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TO: County Administrative Officers
Members, CSAC Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Committee
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FROM: DeAnn Baker, CSAC Legislative Representative

SUBJECT: Allocation of Special Distribution Fund to Counties

As you may know, CSAC has been asking for clarification from the State Controller's Office (SCO) regarding the allocation of funds to counties from the Special Distribution Fund (SDF), which was to begin after January 1, 2004 pursuant to SB 621 (Battin, Statutes of 2003).

In response to a letter we sent to the State Controller, the SCO has responded that the funding of the projects would begin in mid-April, after obtaining information on the amounts available to each county (see attached letter from the State Controller). In addition, the State Controller's Office has noted that they are developing standardized forms for all counties eligible to receive money from the fund and will be contacting counties directly for information on the appointment of committee members, county contact information, and personnel authorized to sign the list of approved projects.

If you have any questions or comments about the response from the State Controller's Office please contact DeAnn Baker at CSAC (916.327.7500 ext. 509 or dbaker@counties.org).



STEVE WESTLY
California State Controller

February 18, 2004

Ms. DeAnnBaker
Legislative Representative
California State Association of Counties
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Dear Ms. Baker:

This is in response to your letter dated January 2, 2004, requesting an update on the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. As you know, Senate Bill (SB) 621, Chapter 858, Statutes of 2003, became law on January 1, 2004. The State Controller's Office (SCO) staff met with the Gambling Control Commission (GCC) on February 4, 2004, to discuss the implementation of SB 621. The bill states that an Indian Gaming Local Community Government Benefit Committee must submit to the SCO a list of projects for payment to the local jurisdictions.

The SCO is currently developing standardized forms for the counties eligible to receive money from the Fund. In addition, the SCO is in the process of contacting the counties obtaining information necessary for our office to process the payments. This information includes committee members' names, contact persons, and persons authorized to sign the list of projects submitted to our office.

The SCO is also working with the GCC to determine the amounts available to be funded from each Individual County Tribal Casino Account. Once this information is available, the SCO can notify the counties of the availability of funds, and then begin funding the approved projects as *our* office receives them. We anticipate this process will begin in mid-April.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Korach, Chief, Division of Accounting and Reporting, at 916-327-4144.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent P. Brown".

VINCENT P. BROWN
Chief Operating Officer

cc: John Korach
Debbie Beltram