Notice of Project, Completion of Tribal Environmental Assessment, and Public Meeting

TACHI-YOKUT TRIBE KINGS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

The Tachi-Yokut Tribe (Tribe) is considering future expansions of the existing Tachi Palace Casino Resort complex on tribal trust land located in Kings County, approximately 2.75 miles southeast of the City of Lemoore, California. A Tribal Environmental Assessment (TEA) was prepared consistent with Section 10.8 of the 1999 Tribal-State Gaming Compact and the Tribe's Environmental Protection Ordinance to assess the potential for off-Reservation environmental impacts as a result of the Tachi Palace Casino Resort Expansion Project (Proposed Project).

The Proposed Project would result in the expansion of existing Tachi Palace Casino Resort located within the western portion of the Reservation, southwest of the intersection of Jersey Avenue and 17th Avenue. Expanded facilities would include approximately 43,518 square feet (sf) of additional gaming floor space, a new 35,000 sf bingo hall/event center, 200-room hotel tower, 20,000 sf conference center, three-story parking garage with 1,000 parking spaces, 1,250 surface parking spaces with associated infrastructure improvements, including additional on-site water and wastewater treatment facilities. Additionally, the Tribe is planning an expansion of the existing Yokut Gas station, including 24 new fuel dispensers (12 gasoline, 12 diesel), expanded on-site convenience store with 60 additional slot machines, and a three-car wash bay. The Proposed Project would employ an estimated 100 additional employees.

As part of the Tribe's environmental review process, the Tribal Environmental Assessment is available for review by members of the public, regulatory agencies, and other interested parties for a 20-day time period from September 23, 2020 to October 13, 2020. The Tribal Environmental Assessment is available for review at the following website: www.TachiPalaceCasinoTEA.com

Comments on the TEA should be addressed to: Analytical Environmental Services (AES), c/o Ryan Sawyer, 1801 7th Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, California 95811, or emailed to: admin@TachiPalaceCasinoTEA.com.

A virtual public meeting will be held via Zoom on October 7th, to receive comments on the project. The public meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. and will run until the last comment is heard or 7 p.m., whichever occurs earlier. To obtain more information and register for the virtual public meeting, please visit: <u>www.TachiPalaceCasinoTEA.com</u>. All comments made during the public review period will be considered by the Tribe in determining how to proceed with the Proposed Project.

If you would like to request an electronic copy of the TEA, please contact Ryan Sawyer, with AES, at (916) 447-3479 or at the above address.