

Riverside County
Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC)

City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning

March 22, 2004
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Members present: Supervisor Wilson, Chair; Ms. Barbara Lyons, Vice Chair; Council Member Mike Wilson (alternate for Mayor Ron Oden); Council Member Ron Roberts; Tribal Chairman Robert Salgado; Mayor Art Welch; Supervisor Ashley.

Members absent: Mayor Ron Oden.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Supervisor Wilson called the meeting to order at 3 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the February 23, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

III. Review/Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code

A concern was expressed regarding the possible conflict that allotment owners may have with the Conflict of Interest Code.

The Committee adopted the Standard Code of the Fair Political Practices Commission as the Conflict of Interest Code, and agreed that all members and alternates would complete and return the Form 700.

IV. Workshop to Review SB 621

Minh Tran, Deputy County Counsel, provided a comprehensive review of SB 621 and responded to questions.

V. Correspondence with the State

Barbara Dunmore, County staff, reported that, as instructed by the Committee at the February 23, 2004 meeting, a letter was sent to Steve Westly, State Controller, expressing the urgency of providing Riverside County's CBC with the available balances of the Individual Tribal Casino Accounts (ITCA), to enable identification and approval of projects for grant funding within the time period allotted by SB 621. Shortly thereafter, Ms. Dunmore received a call from Mr. Vince Brown, Chief Operating Officer – State Controller's Office, regarding the Committee's letter. Mr. Brown referenced a letter sent to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), dated February 18, 2004. In the letter, mid-April was targeted as the time in which counties would be notified of the availability of funds and the State would begin funding approved projects received in their office. In addition, the letter said that the State was in the process of contacting counties to obtain information necessary for processing of payments (i.e., Committee members' names, contact persons, and persons authorized to sign the list of projects submitted to the State).

In a separate letter, dated March 5, 2004, the State requested this information from counties. The Committee agreed that the Committee Chair (Supervisor Wilson), Vice Chair (Mayor Ron Oden), and Ms. Lyons would be the Committee members authorized to sign the list of projects submitted to the State.

It was also noted that Bonnie Garcia, 80th Assembly District, and Denise Ducheny, 40th Senate District, called to follow-up on the CBC's letter, and offered to intervene, if necessary.

Finally, it was reported that CSAC is pursuing urgency legislation to provide counties with an extension of the reversion date, and a modification to the number of Committee members. They were surveying the counties to determine the length of time needed to complete the process. Staff felt that the existing deadline could be met without any problem. The Committee concurred, and directed staff to respond to the survey indicating support for an extension of the deadline on the condition that any extension would not impact the distribution of funds to Counties that meet the original timeline. Regarding the number of Committee members, the Committee agreed that the current number of members (including one alternate from each category of representation) was sufficient.

VI. Update – Application Process

Jennifer Sargent, County staff, reported that today (March 22, 2004) was the deadline for applications to be submitted to the Tribal governments. The Tribal governments have until April 26, 2004 to review applications and forward the sponsored applications to the CBC. The applications and

letters of support may be sent to the care of the County Executive Office for photocopying and packets to be compiled for Committee members. Committee members will have until May 24, 2004 to review and evaluate the applications. Selected projects and funded amounts should be made public at the May 24, 2004 CBC meeting. Staff offered to develop a tool to assist in the evaluations process. It will be provided to the Committee members at the April 26, 2004 meeting.

A list of Tribal contact persons for SB 621 applications was provided to the Committee. In instances where Tribes didn't provide a specific contact person's name, the Tribal Chairman was listed.

VII. Update – Website Progress

Jennifer Sargent, County staff, reported that the Website was operational to the public on March 16, 2004. The address is:
www.Riverside-TribalCBC.org

VIII. Other Business

Jennifer Sargent, County staff, noted that a list of Assembly and Senate bills pertaining to Indian Gaming, and the status of each one, was included in the Committee members' packets. Council Member Roberts also distributed a list of bills. The Committee requested that staff continue to provide legislative updates at each meeting. The Committee would like to see an analysis of SB 769 at the April meeting.

IX. Future Agenda Items/Committee Actions

- a. Correspondence with the State, if any
- b. Update on the application process
- c. Update on the distribution of application packets to the Committee
- d. Review of application evaluation tool
- e. Legislative update
 - i. Analysis of SB 769
- f. Update on State Budget, if any

X. Public Comment

Ms. Raven Lopez-Workman provided an update on the Morongo application review procedure.

Ms. Dunmore added for the record that all eligible applicants for grant funding were notified of the opportunity to submit applications. Specifically, a letter, application, and application procedures were sent via U.S. Mail to all city managers and all special districts within the County.

The same material was sent via central messenger to County department heads.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M. The next meeting will be held on April 26, 2004, at 3:00 P.M., at the Banning City Council Chambers.