursuit of economic gain.
- There is room on the existing reservation, immediately adjacent to the proposed transfer for development of most of the proposed developments.

Please understand our concerns and appreciate our right to continue living in a peaceful, semi-rural area without imposing a sovereign nation surrounding us and the largest commercial development in the entire San Jacinto valley in our backyards.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Soboba Band can develop the fee land and not negatively impact their neighbors without it being Trust land.

Sincerely,

Chaplotte R. ALBERT
Printed Name

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Mr. Dale Morris Regional Director Pacific Regional Office Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, Ca 95825

Dear Sir:

Well, here we go again - one more time - we oppose the annexation of the Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust property into trust for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian (Tribe). We ask that the land remain within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the City of San Jacinto and the County of Riverside, with the current light residential, recreational zoning intact.

We, my wife and I, attended the public meeting on August 5th at the Hemet Public Library. I spoke in opposition to the project at that time. We listened, with great interest, to the environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIS. Issues regarding land resources, water resources, air quality; biological resources; cultural resources, economic and socioeconomic conditions; resource use patterns; public services; other values including noise, hazardous materials, and visual resources; cumulative effects; indirect effects; growth including effects and mitigation measures. Boy, what a mouth full (did I leave anything out).

We also listened to remarks concerning the current wild life that dwells in the area, i.e., how we needed to fence off and protect their habitat!! Oh, my, how wonderful!! We ask, "How about the habitat of the 400 Senior Citizens that now reside at the Soboba Springs Retirement Community?? What of the residents that now occupy homes to the north and west of the project?? Are we not as important as the fuzzy little creatures that live in the land?? Oh, you say, of course, you're already fenced off from the project. Oh, you bet we are!! Upon approval of the Fee to Trust Our Park (our homes) become an Island in the midst of a Sovereign Indian Nation, with no input (from us) regarding future land development.

Cannot you people see what is happening here?? Approval of the Fee to Trust will eventually result in the demise of our Park. You might ask, "how?" Let me explain. This Park is operated as a business - like any business it operates by profit

and loss principals. We, the residents of the Park (those physically and financially able) who do not wish to live across the street from a Las Vegas Casino, will simply move. As the units empty there will be NO resale. Question - as a retiring Senior, looking for a clean quiet environment in which to live, would you purchase a home across the street from an operating Las Vegas Casino???? Would you purchase a home in the middle of a sovereign Indian Nation?? We think NOT!! Eventually, as residents leave, the Park it will no longer be a viable enterprise. Ah, another Fee to Trust proposal and our Park will become part of the Soboba Reservation!!

We do not believe the EIS deals fairly with the concerns of people who reside in the area affected by the Fee to Trust. We were here prior to the advent of Indian Gaming and we should be granted some preference in this process!! Further, the Tribes (Indians) should honor their commitment to the communities. Do you recall the TV Commercials prior to voting on the Indian Gaming Initiatives??? Tribal representatives, in nightly TV commercials, shouted (promised) no Casinos outside the boundaries of the existing reservations. They (The Tribes) should honor this commitment.

In closing, again, we oppose the annexation of the Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust property into trust for the Soboba Tribe!! However, we feel we are predestined to loose this issue. The driving force - money, money, money - another dollar in profit is the quest - the ultimate goal!! A dollar, placed always above the concerns of people in the political spectrum. What matter the cost in the quality of life, the homes and environment of people who live here?? Who cares about a few old folks when "big bucks" are at stake?? Well, Sir, we are not for sale for a Dollar. Our environment, our life style and our homes are more important, and under attack. We are fighting here for our survival!! We pray for your consideration in this matter!! We ask a just decision, i.e., disapproval of the Fee to Trust. Is this justice for the Soboba Band - yes - they have space on their existing reservation to complete most of the planed development. Can they develop the purchased land - yes, however, only within the existing codes and zoning (like any other citizen). Thank you for consideration of our views!!

Sincerely:

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To the Bureau of Indian affairs:

We all want our families to live in a safe quiet residential area; free from casino activities, free from 24/7 noise and lights, free from 24/7 traffic congestion, and free from 24/7 sirens and crime. We want our families to be free from hazardous conditions and from life treating environments. This is what you want for your families and this is what all of us 1200 homeowners and land owners want too. God will not bless the Soboba Indian Reservation if they inflict on us what they themselves do not want! This proposal is also life treating and will devastate and destroy many lives. Another area you may not have taken into consideration, Calicinto Ranch, which borders Reservation land. We have thousands of young children come to our ranch on a weekly basis and there is absolute no way on earth an ambulance or paramedic or fire engine could possibly get threw the traffic congestion, from a casino and traffic congestion from a hotel not to mention all the other structures suggested in this proposal. This proposal would be responsible for a multitude of deaths and untreated life threading injuries. Who in their right mind would consent to the removal of our freedom? NO ONE! ABSOLUTY NO ONE! So our question is, WHY, Why are you putting all of our lives in danger when you have 7000 acres east and north east of our properties? Please take some Ariel photos when the traffic congestion is backed up three miles is every direction. Thank you for seriously considering these issues.

Sincerely,

Joanne Pirelli Homeowner and Landowner

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Please make note of my disapproval.

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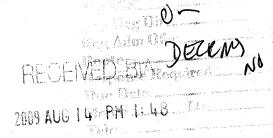
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Please provide any other comments or concerns related to the DEIS.
I own a home near the proposed Casino/hotel Complex.
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August 17, 2009

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Re: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian's Casino Project

Dear Mr. Morris:

2800 Cottage Way

Sacramento, CA 95825

This letter is to voice objection to the proposed annexation of 535 acres to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian Reservation for development of a hotel-casino complex.

As one of 500 residents living in close proximity to the reservation we have numerous concerns regarding the problems and issues that will arise from the proposed development of a Las Vegas style hotel and casino, food and beverage establishments, spa, four retail establishments, also a large parking garage, a tribal fire station, a waste water treatment plant, a restaurant, retail space, and a gas station. It is already a problem for residents to get in and out of their homes when the existing casino has special events let alone emergency vehicles. Traffic can be backed up for several miles when these events occur. Soboba Road is nothing more than a paved two-lane country road it leads to the casino and runs directly through two tracks of homes. How could this small area possibly support the projected traffic of 22,500 trips a day? If you haven't already done so please come to our area and see this for yourself.

The reservation and casino have continuous problems with crime. Many shooting incidents and drug activities are well documented. A friend of ours was robbed at knifepoint in the washroom of the casino. The casino was robbed of over a million dollars last year and the getaway car was left less than 100 feet from our home. We believe that was the largest casino robbery in Southern California. There have been six murders on the reservation since the project review started and there have been fractured tribal relations with the Riverside Sheriff's Department. It defies reason to say this new casino would not result in an increase in crime. Our little area of homes has retired people and many families with young children. The local school bus comes through our area every morning and afternoon.

If this annexation were carried out it would create islands of non-Indian land surrounded by the reservation and we would have to drive onto the reservation just to reach our home. We believe this project would also cause a large devaluation in the value of existing homes.

We commend the Soboba Indians for wanting to help all living on the reservation to excel in all they do. However, the existing casino takes in hundreds of millions of dollars a year, how much is enough? We believe this project should be carried out on existing reservation land. A larger casino on the reservation would still bring jobs to the community.

Assistant Secretary Carl Artman said, "the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 was never intended to encourage construction of Indian Gaming Facilities outside existing regulations.

Thank you for your time.

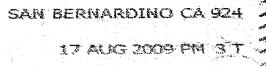
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Dear Participants and Interested Public:

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments and return the completed form to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Your comments will help us in development of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The formal public comment period began upon publication of the project-specific Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on July 2, 2009, and will end on September 15, 2009. Please submit public comments specific to the draft EIS (DEIS) anytime during this timeframe.

Written comments may be submitted by the following means:

- Leave the comment form at the public comment meeting
- Mail the comment form or a letter to the address below

Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

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Please include your name, return address, and the caption: "DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Hotel/Casino Project", on the first page of your submittal.

CONTACT INFORMATION (please print clearly)

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Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for considering my comments as I have lived and worked in the San Jacinto Valley since 1983 and sent my three children through the local San Jacinto Unified School District here. I am currently retired and live in Hemet. My husband, Tom, is an avid golfer familiar with the Country Club of Soboba Springs, and we frequently dine at the Club's Maze Stone Restaurant. We have four families of friends who live in homes near the golf course and we have attended many concerts at Soboba's concert venue. I presently serve on the Boards of two local non-profit organizations in the valley and both Tom and I support many local charitable groups.

FACTS TO CONSIDER:

- About 400 tribal residents currently live on the Soboba land.
- About 1200 mobile home residents live in the Lake Park Mobile Home Estates.
- About 300 residents live in homes around the golf course.
- About 200 residents live in homes on the hillside overlooking the golf course.
- The residents of nearby non-tribal, privately-owned homes outnumber the tribal residents nearly 4 to 1.
- The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians already has more than the 300 acres of land which it can use a 55 acre portion to build all the proposed facilities on existing tribal land without having to go through this proposed "fee to trust" acquisition process.
- Were the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians to gain permission to annex and build as proposed, they could choose to build anything anywhere on the 55 acres acquired through the "fee to trust" process. There is no guarantee that they would build one of their three currently proposed scenarios.
- <u>Tribal members within the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians will directly profit</u> from the building of the proposed new facilities: hotel, parking lots, retail stores, casino, and other facilities.
- The environmental impact once these facilities are built and operated will be dramatic and severe: increased amounts of dust, smog, noise, and noise levels, increased traffic, increased demand for water (which is in short supply due to drought in southern California), increased night lights to name a few.

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- The existing Soboba Casino has recently been remodeled and its location is more than adequate.
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 hotel built near the existing casino via private vehicles and shuttle vans or perhaps even
 street-legal golf carts.
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- Impact and inconvenience the fewest number of people to achieve the Soboba tribal goals of building and operating all the proposed facilities.
- Let the tribal residents who will directly profit financially from the proposed new facilities have those facilities be located in their current area south of Lake Street – not in the area of those longtime homeowners to the north of the current casino who will not profit financially.

I sincerely appreciate the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, their rich culture, and their wonderful and generous contributions to the local communities. I wish them success in building a needed large-scale hotel, but not at the location they propose. It is all about location, location, location!

Thank you for considering these comments and please do not approve or recommend approval of the proposed.

Sincerely,

Audrey Garnella (951) 252-7866

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- The California State Association of Counties letter of September 8, 2008 reports that: "<u>for every dollar</u> the community collects from gambling-related taxes, <u>it must spend three</u> dollars to cover new expenses, including police, infrastructure, social welfare, and counseling services."

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REQUESTED ACTION BY YOUR OFFICE:

- 1. **BECOME INFORMED** of the substance and consequences of the fee-to-trust application by becoming familiar with the DEIS. It is available on line at: http://team.entrix.com/clientsite/soboba.nsf
- 2. **BE PREPARED** the BIA will ask whether this fee to trust acquisition and gaming facility will be detrimental to the surrounding communities; this will occur via inquiry of State, County, and local governments of the immediate cities and surrounding communities.
- 3. **ENSURE** the County of Riverside is on record with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a "Cooperating Agency" scheduled to receive any and all notices regarding this Transfer and responds to all actions by the BIA.
- 4. **SUPPORT OPPOSITION** to the Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

Thank you for giving us your time.

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I find it difficult to understand why the Bureau of Indian Assairs should approve convension of Horseshoe Gande land from See-to-trust; and Subsequent annexaction to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indian Reservation. I desire that this land remain with its Current boundaries, jurisdictions and zoning.

Consider the Following
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How can you tell these citizens that they must give up their life style in a quiet residential community in order to accommodate the desires of the wealthy Sobobar Bank of Luiseño Indians? This is even more difficult to understand when the existing Soboba reservation is large enough to accommodate their proposed new casino and hotel.

In summary, I believe that this is another classic example of American Greed where the Soboba Bandis pursuit of increased profits is at the expense of other American citizens.

