

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 22, 2003

SUBJECT: Response and Consultation - Tribal Environmental Study for Proposed Wastewater Treatment System for the Morongo Band of Mission Indians

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in response to their Tribal Environmental Study for a wastewater treatment system project on tribal trust lands.

BACKGROUND: The Morongo Band of Mission Indians is proposing to construct a new wastewater treatment system on a 10-acre site on tribal trust lands north of the I-10 highway. Since the facility will primarily serve the Tribe's new casino/hotel project the Class III Gaming Compact between the Tribe and State of California requires the Tribe to prepare and circulate a Tribal Environmental Study to identify any potential off-Reservation environmental impacts. Comments on the Study are due to the Tribe's Department of Planning and Economic Development by July 23, 2003.

The attached letter summarizes County comments on the proposed project and potential off-Reservation impacts.

Barbara Dunmore
Deputy County Executive Officer

Department Recommendation:

Consent

Policy

Per Executive Office:

Consent

Policy

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A

CURRENT YEAR COST \$

NET COUNTY COST \$

ANNUAL COST: \$

IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET: Yes/ No/

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY: Yes/ No/

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

County Executive Officer Signature

Prev. Agn. ref.

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AGENDA NO.

July 16, 2003

Honorable John Tavaglione, Chairman
Riverside County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Center, 5th Floor
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

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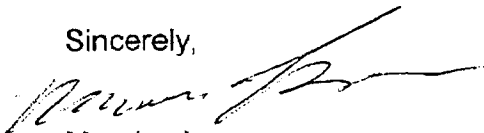
Dear Honorable Chairman Tavaglione,

On behalf of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, I am formally requesting a meeting with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 22, 2003. The purpose of this meeting will be to initiate consultations with the Board of Supervisors concerning the Morongo Band's proposed wastewater treatment plant that is a part of the tribe's casino/hotel project. The meeting would serve to facilitate identification of potential significant adverse impacts of that project on the off-reservation environment, and to discuss mitigation of any such impacts. We anticipate further consultations and discussions as the project proceeds.

The Morongo Band will be represented at this meeting by elected members of the Morongo Tribal Council, who will be accompanied by appropriate tribal staff members and consultants so as to facilitate comprehensive responses to any questions or comments that members of the Board of Supervisors or County staff may have about the wastewater treatment project. It is anticipated that the presentation would be 10-15 minutes in length.

The Morongo Band appreciates the opportunity to meet with Board of Supervisors about this project. If there are any questions of the Tribe prior to the meeting, I can be contacted at (909) 849-4697, and will be available to assist you in any way possible. Again, thank you for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Maurice Lyons
Chairman
Morongo Band of Mission Indians

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