NOTICE OF COMPLETION
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DATE: April 13, 2021

TO: State Clearinghouse
Tuolumne County
Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Persons

FROM: Chicken Ranch Rancheria of the Me-Wuk Indians of California
Attn: Draft TEIR Comments
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Jamestown, CA 95327
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SUBJECT: **Notice of Completion/Notice of Availability - Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report for the Chicken Ranch Rancheria New Hotel and Casino Project**

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: April 13, 2021 to May 27, 2021

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the process set forth in Section 10.8, Off-Reservation Environmental Impacts, of the 1999 Tribal State Gaming Compact (Compact) between the Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California (Tribe) and the state of California, the Tribe has prepared a Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) for the Chicken Ranch Rancheria New Hotel and Casino Project (Proposed Project), which is situated on land that is held in federal trust for the Tribe.

The Draft TEIR includes the analysis of potentially significant direct and indirect off-reservation environmental impacts attributable to the Proposed Project, and mitigation measures to address such impacts as required by the Compact. As the Lead Agency, the Tribe will use the TEIR when considering approval of the Proposed Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft TEIR and a copy of this notice can be reviewed at the Chicken Ranch Rancheria office (9195 Tribal Way, Jamestown), on the Chicken Ranch Rancheria's website at https://chickenranchtribe.com/press, as well as on the state Clearinghouse website at https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/.

Further notice is hereby given that the Tribe invites comments on the TEIR in response to this notice. Pursuant to the Compact, a forty-five-day (45) public review period is required and shall commence on the date of this notice (April 13, 2021). Please mail or email your written comments on the Draft TEIR no later than 5 p.m. on May 27, 2021 to:

Bailey Hunter, Environmental and Natural Resources Manager
Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California
PO Box 1159
Jamestown, CA 95327
bhunter@crtribal.com

Please include in your written response the name and phone number of an appropriate contact for future notifications regarding the Proposed Project.

A public meeting will be held at the Bingo Hall/Event Center located in the current Chicken Ranch Casino at 16929 Chicken Ranch Road in Jamestown, California from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26th to receive both oral and written comments on the Draft TEIR. We request that commentors provide a hard copy of your oral comments to submit to the Tribe at the meeting, as well. All comments made during the public review period, including those made at the public meeting, 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 TEIR, please contact Bailey Hunter at (209) 984-9066 or at the above address.

INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECT

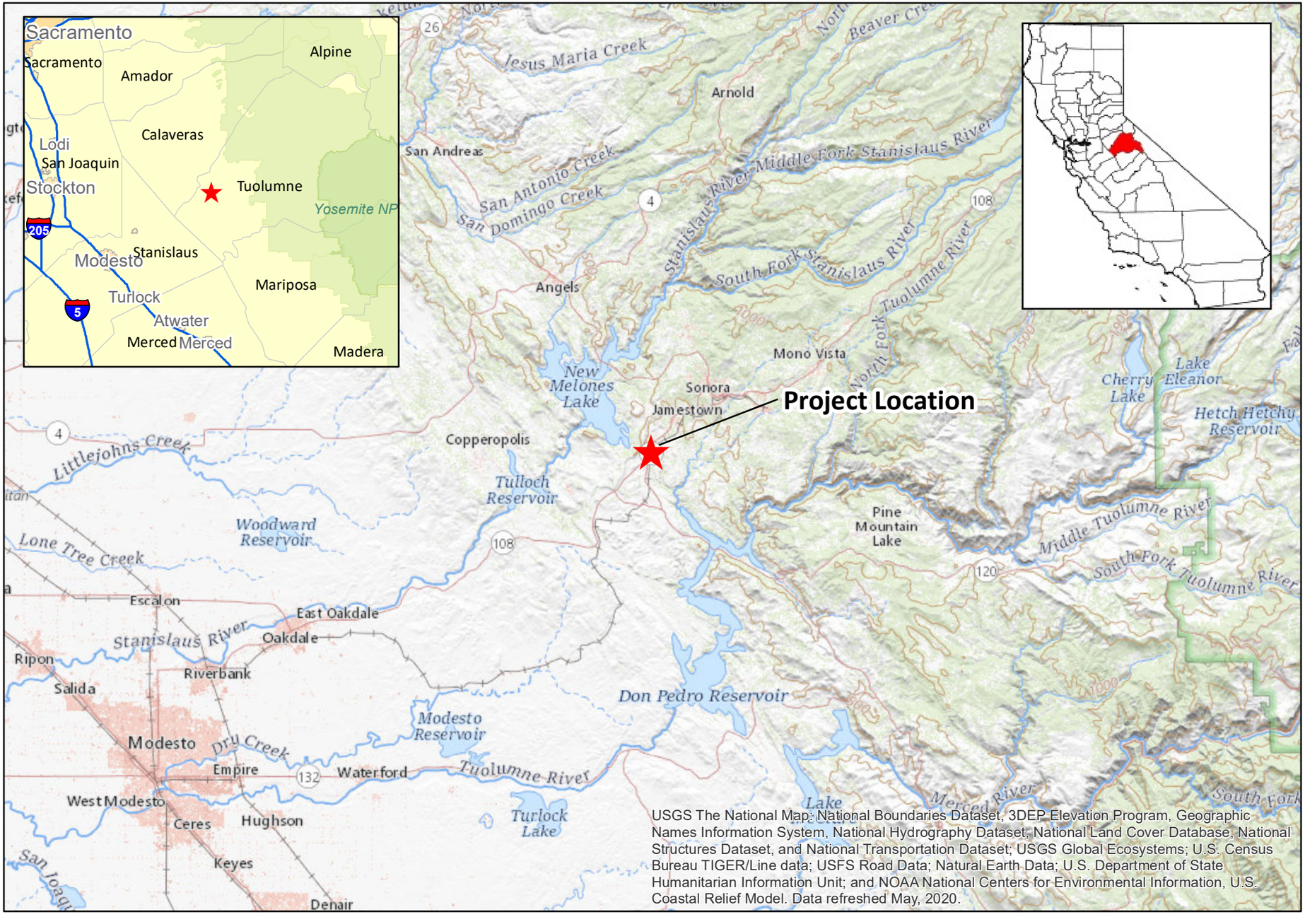
PROJECT TITLE
Chicken Ranch Rancheria New Hotel and Casino Project

PROJECT SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND
The Chicken Ranch Reservation is located in the western portion of Tuolumne County, California. The Tribe currently has a gaming operation called the Chicken Ranch Casino, which consists of more than 600 Class II and Class III games. The existing casino added 175 Class II slots in 2019 and operates at near capacity.

The Tribe plans to build the Proposed Project with direct visibility and access from California State Highway 49/108 on a 42-acre site on the Reservation, which is already held in trust by the federal government (**Figure 1, Regional Location and Figure 2, Project Location**). The Proposed Project will include approximately 900-1,000 slot machines and 12 – 14 table games, the facility will serve alcohol, two (2) attached 900 – 970 space four (4)-story parking structures, and an attached hotel with a 3.5 star property rating. The Proposed Project will replace the existing Chicken Ranch Casino, which will be shut down and converted to other uses once the Proposed Project begins operations. The Proposed Project will contribute to the economy of both the county and the Tribe by providing a safe and secure entertainment and restaurant venue, and additional job opportunities for Tribal and non-Tribal members.

Chicken Ranch Rancheria New Hotel and Casino Project
Figure 1 Regional Location

Author: Sundance Consulting, Inc.