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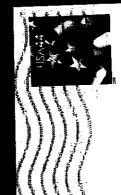


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> Re: DEIS Comments Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian's Casino Project - Harold & Francis Retzlaff - 2230-68 Lake Park Drive, San Jacinto, Ca. 92583

Dear Sir:

God help us keep our homes!! It's a given our Political representatives will not. The proposal to place a Las Vegas style casino across the street from our Senior Park has again reared it's ugly head. Our park, located at 2230 Lake Park Drive, is within the City Limits of San Jacinto. My wife and I moved here some five years ago hopping for a quite, clean, semi-rural and secure environment in which to spend our remaining years. But, not so!!! We are both in our 80's - my wife in poor health.

If the Soboba Indian plan is approved it will be the end of our Park and our way of life. No, we have not seen or read the DEIS, therefore, at this writing we do not know the contents. Given the power of the Tribe, the money will dictate a decision favorable to the Soboba Indians. We may be able to attend the scheduled public meetings, yet, this is in doubt due to my Wife's health. Also, it's not likely we can make it to the Hemet Library to read the report. So, we expect that this letter will be our voice. Any reasonable person can look at the proposed development and see, if approved, it will mean the end of our Park. We will become an Island in the midst of the Indian Reservation. My God, can you imagine the traffic, the lighting, the noise pollution a 90,000 square foot casino, a 300 room hotel and a 2,200 space parking garage will bring into our home site - actually right across the street??

Ah, so what matter that a few hundred old folks (actually about 400) are cast out?? Well, I'd remind you that our generation worked, paid the taxes, fought the Korean and Vietnam Wars, turned the crank that kept this Country free and running for the last six or seven decades!! We purchased our homes here because of the environment, we put all our savings into our residence and have no where else to go!!

I wish we could share with you our sense of dismay, upset and fear regarding this proposed development. Given the fact that this is a Senior retirement community, how would you like to live on a street with the prospects of 2,200 vehicles passing by each day?? Then too, check with the San Jacinto Police Department regarding the Police activity at the present Casino location?? On days when "Special Events" occur at the existing Casino we sit in long traffic lines to enter our Park. In the past couple of years Police activity actually closed Lake Park Drive on two occasions. In one case I was banned from access to Lake Park Drive (our home) with medication prescribed by my Wife's Doctor. Ah, yes, what a wonderful, wonderful life!!

The people of California expressed concerns regarding the proliferation of Indian Gaming when these initiatives were placed on the ballot. I recall the response from the Tribes - TV adds screamed out, "NO INDIAN GAMING ON NON RESERVATION LAND." Of course, no one explained to us this was a sham, i.e., through the process of "fee to trust" the Tribes could purchase and then annex any land (property) to the existing reservation. Whoopee - instant Las Vegas Casinos across the street from existing homes. What happened to the Tribes promise of no Casinos outside the confines of the existing reservations. I'll tell you, money, money and money!! Where there's a buck to be made to hell with people (particular old folks,) the environment or anything else gets in the way.

This is an impossible situation. When we moved here we put all out "eggs" into this basket. Mobile Homes, unlike real property, do not normally appreciate in value. We cannot realize enough dollars, assuming we could sell, to re-locate. Then too, my Wife's medical conditions make moving almost impossible. If the Park, by some miracle can survive, we're stuck living across the street from a Las Vegas Casino. We are angered and against the proposed Casino expansion. We ask, beg and Pray for the disapproval of this project.

Sincerely;

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Dear Mr. Morris / Soboba Indians,

I look forward to the proposed development of the land by the Soboba Indians. I fully believe that raw land is at its lowest value and that their proposal will convert it to its highest and best use.

I live at the Soboba Springs Mobile Estates and, although, there are a few residents opposed to the proposed development I do not believe their opinion represents the majority.

The Soboba Indians have already done a beautiful job on the golf course and clubhouse. I eagerly look forward to continued improvements of the area as well as jobs and added income for the town.

Best Wishes,

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I am a resident of the "Hillside" community northeast of Soboba Road. We are in an unincorporated area of the County of Riverside, not within the incorporated city of San Jacinto. The existing Reservation and Casino is approximately a mile east of us.

I oppose the proposed "fee to trust" transfer for a number of reasons.

- 1) The proposed "Fee to Trust" would result in the Soboba Reservation surrounding and isolating the remaining fee land. This will create islands of City and County fee land within a sovereign nation. I find it impossible to see how this can be mitigated and comply with the requirement of "The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act"; that the gaming establishment on newly acquired lands (1) will be in the best interest of the Indian tribe and its members, and, (2) will not be detrimental to the surrounding community. (Emphasis added).
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- permit reasonable access. If this project were to be presented to the City and County they would most likely never allow it.
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Simply, the proposed project is an obvious attempt to remove from their reservation, the unwanted problems of traffic, pollution, crime, noise, and the disruption of the Casino operations without giving up the wealth that it provides; by moving it into our neighborhoods.

Regards,

Kenneth J. Miller-

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Mr. Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Dear Mr. Morris:

With this letter I am registering my objections to granting the Soboba Tribe permission to build a new casino and hotel. This is not only based on the proposed location, which was poorly chosen. But more importantly to force this tribe to make amends for the horrible way that they have treated some of their own members. I refer specifically to a couple of years ago when they "kicked out" several families from the tribe, just so the leaders would have more power and a bigger slice of the profits. These actions have been detailed in several newspaper articles, specifically the Press-Enterprise and a very detailed, in depth article in the L.A. Free Press.

I am retired and do not even know any Indians, but what they did to these tribal members was disgusting. My husband and I enjoyed Soboba for several years, but we no longer go there. I urge the Bureau to investigate what these tribal leaders did and correct the situation by making them readmit these members and making restitution, BEFORE you let them continue with these new plans.

Thank you for your time. I.M.

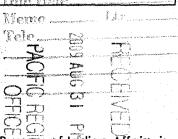
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Re: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' Hotel/Casino Project

Dear Mr. Morris:

My purpose in writing is to state my adamant opposition to the conversion of land from fee-to-trust, and subsequent annexation to the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian Reservation. Based on just a few very salient points, I strongly feel this land should remain within its current boundaries, jurisdiction and zoning.

- 1.: Extensive research by the Save Our Communities (SOC) committee has determined that none of the proposed land to be annexed was ever owned or occupied by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians prior to their purchase of same. This directly contradicts their contention that the tribe had "historically" occupied this area.
- 2. An annexation of this nature would be unprecedented, insofar as the reservation would then completely surround and isolate three communities (roughly 2000 residents of San Jacinto).
- 3. There would be loss of considerable tax revenue to the City of San Jacinto. In addition, property values in all three affected communities would be negatively impacted. Who would want to buy a home next to a Vegas-scale casino/hotel?
- 4. There is more than adequate land available within existing reservation boundaries for the tribe to build their proposed "complex". The City of San Jacinto is opposed to any of their proposed "action plans", and has gone on record as being willing to facilitate construction of a road leading directly onto reservation land.
- 5. Residents of the three communities that would be directly impacted by this annexation, as well as officials with the City of San Jacinto agree that this proposed project would be completely inappropriate land use for the area.

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I have attended all the scoping meetings, and have yet to hear any genuine concern for the residents who live in our three communities. Noise barriers and buffers will not eliminate the very real fact that we will not be able to enjoy the same peace and quiet that others will enjoy in their neighborhoods that are not next to this hotel/casino/sports arena.

Please look beyond the smooth rhetoric and easy answers from the tribe's lawyers and representatives, and consider the real people who will be most affected by this proposal.

Sincerely,

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The Soboba Springs Mobile Estates, in the city of San Jacinto, is unique. We are at the base of the scenic San Jacinto Mountain range, across from The Country Club at Soboba Springs golf course, yet approximately 1 mile from the nearest small community market and 3 miles from a larger chain market—it gives the feeling of a more rural community. These are the very features which compelled us to retire here.

If the property surrounding us—that is <u>literally</u> surrounding us—is annexed to become a part of the Indian sovereign nation, we will lose all those things that brought us here. We will have invasive lights on all night, every night; <u>much</u> heavier traffic with its pollution every day and night; our security and safety will be compromised due to police and fire and medical help having to be permitted entrance through sovereign land to reach us—not to mention the usual increase in crime which is drawn to a gambling establishment; and, of course, throughout the 2 or 3 (or more) years putting the proposed plans into action, we will be subjected to pollution in our air from the construction going on. Mind you, we are a senior community and many of our residents are already not in good health due to lung and other breathing difficulties.

Our city of San Jacinto would be denied the taxes on those properties which normally are used on our behalf to upgrade our roads, buildings, and services which keep us all safer and healthier.

In other words, the act of annexing these 535 acres of property would compromise our way of life and probably force those who could afford it to leave our community. Realistically, most of us would not be able to afford it.

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Please cast my response as PRO ANNEXATION.

The existing homes and residents within the area being considered are not an being considered species. Therefore, endangered species. Therefore, they have no rights to exclusive protection.

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September 14, 2009

Dale Morris, Regional Director

Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Sir:

We are writing on the draft environmental impact statement for the Soboba Band Of Luiseno Indians proposal to annex land it owns to the reservation for a casino-hotel project. We are in favor of the project and believe it will employ more locals and be a beautiful addition to our valley. All the projects that the American Indians have built are first class and assets to the community. We own a home across the street from the proposed site and feel that it will positively impact our real estate investment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John and Elaine Phillips

September 9, 2009

Mr. Dale Morris, Regional Director Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95824

Lois Duran Soboba Springs Mobile home Estates 2230 Lake Park Drive. Spc. 119 San Jacinto, CA 92583

RE: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indian's Hotel/Casino Project

Dear Director Morris.

I am writing to comment on the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Fee-To-Trust Transfer Of Land Ownership Of The Horseshoe Grande Property. I was in attendance and provided comments at the public meeting of August 5, 2009, at which the Bureau of Indian Affairs was seeking public comments on the Environmental Impact Report.

While I am generally very much in support of the Tribe's plan to annex the property they have acquired to the reservation, there are areas of the Tribe's plans to build a hotel/casino/RV park that I believe dictate a need for further discussion and mitigation. Of most concern to me and to other area homeowners I've spoken with, are public safety issues related to the anticipated increased traffic. I don't see that the existing plan adequately addresses the negative impact and potential safety hazards of the increased traffic to area residents, most of whom are senior citizens. I am not referring to simple "inconveniences" to local residents, but to serious safety concerns, such as how emergency medical services would maneuver through heavily congested traffic to respond to medical emergencies and to the increased hazard for area residents to enter and exit their housing communities safely.

With that said, let me again stress my support of the Tribe's overall plans for expansion. Many homeowners here at the Soboba Springs Mobile Estates, while hesitant to speak out publicly, have expressed to me their support, as well. The improvements that have been made to the Soboba Golf Course and the addition of the new Club House have enriched this community. While most of us who have our homes here want to see the natural beauty of our community maintained, it's important that we not be short sighted. Future growth is inevitable. I believe that research will support my belief that the Tribe will be far more responsive to maintaining the natural landscape of our community than will city planners, who typically look to development to fill its coffers.

Tribal plans for further development will provide many new and much needed jobs within this community. As our elected officials continue to support housing growth, they

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have done little to address the need for sustainable jobs. We must not allow our city planners to continue on this path. A dearth of job opportunities combined with a growing housing market is a sure recipe for disaster.

Finally, I am highly offended by the hostile and disrespectful tone I've witnessed at the community meetings I've attended, directed at the tribe and its leaders by some local citizen groups and public officials. Setting this negative tone is unnecessary and counterproductive. Our public officials should be using this opportunity to work with Tribal leaders and local homeowner's on how best to mitigate problem areas of this development rather than further alienating tribal members. The Tribal Council and its members have been good neighbors to us here at the Soboba Springs Mobile Home Estates, as well as to the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet. Their plan for further development could be a "win-Win" for the entire community.

