

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/COMPLETION

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS CATHEDRAL CITY FEE-TO-TRUST CASINO PROJECT OCTOBER 10, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office, has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and issued a Final Environmental Assessment (EA)/Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR), dated July 2019, for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Tribe) Cathedral City Fee-to-Trust Casino Project. The combined Final EA/TEIR, herein referred to as an EA, has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] §4321 et seq.) and the Tribal-State Gaming Compact (Compact) between the State of California and the Tribe. The EA assesses the environmental impacts of taking approximately 13.6 acres contiguous to the Tribe's reservation in the City of Cathedral City (City), in Riverside County (County), California (project site), into federal trust status for the Tribe for gaming purposes (proposed federal action). The Tribe subsequently proposes to develop the contiguous trust parcel with a casino, parking, bars, restaurants, retail, mixed-use space, and tribal government office space (Proposed Project). The project site lies in Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 5 East on the "Cathedral City, CA" U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangle and is bordered by East Palm Canyon Drive/Highway 111 on the south, Date Palm Drive on the east, Buddy Rogers Avenue on the north, and commercial and vacant parcels within the City to the west.

Based on the analysis and impacts discussed in the Final EA and comments received during the public review period, the BIA has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been signed by the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs. The FONSI and Final EA are available for public review at the following website address: www.cathedralcitycasino.com.

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