PLSS: T1N, R14E, Sections 20 and 21
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Tuolumne County, CA

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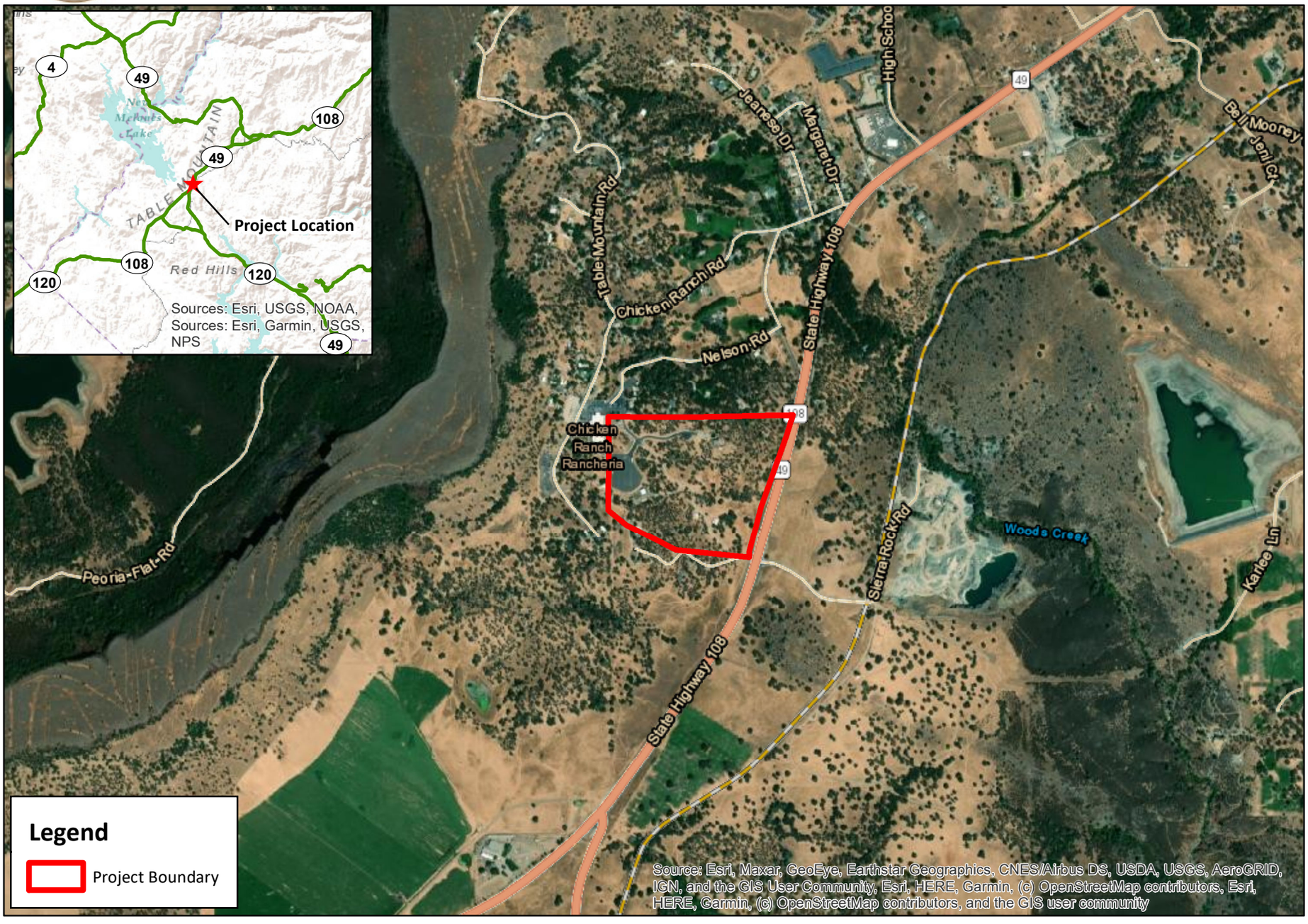
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Chicken Ranch Rancheria New Hotel and Casino Project

Figure 2 Project Location

Author: Sundance Consulting, Inc.



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Tuolumne County, CA

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