Respectfully,

Lois A. Duran

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Please accept and review the attached letter regarding the Soboba Band

of Luiseno Indians - Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer

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September 13, 2009

Mr. Dale Morris, Regional Director Pacific Region Office Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Public Comment - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians - Horseshoe Grande Fee to

Trust Transfer Application

Dear Mr. Morris:

This letter is written in **OPPOSITION** to the subject issue. This transfer is inappropriate and unnecessary for numerous reasons as stated by the Resolutions and concerns express by the City of San Jacinto, County of Riverside, City of Hemet and the community groups Stand Up For California and Save Our Communities (SOC), all which have submitted information opposing this transfer and the proposed project.

This transfer is NOT necessary for the sustainability or future development of the Soboba band. The current reservation is close to 6,000 acres, approximately 9 square miles and twice the area granted in 1883. The Band has developed over 480 acres of reservation for a sports complex with significant open space at that location. The Band has over 60 acres at the current casino site with the majority of that area reserved for a ground level parking lot. The Band claims they want to protect ancestral lands, but intend to pave over or build over much of the transfer land immediately adjacent to established residential communities.

The DEIS presented in early August 2009, after over 18 months of secrecy by the Band and BIA is woefully inadequate, error filled, and the project as proposed cannot be adequately mitigated. The impacts on the residential areas immediately adjacent to proposed construction and structures (often within less than 100 feet) cannot be mitigated. The DEIS totally ignored the issues of **environmental justice** as required by Federal laws regarding the immediately impacted adjacent communities with over 700 residents, as well as a ranch for underprivileged children.

It is unreasonable to place a new political entity which enjoys immunity to civil liability and tax exemption in the middle of a suburban center that for over 100 years has been subject to State and local law and private ownership of generations of private citizens until sale to the Band on the open market.

Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians - Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer Application

Rather than reclaiming ancestral land it appears the Band seeks to circumvent local regulatory and environmental safeguards, as well as State and local taxes. This will create a significant financial burden to the local non-Indian taxpayers.

There is no justification for this transfer and project as it ignores the successful casino, golf course, country club, and other diversified holdings of the Band which already exists for the benefit and quality of life for the Band members. According to the DEIS, the median household income for Soboba reservation members is \$75,470.

Last, this action creates an unprecedented *isolation of communities* that would virtually be surrounded by the reservation. Three long time existing communities of over 200 homes and a major land owner with numerous family members living on his acreage and a children's ranch for underprivileged children would be surrounded by the reservation lands. The Band would control ingress and egress for the residents, and for emergency services. Given the history and attitudes of this particular Band, control of emergency and other city and county services is of significant concern to residents and local governmental entities.

There is **NO JUSTIFICATION** for this transfer to be approved. Please look at all the facts and deny the transfer.

Yours truly,

Michael G. Adams

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To: Ken Salazar

Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior,

My name is Mr. Armando Pirelli, my family and I reside at 22770 Soboba Road in San Jacinto, County of Riverside, Southern California at the corner of Soboba Road and Lake Park Drive. I have lived here for 35 years.

Our family is in opposition to the proposed "fee to trust" by Soboba Tribe.

- 1. Approximately 1500 residents would become **isolated** within reservation lands.
- 2. There would be **no local control** in regards to development or law enforcement.
- 3. The land is currently zoned for <u>light residential</u> and open space.
- 4. 700 resident owners of the six adjacent communities would have safety service delays and uncontrolled access.
- 5. Tribe would have full **control of access** and control traffic flow.
- 6. All local agencies of the Hemet and San Jacinto Valley have clearly stated their opposition to this proposed fee to trust transfer.

Bottom line is we all want the same thing "PEACE". The tribe is tired of having their loud music, their noise, their blaring lights, and their 24/7 traffic in their front yards. They want to continue enjoying the income and revenue generated from Vegas style casino.

Almost none of the local residents are against the casino; if they were they would be over there boycotting it. We just don't want it in our front yards. There is plenty of open space and then some within the existing reservation boundaries for their proposed destination development and Vegas style casino.

It is bad enough that the local citizens and residents are punished with the existing casino as close as it is. The opposition to the fee to trust is the only thing stopping a Vegas style mega casino environment, a stone throw away from hundreds of local community residents. This is bad business!

Besides local residents, the Hemet San Jacinto Valley will be tremendously impacted by this proposed land transfer. Traffic congestion in the Valley and on the streets and highways will be unimaginable. We are not next to a freeway like larger tribes Morongo and Pechanga. The Valley's revenues will take a dramatic drop with the proposed project. The statistics the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) included in the draft of this project states that crime will dramatically increase. Our Valley's safety is at risk with this project.

Ken, as you can see all around us in the world we live there is a lot of corruption especially when it comes to money, or should we say the love of it? We ask that a thorough review be taken and all facts be looked at from both sides prior to a decision being made in regards to this proposed fee to trust.

Please respond to this request to me, for us, our neighbors, and our community, so that we can be assured this is being looked at.

Sincerely,

Mr. Armando Pirelli

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CC: Dale Morris (BIA), John Benoit, Mary Bono-Mack, Barbara Boxer, James Cason, Paul J. Cook, Byron Dorgan, Dianne Feinstein, David Hayes, Jerry Lewis, Mike McGowan, Randy Pinal, Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Skibine, Jeff Stone, and Dale Stubblefield.

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To Dale Morris, Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs and all others this may concern,

I am writing this letter to state that OUR FAMILY OPPOSES SOBOBA'S "FEE TO TRUST" PROPOSAL.

My name is Denise Pirelli, along with my husband and soon to be five children live on Soboba Road in San Jacinto, CA. Our home is on Riverside County property right next to the Soboba Reservation.

I have different concerns regarding the Reservations proposed plans for the land surrounding us. The biggest concern is the fee to trust. If this fee to trust were to go through we would have to cross Tribal land to get into town as well as all those who would like to or need to come to our home.

The problem with this is the history of the Soboba Band of Indian Reservation with all authority. They have and are known for blocking the entrance of sheriff and emergency personal to their land. There have been "incidents" at the Reservation when the Bands Tribal Enforcement has forced visitors to the Reservation to stay on tribal land with no police protection. With five children under the age of 8 it is scary to think that we might be caught up here unprotected and with no way out when the next "incident" comes to be.

I understand that many people are under the idea that "well this was Indian land first". Well, with all due respect that idea is a bit unrealistic. Yes, this might at one point have been their land, just like Texas, California and parts of other states were once a part of Mexico, shall we give Mexico their land back too? The Indians were once free to roam the entire United States of America, shall we hand it all over now? Where and when do we stop? The residents in this area bought the right to live on their property legally, should they pay for what our ancestors did to the Indians hundreds of years ago? If so, when will the USA start paying the African American people for the years their ancestors served as slaves? I hope I

have made my point. Boundaries were set for a purpose and a reason. In allowing this fee to trust will start an uncontrollable precedent.

Our homes should not be made islands just because the Reservation wants to add to its land and move the casino from their front yard to our front yard, it is not just, it is wrong. It is not a simple buying of land it is a transaction in which all those caught in the middle, us and our neighbors, loose our right to have access to emergency services or even access to our very own homes whenever an "incident" arises. There is no mitigation that can fix this detrimental impact.

I appreciate the time and attention paid to this letter and hope that it serves in making your decision.

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Cc: County, State and Federal Elected Representatives

7.0. Box 1342 Hemet, CA 92546

Dale Morris Facilitic Reg. Dr. - BIA 288 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA Sacramento, GA

Comments on the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indian proposal:

- I. The proposed annexation will create the same situation that we had in the cold war times in Germany. West Berlin was separated from West Germany, surrounded by East Germany. This created thousands of problems which we are able to read about in the historic books.
- San Jacinto City and residences will lose a huge portion of property tax and sales tax revenues because the existing property values will fall and existing properties will be harder to sell, just like what Palm Springs experienced before the 99 year land leases from the Local Band expired. Even after the leases got an extension the property value was still lower than the surrounding areas.
- 3. Public records document the many shootings and killings inside the reservation and surrounding residential great, Unfortunately, emergency vehicles have to request Tribal and police escorts in order to service Tribal members life and or property. What kind of escorts will be needed to protect and serve non Tribal members life or property in the middle of Tribal property. I understand that the Tribal does not have controls on the easement road, as they have no control of the criminal activity such as shootings inside the Tribal territory. We have to go to a waiting period when they recognized this activity not only hurts people but also businesses. .
- 4. This proposal is making it hard for our law enforcement to enforce the law, not just criminal Tribal members but every criminal. Example: The criminal with stolen property who flees to the reservation where they can no longer be chased by local law enforcement, will not be chased by Tribal enforcement because of lack of communication between Tribal and Law enforcement. Calif. Law enforcement officers can be sued if they go onto Tribal property.
- 5. The Tribe has plans to build a gas station next to the river. This is not a new idea, several applications to do this in the past have been denied by the City because of the high risk of polluting our underground water supply.

On a positive note, I recommend that the Tribe build its proposed new complex next to the existing Casino.

- Make a deal with the City of San Jacinto to extend Esplanade Ave, to the river/border of the reservation and build an inexpensive river crossing such as we had before the bridge was built on Main Street and Lake Park Drive. I do not think a real bridge is necessary as the old crossing was only damaged or destroyed twice in approximately the last 30 years.
- 2. Widen the road between the Casino and Lake Park Drive and make the traffic split between 3 ways. A. Esplanade, B. Main St., C. Soboba Rd.
- 3. My plan will enable both local Law Enforcement and Tribal Enforcement to work together and have more control to make it safer on the reservation and surrounding areas more secure.

See: Governor Schwarzenegger, City of San Jacinto Council Members, City of Homet Council Members, Mary Bono, Paul Cook, Barbara Boxer, Diane Fienstein

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Bureau of Indian Affairs Seeking Public Input on Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Proposed Hotel & Casino Project

Dear Participants and Interested Public:

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments and return the completed form to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Your comments will help us in development of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The formal public comment period began upon publication of the project-specific Notice of Availability (NOA) in the Federal Register on July 2, 2009, and will end on September 15, 2009. Please submit public comments specific to the draft EIS (DEIS) anytime during this timeframe.

Written comments may be submitted by the following means:

- · Leave the comment form at the public comment meeting
- Mail the comment form or a letter to the address below

Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

Please include your name, return address, and the caption: "DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' Hotel/Casino Project", on the first page of your submittal.

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Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region **Bureau of Indian Affairs** 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

Re: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' Casino Project

From: Mike Mayne, 1766 Carrera Drive, San Jacinto, California 92583

The following are Comments on the Executive Summary of the DEIS

Executive Summary - *pages consider title page as #1

- Develop 58 acres or %; need to say what part of the field is developed; other is golf course
- Alternative 2 no casino move then why put land in trust?
- 3. Alternative 3 all those facilities would have truck deliveries, garbage, lights, noise, etc.
- 4. Page ES 6- Seismic study already done, what were results?
- 5. " - Grading could cause flooding toward golf course homes (already a problem)
- Page ES 7 Cement surfaces equals no groundwater seeping plus flooding potential Gas tanks in earthquake zone near river, not acceptable

Project would use a lot of water for irrigation of resort grounds, therefore deplete sources

ES 8 Flood Control is not good now (basin fills with dirt and is not taken out, when it is dumped in the proposed field site, illegally)

Soil stabilizers not used while disking land or during construction of clubhouse or redoing of golf course.

Didn't use on other construction #2,4.6

- 8. ES 9 should comply but didn't at golf course and clubhouse (#1)
 - Are these mitigations in the proposed drawings?
 - c, does the clubhouse have panels etc.
 - e. transit where, when, how; does golf course, clubhouse have this feature?
- 9. ES 10 CO2 emissions LTS? Not with new CO2 requirements or Clean Diesel Act

No U.S. Water? - Where does water come from? Who put in hydrants and waterline-City?

