

Riverside County
Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (CBC)

City of Banning Council Chambers
99 East Ramsey Street, Banning

January 24, 2005
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Members absent: Mayor Oden, Vice-Chair; Tribal Chairman Salgado; Council Member Roberts; County Alternate, Supervisor Stone.

I. Call to Order, roll call, and Welcome

Chairman Supervisor Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. CBC staff called the Committee's roll.

Tribal Member Butch Murphy announced that Tribal Chairman Salgado is resigning from the Committee and introduced his replacement, Tribal Member Scott Cozart.

II. Adoption of Minutes – October 25, 2004

The minutes of the October 25, 2004 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Amendment to By-laws to Allow Flexibility in Meeting Schedule

Deputy County Counsel Minh Tran presented information on the modification to the By-laws. The recommended change (page 4, section 1) requires the Committee to meet at least twice each year to consider grant opportunities, to award selected grants, and to monitor grant compliance. The verbiage also provides for the committee to meet more regularly than twice each year, as necessary, to conduct its business. The Committee voted to adopt the revised By-laws, dated January 24, 2005.

IV. Review of Procedure for Processing Applications

The Committee reviewed a letter dated December 15, 2004 from the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians recommending that the applications for the 20% Non-Nexus, non-SDF Paying Tribes category be sent to both the SDF-paying Tribes and the SDF non-paying Tribe(s) simultaneously. This would enable a two-month review period of all of the applications by all of the involved Tribes. The Committee voted to approve the Cabazon's recommendation.

In order to facilitate this, CBC staff recommended that the 20% Non-Nexus, non-SDF paying Tribes category of applications be submitted to the County Executive Office for dissemination to each of the SDF paying Tribes and to the appropriate non-SDF paying Tribe. The Committee concurred.

V. Procedure to Address Project Modification Requests

CBC staff apprised the Committee that numerous comments from 2003/04 grant recipients were received regarding challenges to expending 100 percent of grant funds awarded. Further, grant recipients suggested that they would like to request extensions of time and other modifications to their project agreements, as an alternative to returning unspent SDF funding to the State. The Committee approved a procedure to review grant project modification requests on a case-by-case basis once per calendar year, and set April 25, 2005 as the agenda for review of all 2004 grant project modification requests.

VI. Update Regarding Individual Tribal Casino Account Balances and Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN) Briefing

CBC staff reported that the State Controller's Office received the necessary data from the Gambling Control Commission to enable the calculations of the Individual Tribal Casino Account (ITCA) balances. The State anticipated that the balances would be available during the week of January 24, 2005.

Tribal Vice-Chair Lyons reported on the TASIN briefing held on January 24, 2005. She explained that the ten new compacts signed by the Governor call for oversight of those new compacts, but no off-setting payment into the SDF or other fund to pay for this oversight. The Governor's plan is to take an additional \$7 million from the Special Distribution Fund (which paid \$13 million last year for oversight of the existing compacts). In addition, there will be fewer Tribes paying into the SDF as a result of some of the new compacts signed (28 Tribes did pay into the SDF, now 26 will be paying into the SDF). Riverside County

Tribes are unwilling to sign the new compacts which do not include payments into the SDF.

A bill is needed to protect the SDF. Tribal Vice-Chair Lyons suggested that cities and counties propose an Assembly Workshop to educate the legislators and request that such a bill be drafted.

This is a critical issue that the Committee needs to continue to monitor.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M. The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2005, at 3:00 P.M., in the Banning City Council Chambers.