

Riverside County
Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC)

City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning

April 25, 2005
3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Supervisor Wilson, Chair; Mayor Welch; Supervisor Ashley; City Alternate, Council Member Wilson; Tribal Alternate, Butch Murphy; Council Member Roberts.

Members absent: Tribal Vice-Chair Lyons; Mayor Oden, Vice-Chair; County Alternate, Supervisor Stone.

I. Call to Order, roll call, and Welcome

Chairman Supervisor Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance. CBC staff called the Committee's roll.

II. Adoption of Minutes – January 24, 2005

The minutes of the January 24, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Acceptance of Resignation Letter

A letter of resignation, dated March 21, 2005, was received from Robert Salgado, Sr., Soboba Chairman.

The Committee voted to accept Chairman Salgado's resignation and express their appreciation for his valuable service through a letter dated April 4, 2005.

IV. Status Report of SB 621 Grant Projects Awarded in FY 2003/04

Senate Bill 621, Section 12716, requires that each county which administers grants from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) provide an annual report to the Legislature, by April 1st of each year, detailing the specific projects funded by all grants in their jurisdiction. In accordance with this, the report titled Status Report of SB 621 Grant Projects Awarded in FY 2003/04 was provided to the Legislature on April 1, 2005. Immediately following this distribution, a letter of correction was issued to note that the report listed Augustine as the Individual Tribal Casino Account for nine projects, and should have noted that these projects were funded and sponsored by the Riverside County Special Distribution Fund (SDF) Paying Tribes (Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, and Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians). A copy of the report and letter of errata were provided to the committee. The Committee voted to receive and file the documents.

V. Proposed Workshop

CBC staff reported that during the Tribal Task Force Meeting of April 17, 2005, comments were made regarding the challenge of supporting new and continuing funding requests while not having a clear understanding about the status of existing projects. The committee voted to hold a workshop on June 9, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., in the Banning City Council Chambers. Each of the jurisdictions will be asked to provide an update regarding the status of their projects for the benefit of the CBC and the Tribal governments.

VI. Requests for Modification of Project Agreement

During the January 2005 CBC meeting, staff apprised the Committee that comments were received from 2003/04 grant recipients regarding challenges to expending 100 percent of grant funds by June 30, 2005. The challenges were mainly due to delays inherent in purchasing and hiring activities. Recipients requested the opportunity to present grant project modifications to the CBC. The following jurisdictions submitted modifications for the Committee's consideration:

City of Indio – AU8

Riverside County District Attorney – AG8, MO3, PE2, TW4

City of La Quinta – AU7

Riverside County Transportation Department – AU5, MO2

The Committee voted to approve each of the modifications presented, subject to written support of the sponsoring Tribes.

In addition, CBC staff noted that CSAC reported on March 22, 2005, that the Gambling Control Commission maintains that funds that have not been committed by the end of the fiscal year will revert back to the SDF. Unallocated is defined as funding that is not currently committed or contracted for a specific purpose or project.

Interpretations of this verbiage differed, so CBC staff was asked to prepare a letter to the State clarifying that Memorandums of Understanding between the CBC and grant recipients constituted contracts for specific purposes or projects. Based on the reply from the Gambling Control Commission, it may be necessary to call an emergency meeting of the CBC to address the situation.

Jurisdictions may be asked for an update and/or plans for proceeding with spending on a more frequent basis (than quarterly).

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. A workshop will be held on June 9, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., in the Banning City Council Chambers. The next regular meeting will be held on June 27, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., also in the Banning City Council Chambers.