- 10.ES 11- Kangaroo Habitat Area is most critical in So Cal. Incidental take on endangered species?
 - Gnatcatchers breeding ground? Tribal disking during that time.
- 11. ES 12-13 Kangaroo Rat habitat will be destroyed, but tribe will pay for credits from Caion Creek Conservation Bank; area more sensitive than just picking up and removing the rats.
 - ES 16 The beneficial effect of 2,600 more jobs could be on reservation land.
- ES 17 Decrease of \$235,090 in property tax? That is what the casino pays now? However, the project will be much larger and generate more tax. How did they determine sales tax of 1.15 million and state and fed income tax of I.98 to 7.92 million? This could still be had if the project were on the reservation.
- ES 19 Unacceptable and unsafe to have 22,525 cars per day (19,566 more) travel our two lane roads, 6,848 daily. Safety issues of speeds, drunk drivers, poorly lit roads, no passing lanes, congestion, lack of enforcement, crime to our neighborhoods

Traffic lights will not help, nor widening the sides.

Community has asked for street signals now and nothing was done.

September 1, 2009

15. ES 21—This shuttle and off-site parking should have been instigated with the current traffic problems during concerts and special events. The congestion just continues to happen.

Has the City of Hernet okd the use of Cawston and Hernet E.S. for parking? What about traffic congestion in those neighborhoods?

Intersection Control as proposed has not worked to help congestion because of two lane roads, the stop sign at Gilman Springs Road that allows one car at a time; no traffic lights for smoother flow at Soboba Road; no traffic lights going into the three communities to allow for ingress and egress with a steady flow of cars; no access for emergency vehicles when one lane is completely blocked with cars; Lake Park is too short and two lane and can't safely handle the amount of cars projected.

16. ES 22 – Light pollution – "To the extent possible" there will be glare and security lighting. The present casino is heavily lit for security reasons, such that the night sky is white. These lights are on 24/7.

Statement that light will not be "generated beyond Developed Site" is not acceptable, as the site will directly affect all three communities around it. The General Plan of the City states that the lighting currently in our residential neighborhoods will be what is acceptable. That lighting allows for a view of the night sky and stars. A Casino/Hotel development would after that forever.

17. ES 23- States that "all lighting will be turned off after regular business hours" except that regular business hours for the casino is 24/7. High powered security lighting will be necessary 24/7.

Water Rights settlement allows for the Tribe to use their water; however it will still deplete the existing water table which is critically low. That is not LTS for our area.

18. ES 24 — The Waste Water Treatment Plant is on the reservation, which will be on the fee-to-trust land which is adjacent to our communities. No mitigations for noise, smell, lighting, aesthetics near homes or any other nuisances from the WWTP have been mentioned.

Why will Project A emit 2.6 tons and A3 3.5 tons when it is not as large?

- 19. ES 25 Have SCE and SCGC been consulted as to energy services? This large amount of energy must need extra lines, grids in the area. What is the cost to the tax payer for these extra accommodations? Will the communities experience black outs or power shortages as a result of the Project requiring 250,000,000 kBtu's per year?
- 20. ES 26 Law Enforcement issues LTS? Constant issues with crime that is increasing since casino was opened, so the fact the Tribe says there will be "no changes in crime rate or incidence" is false.

What "increased safety features" will deter crime? The Emergency/Evac plan not discussed. What "enhanced access" features will increase safety?

What is the RCSD consultation program and what specifics will deter crime on the reservation and fee to trust land? Has the Tribe agreed to the PL 280 law in writing?

21. Fire and Medical services must be determined per PL 280. Two Tribal Fire Stations will not help the three communities outside the reservation boundaries, but surrounded by them.

What are the specifics of the shared services contract with the RCFD?

22. ES 27 – Hajjardous Materials – who monitors these materials and what emergency service provider will respond to hazardous spills and airborne pollutant spills that would affect workers and neighboring communities? Does Tribal Enforcement have Hazmat Safety capabilities?

Hazardous materials accidents are more likely to happen in this highly active Earthquake Fault Zone area.

23. ES 29 — Noise Pollution would be created for 12 hours, from 7am to 7pm Monday — Sat. including construction, delivery at loading docks, maintenance and lawn care. Proposed mitigation did not happen at clubhouse construction, just the opposite (pg. 23 of SOC report)

Refuge collection would be frequent based on the tons of solid waste projected.

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Does this comply with City Noise Ordinances or would the Tribe be able to bypass City Noise Ordinances even though the noise would drift to the "islands of city land" surrounded by reservation land?

AC units on roof tops will emanate constant noise 24/7.

6' "Sound Wall" around the mobile home park will not stop noise in buildings higher than that, which the majority will be (hotel, parking structure, convention center, casino, WWTP). Studies prove sound walls don't work.

24. ES 30 — Visual pollution — loss of views cannot be mitigated and the Tribe admits views from all points will be obstructed and forever changed.

Tall Acacia and Ana trees (30-60 feet) cannot replace mountain views which are all around.

The earth tones of buildings, screens and trellis' on parking structures cannot replace mountain views which will be blocked out by several story high buildings.

Only 2 story or higher buildings will be blocked. Will the fire station, WWTP, gas station, commercial enterprises, RV park buildings be 2 stories?

Three foot scrubs will be only ornamental, not visual barriers to anything.

25. ES 32 - The Tribe believes Cumulative Effects will all be LTS which is not true.

The Geology of the area is an active Earthquake Fault area.

The Solls have been proven to erode into mud rivers during heavy rain storms, so much so that the Tribe has designed water flow valleys on the golf course into a mud catch basin.

Seismic issues are not LTS for a high rise hotel and a destination resort holding thousands of people. A study was already done by the Tribe and should be public knowledge as part of the DEIS.

26. ES 33 – the Flooding issue is not LTS. The Flood Zone is the same as the current reservation and the Tribe has stated that being in a Flood Zone is the reason the hotel cannot be placed on the current reservation.

Water Quality will be affected in the sensitive San Jacinto River during flooding and more cement covering will cause more runoff into the ground water. The Tribe says a Water Management Plan is being developed — public needs to see it prior to DEIS approval.

Air Quality in the area is non-attainment for various particles and this is a significant issue (not LTS) since more construction, cars, patrons will bring more air pollution, not less.

Biological Resources will be affected as the waters underground that will be used by the Tribe are waters that the U.S. citizens and the Tribe would access jointly. Disruption of Wildlife Corridors not addressed.

Vegetation in the area is very important, even though the Tribe has bladed the land and rendered it barren.

27. ES -34 There are Federally Listed Species at the project area, contrary to their statement that they do not appear to inhabit the area. The Tribe admits, all could potentially be present.

The area is one of the most important Kangaroo Rat Habitat areas in southern Calif.

There are no signs now acknowledging that fact when illegal disking occurs by the Tribe.

The Project would forever destroy any future gnatcatcher nesting in the area.

All construction materials and trucks would be located on sensitive habitat areas.

28. ES – 35 The Tribe contends that no Cultural Resources or historical properties would be affected, yet the Tribe claims this land to be their aboriginal territory, without any proof of cultural artifacts.

Socia-Economic Justice is considered by the Tribe as NE. Not True. Land Use Planning.

Transportation issues are major impacts on the surrounding communities and the City and County. Who will construct new Soboba and Lake Park roads, what is the cost and who bears the

cost? Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) are paid for by the U.S. taxpayers in a Federal Program to create access to Indian Reservations.

Has the City of SI's engineer ok'd traffic signals?; 3 would be needed on Soboba Rd., 1 on Lake Park to safely allow ingress and egress to communities and the clubhouse. This would create unsafe conditions due to large number of cars stopping at various points and the recently increased speed limits on both of those roads. Any improvements on these roads should be completed before any proposed construction is considered.

How large would off road parking lots have to be to hold potentially 22,000 plus cars?

The community can't wait until 2025 for improvements, the impacts and safety concerns will be immediate.

- 29. ES 36 School services are not LTS since there will be no impact fees or property taxes to offset increased school services. A judicially enforced mitigation agreement with the SJSD should be written into the DEIS prior to any acceptance of the document.
- 30. ES 37 Hazardous Materials how can keeping this material at lowest level of contamination by LTS for elderly, retired, school and hospital patrons? Can't be mitigated unacceptable.

Who monitors the trucks, tanks and procedures to the satisfaction of US standards? Toxic fertilizer is now used on the golf course and has gone into residents' back yards.

- 31. ES 41 Recreational Resources should be "S", not "LTS" since this land is zoned "recreational" and it would lose that designation to become heavily commercial. Park lands were planned for that area in the Master and General Plans. That area has no parks which is a City desire for all subdivision areas.
- 32. ES 43 Air Quality The Tribe did not mention or consider the 22,000 plus cars and trucks per day and their exhausts.

The Tribe has never watered down the fields during disking.

The renovation of the golf course was dusty and water trucks were not used or effective. Homes gutters were filled and clogged with dirt.

33. ES 44 - Socioeconomic Conditions - (LST a different designation or typo?)

Roadway Construction — has the City ok'd realignment of Lake Park and Soboba Rd.?

This would be a major disruption of access to communities, utility interruption, increased pollution and it is not a mitigated issue, rated as LTS.

ISSUES NOT ADDRESSED IN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY THAT SHOULD BE ACCORDING TO SCOPING REPORT

- 1. Additional Land for Operations (p.5,6)
- 2. Sovereign Power (SOC report, p. 9.10)
- 3. Reacquire Reservation Land (p. 11-13)
- 4. Procedural/Legal (p.40)
- 5. Not Detrimental to Surrounding Communities (p.45-49)

All MITIGATIONS should be written in JUDICIALLY ENFORCED language before the EIS can be approved. The Tribe's 1999 Compact does not require mitigations.

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September 1, 2009

Mr. Dale Morris, Regional Director Pacific Region, BIA 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

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Cc: Supervisor Jeff Stone, 3rd District, Riverside County Board of Supervisors City Council — City of San Jacinto, CA

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July 17, 2009

Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Region 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

Attn: Dale Morris, Regional Director

Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Proposal to Annex 535 Acres of Land

As I have written a previous letter concerning Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians proposal to annex 535 acres of land (letter attached). I object to this becoming part of the indian reservation property. The mobile home park (Soboba Springs) is a retirement park and most of us have made this our last home. My space is located directly in line to a proposed 3 story parking garage that would create squealing car tires, tire dust, gas and oil fumes let alone the noise. I would not like to look out my front window to see a parking garage directly in front of me. The arena and casino proposed will be loud and miserable for the park residents 24/7, which are in their golden years and should be treated with respect. The automobile traffic would be a lot worse than it is presently. The reservation has had numerous shootings and crime in this area. I have documented these situations for almost five years. Late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, July 12, 2009 another shooting took place. On Wednesday July 15, 2009 at 11:45 P.M., I listened to numerous shots from an AK47 automatic on the reservation in the vicinity of the current casino. This Indian tribe is not civilized. We have a lot of undesirable individuals going to the current casino and if this proposal was approved, the crime rate would certainly soar.

Please consider the honest hard working individuals that have retired in this area.

The Federal Government should really investigate this tribe.

Sincerely,

La Dora Gold

Soboba Springs Mobile Home Estates

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January 19, 2008

Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Pacific Regional Office Sacramento, CA 95825

Attn: Amy Dutschle, Acting Director

Re: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Proposal to Annex 535 Acres of Land

The property at the corner of Lake Park Drive and Soboba Road is outside the reservation and is joining the Soboba Springs Mobile Home Estates, which is my residence. I am totally <u>AGAINST</u> this proposal to relocate their existing casino, build a hotel, parking garage, and other businesses on this land. I moved to Soboba Springs Mobile Estates three (3) years ago when retiring because it is beautiful, quiet and peaceful. My residence is located on the outside edge of the park facing the land in question and I sure would not want to look out my front window to see flood lights, continuous traffic, noise, and crime would increase. The air pollution would be another factor.

I <u>DO NOT</u> want this property to go under Federal Trust or to have a casino out my front door. The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians should keep their existing casino where it is, or locate somewhere else on the reservation.

Sincerely,

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HERBERT M. HENRY 21100 STATE ST. SAN JACINITO.
Printed Name Address CA.

Supervisor Jeff Stone, 3rd District, Riverside County Board of Supervisors City Council - City of San Jacinto, CA

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Mr. Dale Morris Regional Director, Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, California 95825

RE: DEIS Comments, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians' Hotel/Casino Project

Dear Mr. Morris:

We are Donald and Jenice Leslie. We live at 1793 Messina Drive in San Jacinto, California. We have been residents in San Jacinto since July 2000. Our current residence abuts to property currently owned and operated by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians known as Soboba Springs Country Club. We as concerned citizens of San Jacinto and dedicated to preserving the lifestyle of this valley, with approximately 70,000 citizens and are strongly opposed to the Soboba Horseshoe Grande Project – Fee To Trust, Hotel/Casino Expansion Proposal at the intersection of Lake Park Drive and Soboba Road in San Jacinto, California. We are familiar with and have made it our responsibility to be informed about the many facets and details of this project. We have attended both the initial Public Scoping Meeting held January 8, 2008 at the Hemet Public Library (the community that conjoins with San Jacinto to form this valley) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Public Input on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Meeting held August 6, 2009 at the same location. We have read countless articles in our local newspapers in opposition to the proposed projects as well as articles prepared by the representatives of the California State Association of Counties also opposing the expansion of the "Indian Lands Determinations made under the after-acquired lands provisions pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. Section 2719. Please refer to the article submitted to the Honorable Philip N. Hogen, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission by Mr. Mike McGowan, Supervisor, Yolo County, California, Chair, California State Association of California Indian Gaming Working Group, dated September 30, 2008 (of which we are enclosing a copy).

The vast majority of citizens attending both meetings mentioned above, and other meetings, have spoken and voiced their opposition to the above mentioned projects/proposals. During any meeting that we have attended we have heard only four citizens speak in favor of these projects/proposals — while countless citizens have expressed their opposition. It is not only due to the opposition stated thus far but to the circumstances surrounding our current residences that make us wonder how this project has continued on its current path to even be considered a possible option.

We ask that you impartially consider the following in consideration of the proposed projects and Land to Trust:

 The citizens that attended the public Scoping Meeting in January 2008 were asked to not only voice their concerns and comments but to put them in writing and send them to the attention of Ms. Amy Dutschke at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Sacramento, California. We were instructed that if we did not include our names and addresses our comments and concerns would not be considered during the ongoing project. We were led to believe that the BIA was an "impartial" body that would consider these concerns as well as the proposal of the Soboba Tribe and make any further decisions being made pertaining to the validity of said project. We later learned that the BIA is a liaison between the Tribe(s) and the U.S. Government. Soon after the meeting of January 8, 2008 we learned that copies of all such correspondence received by the BIA had been given to the Soboba Tribe Council members. Mr. Leslie contacted the BIA and was told this was incorrect. He soon thereafter attended a meeting between the Soboba Tribe representatives and committee members representing the home sites adjacent to the proposed Horseshoe Grande Project site. It was verified that the Tribe council members indeed did have copies of the letters received by the BIA as a direct result of the Public Scoping Meeting. At no time do we recall anyone stating this would occur. Needless to say we had concerns about this process.

- During early May 2008 there were multiple shootings in close proximity to our residence. One of those shootings occurred during a time that I was on our patio, adjacent to the Soboba Springs Country Club, with my at the time 3 year old granddaughter. If this land were in trust, which it is proposed to be, the events of that day could happen within 25 feet of our backdoor. There were other shootings, resulting in loss of life that took place in close proximity to this point in time. As parents our hearts ache and mourn for the parents and families of those directly affected by these events and those that have taken place in the last several years. We have children. We cannot imagine the sorrow of these families nor the enormity of their losses. There must viable options to expanding the gaming community in this and other areas!
- We propose that there are other options to expanding the current site of the casino project that should it be done would encircle our and other residences by Land to Trust Transfer. Why would you consider expanding the many issues that come along with expanding the existing borders for such violence? We no longer want to hear that we in this community and others object to the expansion of reservation land in trust in order to prevent the Indian community from improving their way of life. This is not about making more money (or is it-refer to the CSAC letter) this is about relearning how to preserve the precious lives of our children and grandchildren and those we love. We do not need more loss of life!
- Much has been gained in the financial status of this area, and others, for those reaping the benefits from the gaming community. Now is the time to gain in placing that same value on human life and peace of mind. Drugs, alcohol and gaming are not the answers except for a very few. It seems very clear that there are many other obstacles that need to be realigned before thinking of making more money by such expansion within the gaming industry. We should be helping make the quality of life better for all instead of focusing on how to make the problems bigger for the sake of the gaming industry!
- Now, for a clear picture of what living next to property currently owned by the
 owners/management of these proposed projects is like. Again, our home and
 property are directly adjacent to some of the land being considered to be
 placed into trust. The "new" country club opened in April 2008. While the
 structure is beautiful to look at we have continual challenges due to its
 operation. As an addendum to this document we will provide a list of events

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- Our lifestyle has changed dramatically, for the worse, during the construction phase of the new Soboba Springs Country Club (which lasted initially two plus years and is still under construction with outbuildings and landscaping.) Yes, the property is beautiful to look at. But, this is not the only aspect of running a business and being a part of the community. Being part of the community also brings responsibility and duty to be contributing to the betterment of that community. This is not done only by being esthetically attractive, or by periodically contributing to the income of the community – but by being respectful of the community as a whole. Should this situation continue to deteriorate we would ask that appropriate measures be taken for making the current business post signs promoting and enforcing a "quiet zone" during non regular (posted) business hours. We have lost countless nights of sleep and continue to do so due to the lack of cooperation on a reasonable level of the management and patrons that utilize the country club facility. This is only a small scale of what we can anticipate should any other business be allowed to be operated under this ownership – or worse – due to the lack of compliance with local ordinances and laws within the city limits! This is unacceptable.
- If the Soboba Tribe of Luiseno Indians wants to develop the land they purchased that is zoned for "light residential" that is what should be developed. How can consideration even begin to be given to changing the entire landscape and atmosphere of this property? Why not develop the land for community projects that support a family lifestyle that can be enjoyed by all local citizens and/or visitors to our area?
- Consider the "environmental impact" of such a proposal that is only about gambling, gaming, alcohol consumption and severely increases the traffic in such a small secluded area! How can one assume that they have any idea of the overall impact of such a decision that is more than likely in violation of the original land development plans for this area when we all purchased our residences? We seriously doubt that if any of us by purchasing our land/homes, attempted to place that land in some sort of similar "trust" would be allowed to do so. Or that in attempting to do so we would be allowed, or even want to desecrate it in the manner that is being proposed. This is an atrocity in its own right! As residences of San Jacinto there are ordinances that we are obligated to abide by. What would be the impact to any area if we

were all allowed the "freedom" to change land use and build as we individually desire because we are special or receive special considerations at the cost of others?

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- Can someone explain to us why previously proposed gas station sites for this same area were denied due to the environmental threat to our underground water supply; yet the current proposal includes just that, a gas station?!
- Our concerns are not that the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians will better themselves, but that all residents will be negatively impacted in the short term and long term by these proposals. One of the speakers, an objector to the proposal made reference to LAFCO contiguous boundaries. We would like it explained to us as to the standing of the legality of this and the impact on the residences in the area. Is there some redevelopment plan that we were not informed of?
- Some refer to the loss of revenue to the tax roles by placing said properties in "trust". At what cost does one measure the cost to further expand the gaming industry at such a cost to the rest of the community?
- And, what about the survey conducted that shows without a doubt the value and marketability of the homes/property of local residences impacted by this proposal would be negative; we all lose except the tribe. It was noted to be 100% negative impact! Who is recognizing this as part of the "environmental impact" to the area?
- The building of the country club resulted in the total revamping of the site where it stands today. We endured years of havoc as a result of this small project in comparison to what is being proposed. And, just recently, continued disruption of the natural habitat for eagles (bald and golden) and many other wildlife was changed forever by the removal of countless trees that not only provided a safety zone for wildlife natural to this area, but removed an enormous sound barrier to the overwhelming number of cars that create endless (24/7) traffic noise that has seriously hampered and destroyed our peace of mind and quiet. The traffic is currently estimated to be up 15,000 cars daily on a two lane road built to accommodate 2,000 to 3,000 cars per day. Did anyone give consideration of the destruction of the buffer that gave us some semblance of a quiet time? Our guess is NO! This was never considered! We have requested time after time that a wall be built to reinstate some sort of quiet and peace of mind for us to find rest from the constant barrage of traffic noise. This has not only been ignored but seems to be looked upon as a bargaining tool to put on the table for further expansion. This too is unacceptable and devious. There is no time that we do not have non-stop traffic noise which results in lack of sleep and sleep deprivation to our daily lives. This has already affected our health and the health of others.
- The proposal speaks to the fact that "only 40 acres" are proposed to be developed NOW. What about what could take place after the land is placed in trust? Our options then become zero. Multiple buildings of multiple stories could be built that would forever destroy even further the lives and peace of all those living here. How can the desires a few be so considered to prosper their land holdings when they so negatively impact all the land owners that have been here? How can the BIA consider the impact of the "kangaroo rat" in areas in question in their environmental impact report and not consider the

- Since January of 2008 when it was made official at the public meeting that the proposal was being pushed forward we in the community have listened to much talk and seen many articles in our local press about the good intentions of this proposal and the positive impact that could be made to the community pertaining to providing jobs during not only the construction phase (how long would this continue on a project of this magnitude knowing the scale of what we have been enduring during just a club house and outbuildings); but, how the addition of a larger casino/hotel, strip mall, fire station, water treatment plant, etc., etc. That is all well and good, but we are wondering why this cannot be done on "existing tribal reservation land" on land that is already available and zoned accordingly. That could result in the same number of construction jobs and result in employing the "4,000 members of the community" on an ongoing basis. The same number of construction jobs and employment opportunities would come to fruition if this project is built and placed on existing reservation land. Why is there such an effort to make the public believe that the jobs can only come to be by placing such a project at the intersection of Lake Park Drive and Soboba Road?
- Increased/influx of traffic: The proposed hotel/casino site is very close in proximity to many home sites in our immediate area. We are just two of the hundreds of citizens that have been "stranded" outside of our own community on many occasions when there have been special events held at the existing casino site which is located approximately 1 mile north of our neighborhood. We have had to make u-turns and go across town to relative's homes and wait 3-4 hours for the traffic to subside just to get home to our residence. We have witnessed "road rage" on numerous occasions from our patio, which looks out onto Soboba Road while hundreds of vehicles are stacked up waiting to gain entrance to the existing casino for a "special event". We have had patrons of the existing casino walk down our cul-de-sac (too intoxicated to drive?) and attempt to defecate at the base of our slope because they are too intoxicated to know where they are. Our back yard overlooks the parking lot of the Soboba Springs Country Club which is just north of the existing casino. We have had residents of our development involved in hit-and-run traffic accidents at the entrance to our homes, only to have the perpetrator of the accident take refuge on the reservation or at the casino site and authorities were unable to apprehend them.
- During the summer of 2007 a well publicized armed robbery of 1.6 million dollars was carried out at the existing casino, by an employee. The perpetrators car was abandoned in front of our front door. We awoke to helicopters and massive numbers of law enforcement personnel surrounding our property, along with K-9's searching for the "heat source" spotted in our back yard by the helicopters just moments before. We dread to think of what may have happened had we opened our door to the perpetrators versus law enforcement. You should be aware of shootings at law enforcement personnel attempting to question or site residents of the Soboba Indian Reservation after a variety of offenses then they took refuge, successfully we might add, on the reservation not to be apprehended.

- Note that in our home we have lost the use of one of our three bedrooms due to the noise from increased traffic, of which is miniscule compared to what would come with this proposal. That particular room had been designated for use by my 61 year old developmentally challenged brother when it is time for him to live with us full time. This is just another example of how our neighborhood(s) and lifestyles have been impacted currently – without the proposed land to trust changes and expansion.
- We would be remiss if we do not offer commendation to the ownership of said properties for their dedication to the community and for those actions and support that they have lent themselves to for positive expansion of good leadership in the valley. But, we must all remember that good citizenship goes much further than donating ones time and financial resources. It comes in conjunction with being a solid leader in the community. The responsibility is great! It is not lived on just special days, with special giveaways, or during special events, or during fundraisers that lead to good press. It is and will remain a 24/7 responsibility.
- BIA, take note that young ears and eyes are watching all of us and our every move and every choice. Our decisions are molding the very irreplaceable resource of our children, grandchildren and youth. They will emulate what they see and hear good or bad. Each of us is responsible and it is not just about money or expansion. All those with decision making RESPONSIBILITY are saddled with making big decisions. Do not take them lightly or at the expense of others who desire to live as good neighbors, leaders and contributing members of the community to the betterment of this valley. You are looking at the future you build for more than just a few.

In Summary, the issues are not about a particular group, or person(s) or anyone individual's personal history or "rights"; the issues themselves pertain to "ownership". The statements herein are about "ownership". It is about integrity of business and being good neighbors. We have been waiting for both! We have not seen the integrity of the management of currently owned/operated businesses that is proposing these projects. We have been waiting to have good neighbors that lend themselves to be a positive model within this community of how to not only be successful but have the respect of the community in how they conduct their day to day business. So, in summary, the following are of concern:

- Basing environmental decisions today on emotional issues of the past
- Using proposal to gain further from atrocities not solely committed against the Luiseno Band of Indians
- Expanding and perpetuating detrimental impact and results of the gaming industry
- Complete changes that will result to the lifestyle and environment of the impacted areas
- Already increased violence and future violent crimes to the areas impacted by the proposal
- Already increased cases of public intoxication in the area and lewd acts as a result
- Already increased cases of traffic and future impact due to traffic accidents and "near misses" at intersections in the proposal areas
- Consideration of the original binding land development plan(s)
- LAFCO contiguous boundaries impact

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- Negative impact upon marketability of existing homes/property in the impacted areas
- Increased traffic and traffic pollution, noise and noise pollution and destroying the night sky to residences in the impacted areas as well as the entire Hemet-San Jacinto Valley!
- Noted discrepancies in the land mark maps presented to those in attendance at the meeting of January 8, 2008 to include boundaries of current reservation property and the proposed Horseshoe Grand Property
- Increased pedestrian traffic to an intersection not controlled by cross walks or traffic lights
- Home burglaries during daylight and evening hours
- Already increased traffic in the neighborhoods due to poor signage to direct patrons to commercial sights
- Access to home sights in the area in event of an emergency or catastrophic event due to increased traffic flow
- · Inability of residents to gain access to their homes due to traffic
- Response time of law enforcement to residents in the area at present before the traffic increases and the necessity for additional law enforcement personnel due to increased activity on a daily basis
- Necessity for "escorts" to the reservation sites (which would surround our properties) due to increased criminal acts against local law enforcement and medical aide personnel, etc.
- Already increased gun related crimes in the area
- Proposed gas station site in an area that was earlier denied due to negative environmental impact on the local water supply.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Don and Jenice Leslie

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San Jacinto, CA 92583

Enclosures:

*California State Association of Counties Letter of September 30, 2008

*List and dates of Code and Ordinance Violations of Ownership at Soboba Springs County Club

September 9, 2009

Following are some of the "events" that have occurred adjacent to our property since the opening of the Soboba Springs Country Club (same ownership/management as the proposed projects aforementioned in attached documents). Note that this list is not all inclusive:

- From the day the facility opened employees continue to arrive and park below the slope out our back door with their vehicle stereos playing very loud; this begins about 5:30 am and continues throughout the day;
- Sprinklers on slopes come on at 9am, 2 pm, 8 pm; over spray has run us off our patio (with family and guests present); over spray comes on to our property by 10-15 feet on our windows and in to the street;
- Sat. 6/28/08 vehicle screeching through parking lot 3 am
- Sat. 7/5/08 vehicle screeching through parking lot 2 am
- Fri. 7/11/08 Car alarm (employee) goes off for 30 minutes continuously we call Tribal Security to ask them to contact employee to turn off.
- Tues 7/15/08 employees using gardening blower in parking lot starting at 5:45 am – called to ask they not do so
- Sun 7/27/08 Called Tribal Security about vehicle in the parking lot playing music so loud it shook our windows, trunk and hood open went on for apprx 20 mins. no one came (apprx. 7:30 pm); Individual walking from building obviously drunk or disabled called dispatch again for Tribal Security were told by dispatch that there was nothing they could do contact the Sheriff's dept; Car moved to lower lot and intoxicated individual got in it and they left. No response from Tribal Security.
- Thurs. 7/31/08 8:30 pm patrons leaving restaurant jumped construction fences (children included); went to pool area that was fenced off security purposes); they jumped those fences too. Went back and forth 3 times. No response from restaurant personnel or anyone.
- Sat. 8/2/08 9:30 pm Individuals getting in vehicles in parking lot below our patio playing music so loud it shook our home and windows. Music was riddled with the "f" word; Tribal Security drove within a few feet and drove off; parked on other side of the lot. Second Security vehicle arrived and they obviously were conversing as they parked adjacent to one another; never approached loud music vehicle. Don called Tribal Security and requested they meet Jenice in parking lot; she informed them of the situation and they claimed they could do nothing!
- Mon. 8/04/08 Called General Manager of Country Club on Monday am and met with him on Wed. Informed him of many situations. He prepared and posted notice to employees about noise in parking lot.
- Wed. 8/20/08 7:20 pm Black mustang (patron or employee?) drove to south east corner of parking lot just below our slope; passenger got out and urinated on bushes in full view of patrons at restaurant on upper patio and residences; 7:57 pm vehicle blasts music and then leaves (employee).
- Sat. 8/23/08 10:30 pm truck parks at top of lot playing music so loud it shakes our windows – person enter building by kitchen entrance. Leaves music playing.

- Sat. 8/30/08 Beginning at 5 pm to 1:45 am appears wedding gathering; cars screeching, patrons yelling and screaming until lot clears apprx. 1:45 am (Tribal Security in and out during this); we call Tribal Enforcement.
- Sun 8/31/08 5:30 am employees using gardening blower in lot up to 3 hour intervals; employees playing radios in vehicles after regular business hours disrupting neighbors and us.
- Thurs. 09/04/08 6:00 am employees using gardening blower.
- Tues. 09/09/08

 Group on upper patio until apprx. 10:30 pm. Very boisterous and profane language;
- Wed. 09/17/08— Don again meets with General Manager and for the first time some of the Tribal Council members regarding events and others i.e., preconstruction, during construction and post construction. Attitude of council very agitated and uncooperative. Told we should have expected these sorts of things when we bought next to a golf course. He was asked if we had "double pained windows!". He will present a list of issues presented during that discussion. He was told to submit the same list in a letter that could be reviewed further by the entire council at a meeting the next day! Due to the atmosphere during this meeting and the response by those present WE decided not to oblige this request.
- Fri 09/19/08 Group on upper patio until apprx. 10:45 pm. very loud and boisterous, Tribal Enforcement present after 9:45 pm.
- Sat. 9/20/08 5:22 am car alarm in parking lot continued until 6:15 am, we called three times requesting they find the employee to stop it;
- Sun 9/28/08 Employee vehicle stereo playing very loud after business hours,
 Tribal Enforcement present.
- Mon 10/1/08 Sprinklers on slope 9 am, 4 pm and 7:30 pm (continue to spray our property and house)
- Thur 10/3/08 After large crowd attended event employees emptied trash until after 10:45 pm in dumpsters adjacent to our home and neighbors;
- Tues 12/16/08 Largely attended gathering to include outdoor patio; called Police dept at 10:10pm requesting noise be stopped or quieted; continued – called again at 11:04 pm due to loud music and yelling; did not witness Police presence; Tribal Enforcement present after 9 pm; noise continued until after 11:45 pm., then noise of patrons leaving parking lot continued;
- Sat 12/20/08 Largely attended gathering; car alarm began going off apprx. every 2-3 mins. At 11:05pm; called Country Club numbers – no answer; Called Tribal Enforcement at 11:30 pm to please stop car alarm; alarm continued going off until 12:30 am; large group on upper patio yelling and loud music; screeching tires, radio blasting and cars leaving lot until 1 am.
- Sun 12/28/08 Large Semi-truck with load parked in lot below slope at south east corner beginning at apprx. 9:30 pm and idled continuously until at least 5 am, appeared to be leaving load of new golf carts after business opened next morning;
- Sat 01/17/09 Party lasting until apprx. 11:15 pm, loud voices and cars loud leaving parking lot;
- Mon 03/09/09 Gardener cuts remaining rose bush (lost 4 others rose bushes among other flower and bushes in recent months due to gophers) off at property line of fence; no other bushes along same fence line were cut but protruded beyond fence line from 1" to 1";

- Wed 3/11/09 loud blower before 7 am;
- Fri 4/03/09 employees emptying bottles/trash in large bins beginning 6:30 am;
 employees playing loud music in parking lot just below slope 5:30 pm;
- Sun 04/05/09 employees in parking lot below slope playing loud music 7 pm; again at 10:15 pm;
- Tues 04/07/09 leaf blower begins on patio area at 6:20 am;
- Sat 04/18/09 6:30 am large motor home (patron) parks below slope and leave motor running for some time; starts again about 10:00 am with generator running non-stop and exhaust; called at 12:15; continued, called again at 1:00; turned it off about 1:30pm;
- Sun 04/19/09 Slope sprinklers on during lunch (12 noon apprx); sprayed over to our patio and patio furniture - had to leave patio and come in doors;
- Thurs 04/23/09 3 employees below slope at car playing stereo very loud at 8 pm;
- Tues 05/05/09 Apprx. 10 people on upper deck patio, very loud until 10:45 pm;
- Thurs 05/07/09 Chanting music coming from upper deck patio begins at 9:52 pm;
- Fri 05/08/09 Workers on property making loud noise at 4:30 am Tribal Enforcement present;
- Sat 05/09/09 Employees emptying trash in large bins beginning at 10:05 pm; cars playing loud music leaving parking lot: called police at 12:05 am due to patron/employee (?) music and people yelling and car noise – continued until 1:00 am;
- Wed 05/13/09 6:15 am construction noise;
- Thur 05/14/09 6:15 am construction noise;
- Fri 05/15/09 6:45 am construction noise:
- Wed 06/10/09 6:00 am Superior Ready Mix trucks arriving;
- Sun 06/21/09 6:00 am tractor working;
- Wed 06/24/09 4:05 am offloading heavy equipment off flatbed;
- Sat 06/27/09 10:35 pm parking lot noise as patrons begin leaving party; Police Dept came at 12:15 am due to parking lot noise;
- Tues 06/30/09 6:00 am heavy equipment truck loading/unloading;
- Thurs07/02/09- leaf blower in parking lot adjacent to our home beginning at 6.40 am; please be aware that the leaf blower if used 7 days a week at varying times of the morning;
- Tue 07/07/09 heavy equipment use begins at 6:15 am;
- Thur 07/09/09 backhoe and dirt filler trucks begin at 6:05 am.;
- Fri 07/10/09 backhoe begins at 6:05 am;
- Thur 07/16/09 loud music from parking lot 5:15 am;
- Sat 07/19/09 customers on balcony at clubhouse continue with loud voices, cars racing/screeching from parking lot until after 11 pm;
- En 07/31/09 large power blower pointed up slope at homes begins and blows dust, etc. on our patios and in open doors and windows;
- Sun 08/02/09 5:30 am, what appear to be intoxicated individuals (2) wander
 through neighborhood, down embankment at end or our cur-de-sac to parking let
 of club house yelling, screaming, disrupting neighbors; call police as they appear
 to putting themselves in danger; do not know outcome;

- Sat 08/08/09 large gathering at club house (not loud during gathering) but upon leaving beginning at 12 midnight until 1 am horns blasting, yelling, screaming – Tribal Enforcement personnel present;
- Sun 08/09/09 6:40 am large trash bins being filled with debris;
- Mon 08/17/09 6:30 am blower/trimmers/deliveries; blower continues until 8:25 am;
- Fri 08/21/09 6:00 am power cleaner being used on upper balcony facing our homes; 6:30 am weed whacker begins;
- Sat 08/22/09 4:30 am heavy equipment delivery/ perhaps sod;
- Sat 08/29/09 5:30 am deliveries/heavy equipment;
- Thur 09/03/09 5:50 am heavy equipment/delivery of some sort;
- Fri 09/04/09 5:05 am deliveries/heavy truck; multiple blowers starting at 7 am;
- Sun 09/06/09 5:40 am employee (red Chevelle 1960's model) screeches into parking space and around lot;
- Tues 09/09/09 12:40 am large tanker truck "Baker Commodities" of vernors Lewwith large hose into underground tank (?): Don drove to lot and spoke with drive requesting he turn off engine at 1:00 am: driver complied: left at 1:30 am apprx.

This is the list referred in our letter of September 8th to Mr. Dale Morris to include, but not all include of undations as well as Vehicle Code violations

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September 30, 2008



Honorable Philip N. Hogel
Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission
1441 L. Street, NW. 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Chairman Hogen

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) submits this letter on behalf of all 58 California Counties which share concerns regarding the impacts of federal "Indian Lands Determinations" on local governments. These comments follow your request to Indian tribes and other "interested parties" to respond to four questions posed by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) with respect to Indian Lands Determinations made under the after-acquired lands provisions pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. Section 2718

INTRODUCTION

At the outset, CSAC reaffirms its absolute respect for the authority granted to federally recognized tribes. CSAC also reaffirms its support for the right of Indian tribes to self-governance and its recognition of the need for tribes to preserve their tribal heritage and to pursue economic self-reliance. CSAC further recognizes the injustices tribes have faced and the unique history of many California tribes in facing termination of their sovereign status and loss of tribal lands.

However, it is now apparent that the delicate balance between federal, state and tribal rights that was struck to further tribal economic development in IGRA's enactment has become upset. Tribal gaming has grown from a \$100 million venture when IGRA was enacted, to over a \$26 billion enterprise today, and tribes and their development partners are now looking far from traditional tribal lands to open casinos in the most lucrative markets. In addition, existing laws fail to address the off-reservation impacts of tribal land development particularly in those instances when local land use and health and safety regulations are not observed by tribes in their commercial endeavors. Unfortunately, the role of County government, and the impact on CSAC members, on federal gaming decisions, particularly critical Indian Land Determinations, is often overlocked. Particularly in California, with its history of termination and restoration of tribes, the Indian Lands Determination is often the lynchpin of a gaming proposal coming to fruition. The impacts of these decisions on local government are therefore important to consider as regulations are developed and implemented in this area.

A. The Role of County Government

Every Californian including tribal members, depends upon county government for a broad range of critical services, from public safety and transportation, to waste management and disaster relief. Counties are the largest political subdivision of the state having corporate authority and are vested by the Legislature with the powers necessary to provide for the

health and welfare of the people within their borders. Counties are responsible for a countywide justice system, social welfare, health and other services totaling nearly 700 programs, including the following.

* sheriff

- * public health
- * fire protection
- * family support
- * substance abuse treatment
- * elections & voter services
- * roads & bridges
- * welfare
- * child & adult protective services

* jails

* flood control

* indigent health

* probation

Most of these services are provided to residents both outside and inside city fimits. Unlike the exercise of land use control, such programs as public health, welfare, and jail services are provided (and often mandated) regardless of whether a recipient resides within a city or in the unincorporated area of the county. These vital public services are delivered to California residents through their 58 counties. It is no exaggeration to say that county government is essential to the quality of life for over 35 million Californians. No other form of local government so directly impacts the daily lives of all citizens. In addition, because county government has very little authority to independently raise taxes and increase revenues, the ability to adequately mitigate the off-reservation impact of large-scale reservation gaming endeavors is critical.

8. impacts on County Government

There is not yet a definitive study on the impacts of garning on local communities. However in those counties that are faced with large garning projects, it is clear that the impacts on traffic, water/wastewater, the criminal justice system and social services are significant. For non-Indian casinos it is estimated that for every dollar a community collects from garnbling-related taxes, it must spend three dollars to cover new expenses, including police, infrastructure, social welfare, and counseling services. As local communities cannot tax Indian operations, or the related hotel and other services that would ordinarily be a source of local government income, the negative impact of such facilities can even be greater.

As often the key political entity and service provider in the area, with a larger geographic perspective and land use responsibility, county involvement is critical to insure that the needs of the community are met and that any legitimate tribal gaming proposal is ultimately successful and accepted. Further local government is therefore not only an interested party to the outcome of the Indian Lands Determination but often has a unique understanding and/or resources related to tribal history in the area that could help inform the Indian Lands Determinations. Local government notice and involvement in the process is necessary both to help insure that all relevant information is before the decision maker and that, for projects that meet the indian lands criteria to maximize the potential for the project's long-term success.

C USAC Policy Bearing on Indian Lands Determinations

Cabazon The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the Socioeconomic Consequences of American Indian Governmental Gaming - A Ten Year Review by Jonathon Taylor and Joseph Kalt of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (2005) at p. 9 (citing Sen. Frank Padavan, Rolling the Dice: Why Casino Gambling is a Bao Bet for New York State at it (1994). In 2003 CSAC took a "snapshot" of local impacts by examining information provided by eight of the then twenty-six counties (the only counties that had conducted an analysis of local government fiscal impacts) where Indian gaming facilities operated. The total fiscal impact to those eight counties was approximately \$200 million including roughly \$182 million in one-time costs and \$17 million in annual costs. If these figures were extrapolated to the rest of the state, the local government fiscal costs could well exceed \$600 million in che-time and on-going costs for road improvements, health services, law enforcement, emergency services, infrastructure modifications, and social services.

CSAC policies that relate to the posed questions are attached at Exhibit A. In sum, CSAC supports indian Land Determination procedures that 15 promote transparency in the determination process: 2) include notice and a meaningful opportunity to have the relevant comments of affected counties considered. 3) preserve the ability of counties to meet their governmental responsibilities. Including the provision of health safety and welfare services; 4) restrict placing lands into trust outside of a tribe's legitimate historic land base; and 5) support the uniform application of regulations by the single agency best equipped to make the authorized determination.

RESPONSE TO NIGO QUESTIONS

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A nadequate NIGC Outreach

As a preliminary matter, CSAC is extremely disappointed, hat despite repeated outreach efforts on these issues, the NIGC failed to seek responses to the posed questions from affected local county governments or their representatives. As mentioned above, in California, Indian Lands Determinations are often trickey driver in garning proposals. The tack of solicitation or comments from county governments on this issue reflect the continuation of what appears as a secretive decision making process that takes place without notice to or input from affected county governments. While consultation by NIGC with Indian tribes on these important policy issues is obviously critical, it is no less important to involve the other governmental entities that are most affected by the Indian Lands Determinations. The important tole of local government consultation is recognized, and mandated, in various Executive Orders (see e.g., Exec. Order 13.132 (principles of federalism require consultation with local governments and deference to local concerns); Exec. Order 52 989 (conservation efforts require agencies to consult with local government to accommodate local interests) and should be an integral part of the process here as well

B seed for Single Agency Determinations to Promote Uniformity

As exemplified in recent correspondence between the NIGC General Counsel and the Interior Department Solicitor in the Indian lands opinion involving the Poarch Band of Creek indians, it is clear that the legal debate continues over which agency has legal responsibility to make indian carid Determinations. The discord on this critical issue, 20 years after IGRA's enactment, does not inspire confidence by those most affected by these decisions and ultimately undermines the already faulty process. The fact that there is not a clear single government agency responsible for making these decisions compounds the problems of "reservation shopping" with the prospect of Indian Lands opinion shopping, and makes it that much more difficult for interested parties to participate in a process that is already less than transparent of the parties themselves cannot clearly delegate authority to a single agency, the Department of Justice should be requested to issue a decision to resolve the matter.

CSAC has not taken a formal position as to which single appropriate agency should maintain the authority over Indian Land Determinations. However, it does appear that, on its face, the BIA has the subject matter expertise regarding tribal history and more extensive staff capability to take on these often fact intensive inquiries and appears better suited for carrying out a public process that involves local government participation. It also is compelling that the BIA, as the agency authorized to make fee to trust determinations, should be decioning questions regarding the characterization of indian lands. At a minimum, BIA staff should be jointly involved in any NIGC Indian lands opinion.

C Pesponses to NIGC Questions

With these underlying principles in mind. CSAC addresses below the questions posed by the NIGC's August 11 information request.

- decisions pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §2719, should follow the substance of the Department's after-acquired land regulations?
 - agency has the appropriate legal authority to make dispositive Indian Lands. Determinations. Whatever the outcome of the dispute, and CSAC reserves the right to submit input at a later date on the issue in the appropriate forum, the key consideration on this questions is that there is uniform application of a single set of rules and procedures. CSAC has previously commented on the Department's regulations and while not in agreement with all of the provisions, supports a single standard governing Indian Lands Determinations. As noted above, CSAC also strongly supports a process currently missing, that explicitly provides for notice to and an opportunity of input from local government on these decisions to help inform the agency on the application of the utilized standards.
- 2) Should the NIGC write a bulletin to inform tribes and the public how it interprets and implements 25 iJ S C §2719, especially in light of the Department's regulations?
 - that provides the public information on recent decisions as well as all prior decisions interpreting and implementing 25 U.S.C. §2719 by both the NIGC and BIA.
- Should the NiGC issue its own regulations to govern its decisions under 25 U.S.C §2719? If so should they be identical in substance to the Department's regulations?
 - Angulations should be uniform and jointly issued.
- If the NiceD undertakes a rulemaking under 25 U.S.C. § 2719, are there any subjects or issues that were not covered by the Department's regulations that should be covered in NIGO regulations? Should the NIGO promulgate procedural regulations that would govern the process for developing indian lands opinions and determinations at the NIGO?
 - strongly supports the development of procedural regulations which provide for meaningful involvement by interested parties and the public. In particular, regulations should address an area omitted in the BIA's section 20 regulations published on May 20, 2008, related to how information relevant to Indian Land Determinations will be gathered and evaluated. Specifically, regulations should provide for a meaningful opportunity for local government and the public to have notice and to comment on Indian land determination requests. For example, the current process whereby the NIGC relies on procedures, such as gaming ordinance approval to make Indian Land Determinations gives the appearance of a back door decision making process (often done under unreasonable time constraints), without affording any notice to other affected parties. A transparent process whereby parties have notice and a meaningful opportunity to provide comments based upon clear

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and uniformly applied standards should be the cornerstone of the Indian Lands Determination procedure

greater detail to define the term "significant historical connection" in 25 C F R. §294.2 This important criterion for an Indian Lands Determination for restored lands is ambiguous and never received the benefit of public comment. Similarly, a working specific definition of what constitutes "subsistence use in the vicinity of the land" needs further development in the context of restored lands requests as it currently appears to lack any real limitations. The regulations should define this term in accordance with current precedent that requires continuous and significant use of the area for subsistence use.

Thank you for your consideration of CSAC's comments. We hope to be included as part of a tuture dialogue of how these critical issues should be resolved. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss these or related issues.

Sincerety,

Mike McGowar

Supervisor, Yold County California

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Chair, Catifornia State Association of California Indian Gaming Working Group

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The Honorable Barbara Boxer, United States Senate

California Members of the United States House of Representatives

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Date: 1 September 2009

TO: Mr. Dale Morris, Regional Director Pacific Region BIA 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer Proposal

Dear Sir,

Please understand that neither myself nor my family wish to dictate to the Soboba Band the manner in which they improve existing Tribal Lands, as defined in their original charter. But I do have some serious concerns about their proposal for expansion improvements to Non Tribal lands adjacent to their reservation. My concerns center around the following:

- * Even without the proposed improvements abysmal traffic conditions are present when they have special events such as Concerts. I live in the Soboba Springs Mobile Estates and the time that it normally takes me to get home from work is extended from Ten minutes to a minimum of One and One Half hours. Additional Traffic that will result as a function of a new and expanded Casino and Event Center with Hotel accommodations will certainly increase my normal commute time and probably will result in the normal traffic being significantly increased.
- * The Proposal also redefines the physical status of my living complex to that of an Island. Having this status prompts my concerns about the issue of Egress and Ingress and the increased response times when it is necessary to call upon Emergency Services.
- * After reviewing the Plat Map of the Proposal I was shocked to see that a Waste Processing Plant, with accompanying Settling Ponds, would be directly adjacent to our Complex. Since I don't have control over prevailing winds this situation would certainly have a negative effect on the resale value of my unit if I decided to sell, forever what reason. My long-range plans were to have a place where my widow could spend her retirement years. However, it seems that I would have to rethink that reasoning.
- * I have not addressed the issue of more Crime and the need for increased Law Enforcement presence, as I am not a professional in that area. However, my knee jerk reaction is that it will become a major issue for the whole community.

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I realize that I am only one individual, and my concerns are personal in nature, but I do hope that you will consider them and incorporate them in the big picture when making your recommendations to the Bureau.

Sincerely,

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- The three communities involved would become islands of U.S. territory within reservation (Sovereign nation) borders and U.S. citizens would have little input in what happens on sovereign Indian land surrounding them with regard to type of construction, noise and visual pollution, traffic flow, crime issues, air quality, hazardous conditions, water and other environmental issues.
- The transfer would eliminate all tax revenues for the City and County from property taxes, TUMF, sales tax, etc., for perpetuity. Currently significant tax revenues are generated by the subject property and future development would generate significant additional State and local revenues.
- I/We support Tribal self-sufficiency, to have jobs and career opportunities; however, this proposed project, a high-rise hotel/casino resort situated on light residential zoned land in the middle of a predominately senior citizen residential area is not appropriate and not the answer to those goals.
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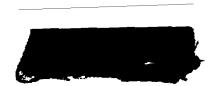
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RE: DEIS Comments: Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust Transfer Proposal

Dear Director Morris:

BACKGROUND: The Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, in coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed fee-to-trust land transfer.

- IWe are opposed to the annexation of the Horseshoe Grande Fee to Trust property into trust for the Soboba Tribe and desire the land remain within the boundaries and jurisdiction of the City of San Jacinto and County of Riverside, with its current light residential, recreational zoning intact,
- The three communities involved would become islands of U.S. territory within reservation (Sovereign nation) borders and U.S. citizens would have little input in what happens on sovereign Indian land surrounding them with regard to type of construction, noise and visual pollution, traffic flow, crime issues, air quality, hazardous conditions, water and other environmental issues
- The transfer would eliminate all tax revenues for the City and County from property taxes, TUMF, sales tax, etc., for perpetuity. Currently significant tax revenues are generated by the subject property and future development would generate significant additional State and local revenues.
- !Me support Tribal self-sufficiency, to have jobs and career opportunities; however, this proposed project, a high-rise hotel/casino resort situated on light residential zoned land in the middle of a predominately senior citizen residential area is not appropriate and not the answer to those goals.
- It is not appropriate, nor the intent of the law to harm U.S. citizens who may be caught in a Tribe's sovereign pursuit of economic gain.
- There is room on the existing reservation, immediately adjacent to the proposed transfer for development of most of the proposed developments.

Please understand our concerns and appreciate our right to continue living in a peaceful, semi-rural area without imposing a sovereign nation surrounding us and the largest commercial development in the entire San Jacinto valley in our backyards.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Soboba Band can develop the fee land and not negatively impact their neighbors without it being Trust land.

Sincerely,

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We the undersigned, **Oppose** the Proposed Plan of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians to convey the Horseshoe Grande 534.91 acre fee land to Federal Trust Land.

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September 17, 2009

Attn: Dale Morris Regional Director of the Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs

Dear Mr. Morris.

I live in the San Jacinto area of southern California and I support the local Native American tribe in their efforts to expand Soboba Casino and make it a resort with a hotel and other improvements. This will provide jobs and improve the local and state revenue. Riverside County has the highest unemployment rate in the state of California.

If you need to reach me you may do so at the following: (951) 654-1400

Sincerely. Effel Van Deesen

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Dear Bureau of Indian affairs

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—PACIFIC REGIONIAL the land. The new casino and hotel will be closer to the min roads and it won't take as long to gent to the Cisino as it dose now. It will all be on city Streets. It want be on reservation residented land, all the environmental stuff will be the same as it is know. The traffic will still go by the same residential neighborhoofs it goes by at present. So it dose not matter if They build there or the existing land the air quality the traffice will still be the same. I don't know what new affect it would have on Henet the traffic comes on those intersection at present of think Hemet wanted the casino and hotel to be built in Windusten area where Solola our more land, It would make more money for them. I also think this is the last thing to happen in San Issinto of have lived in Son facinto for over Fifty years we have rever had anything. This would being many needed job probably the most in the Valley, People would spont money in our town. Our property value might go up as well It will gut as up on the Map, Then could also build another bridge at the end of Sanfaids st. to cross the river to ease traffic which would be on the West side of the Sobola country club. Sobolia could also build a forth across the rive to Valle Vista for emergency route and keep

it geted for their use only or as they wish a bell they have the same rite to build where they were there first. I bet the residential neighborhood didn't ask them if they could build there more home park or homes there. It caused more traffic for the reservation way back then. That was there only enterose. So please thinh this trough the Sobolas need to be treated as fairly at any other developer in the country. Hey have the real to prosper as any other business and also remember they do a lot form our community they are a giving people.

Sharles Sepulveda

P.S. hope you can read this

Charles A. Sepulveda
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Dale Morris Regional Director-Pacific Region Bureaun of Indian Affairs 280 Cottage Way Sacramento, Ca. 95825 PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE

Dear Sir::

I'm writing this in support of the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians. It is their plan to develop lands in and around the reservation in San Jacinto.

The opposition to this expansion is not entirely their concern of traffic problems and noise but I believe it has become a racial matter. Many opponents have stated that the Indians are dirty, stupid and crime ridden. It is rather amazing to me how many of those in opposition to the Indians know nothing of the treatment given to them by the White Man."

To my knowledge a detailed plan (to scale) has not been forthcoming only speculation. By the opposition. Some of the opposition live several miles away and are concerned only with there own self interest. The San Jacinto City council originally stated that they appears that the more affilies a fillent out the more affilies on the subject of the Coty Council.

did not wish to take sides but are now strongly opposed to the development In closing I would like to, quote to you from a letter I recently received from a friend for over 50 years. He is Dr. Leslie Harrold and the quote is from a study of whales. "Their singing is surprisingly consistent. It's structure is of several "units" which are repeated into phrases and each phrase is repeated several times to comprise a theme. Five to seven themes comprise a song The song is sung by all the singers Whalest in Maui sing the same song as sung as sung in Baja California and in Japan, incredible, when you think about it, the same song echoing over thousands of miles. The song is constantly evolving, over time, but the whales all sing the same song, no matter where they are. I was thinking how unifying it would be, if all we humans, all over the globe,\ all sang the same song. How tuned in we would be to all other people. We could all be our own person, our own individuality, we could retain our own nation and culture. But we would all be conscious of our connection and love one another.

Please give your utmost attention to this matter, The Soboba Indians are also a part of this country. Please treat them as such,

James B. Gibford 2230 Lake Park Dr. Space 162

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(please excuse the many errors in this letter. I am 82 years old and felt I needed to express my feelings on behalf of the Soboba Indians. The thoughts are sincere the typing leaves a lot to be desired.)

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My wife and I reside very close to the Soboba PM 4-39 Casino. If a Hotel/ Casino is allowed to be Duff in Al the area currently being proposed there will be a negative impact on everyone in the San Jacinto/ Hemet area. The Ramona Expressway and roads in this are already have a great deal of traffic and a Hotel/Casino would bring more travel than the roads could handle. I am not opposed to the project but it would serve everyone better to have it built away from the residential areas. I am also concerned with the potential increase in crime. We moved here to have security and safety in our old age. I am sorry to say that after we moved in I often have heard automatic weapon fire from my back yard. I am a retired Marine familiar with the sound of gunfire. Please consider theses concerns as they are shared with a large number of people that will directly impacted by this project.

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To:

Mr. Dale Morris

Regional Director, BIA

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From: Len Souza, 24600 Mountain Ave. #21, Hemet, CA 92544

PACIFIC REGIONAL

Subject: Soboba Tribe, "Fee to Trust" proposal of 535 acres, plus a new Casino & Hotel

I do not oppose the Soboba Tribe's intention to build a new Casino and Hotel. However, I am in complete opposition of this Tribal expansion in the location that has been proposed for the project! Such a development, in the midst of hundreds of R1 residential homes here in Riverside County—would be unthinkable; it conflicts and "flies in the face of' all standard acceptable practices of County and City Community land use planning!

If this Fee to Trust application were allowed to go forth, it would be a MAJOR violation of the legal rights of the owners of the several hundred homes surrounding this project. The basic tenant that I refer to is: The Right of ALL home owners to—ENJOY THE OUIET AND PEACEFULL USE OF THEIR HABITAT, OR HOME! This tenant has long, been established in the justice system of this state and country. The Quality of Life of these residents would be forever diminished or ruined!

One might ask the question: Why didn't the Soboba Tribe propose to place this new Casino complex in the midst of "their" residential area on the Reservation: The answer, I would submit is—They don't want it there!

I would like to address some of the claims and assertions of the Soboba Tribe:

- 1. "We are simply reclaiming some land that used to be a part of our tribal lands". This is nonsense, they were hunters and gathers and they traveled all over this area. And of course, they did not have a legal deed to any of these lands! Will they use this argument in the future to acquire lands (In Fee) in Hemet, and San Jacinto, Perris, Winchester or anywhere else where the Tribe roamed?
- 2. "We are not going to expand the Casino from its present 2000 slot machines". That is a LIE! They will expand in the future, just as quickly as their business plan and people traffic (\$) will allow! (They are not doing this for their health!)
- 3. "We give money back to the community--- Ramona Pageant, schools, fire stations, etc." This is standard PR Spin, to gain favor and acceptance for their business interests such as this current, expansion of their gaming enterprise!
- "We provide jobs/employment to the community". Yes they do provide a few hundred low paying jobs to people in the area. However, gambling operations also relieve a lot of people of their assets that they would normally use to pay for: rent, food, clothing, utilities & savings! I submit that this has a Net Affect on the surrounding communities that has a very NEGATIVE impact on the lives of Many of the citizens in the surrounding communities and Southern California!

Leonard (Len) Souza

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Mr. Dale Morris Regional Director, BIA 280 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825

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To: Dale Morris Regional Direction of the Pacific Region Bureau of Indian Affairs

September 17, 2009

I'm a resident and homeowner in San Jacinto, California. I support the expansion of Soboba Casino into a hotel and other amenities. This will create jobs and increase property values in the area. The San Jacinto Valley is a growing area and this is a wonderful idea. The residents of the mobile home park are trying to block progress and positive change.

Paige Duckworth

Paige_eliz@msn.com

MON. SEPT. 14, 2009

DEAR MR. DALL MORRIS:

I WORKED FOR STANLEY TOOKS AS A MARKETING Mar. OF EDUCATIONAL PACILITIES FROM WOOD Shops To VOCATIONAL Schools IN The 5 WESTERN STATES. WASh. ORE. CALIF, ARIZ, AND. NEV. AND ESPECIALLY CARVED OUR EFFORTS FOR ARIZ. I WAS DILIGENT IN HOPING TO TEACK The INDIANS BECAUSE I FELT Their NEED WAS THE GREATEST OF ANY NATIONALITY IN ALL OF THE W.SA.

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To MR DALE MORRIS B.1.A 280 COTTAGE WAY, SACTO. CALIF 95825

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