

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
FOR THE  
PALM SPRINGS ARENA  
July 10, 2019**

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (the “Tribe”) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Palm Springs Arena (the “Project” or “Arena”) in compliance with the Agua Caliente Tribal Environmental Policy Act (TEPA; Tribal Ordinance No. 28). The Tribe is acting as the lead agency for the preparation of this Tribal EIS (TEIS) because this Project is proposed within the boundaries of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation.

**Project Location**

The Arena is proposed on approximately 14 acres of Tribal land (the “Project Site”) located in downtown Palm Springs. **Figure 1** shows the regional location of the Project Site and **Figure 2** shows the location of the site in downtown Palm Springs. As shown in **Figure 2** the Project Site is bounded by East Alejo Road to the north, North Calle El Segundo to the east, East Amado Road to the south, and North Calle Encilia to the west.

**Project Description**

The Agua Caliente Tribal Corporation, a federally chartered corporation and the Oak View Group, a Delaware LLC (the “Applicant”) are proposing to jointly develop a multi-sport and entertainment arena, including a practice/training facility, locker rooms, other support facilities, and parking.

Total development would include approximately 252,000 net square feet consisting of a 173,000 square foot arena, 35,000 square feet of practice/training facilities, and 44,000 square feet of locker rooms/support facilities.

Currently, the lower two-thirds of the Project Site contains a surface parking lot. The upper one-third of the Project Site contains undeveloped land with one single-family home located adjacent to East Alejo Road. The proposed Project would include demolition of the existing parking lot and single-family home, and construction of the new Arena and associated facilities.

Uses surrounding the Project Site include single-family homes to the north, residential condominiums to the east, the Agua Caliente Casino Palm Springs and parking structure to the south, commercial uses, a surface parking lot, and a residential condominium complex to the west.

## **Probable Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project**

Based on a preliminary review of the Project, the TEIS will study the potential for significant effects related to the following environmental topics: aesthetics; air quality, including greenhouse gas emissions; cultural resources; energy; water resources; land use; noise; public services; transportation/traffic; and utilities and service systems.

Based on the existing characteristics of the Project Site and previous environmental review documents, effects related to agricultural resources, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, and wildfire are not anticipated to be significant and further analysis of these topics is not proposed in the TEIS.

## **Submission of Comments**

The Tribe invites your views, and/or the views of your agency, as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be provided in the TEIS which is germane to your interests or to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed Project. At a minimum, the Tribe requests that you identify in your comments the environmental impacts that the Project may have and reasonable mitigation measures that the Tribe should explore in the TEIS to address these impacts. In your response, include your name, the name of your agency or organization (if applicable), and contact information.

**Responses to this notice should be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than August 8, 2019.**

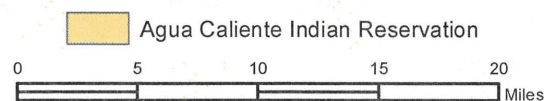
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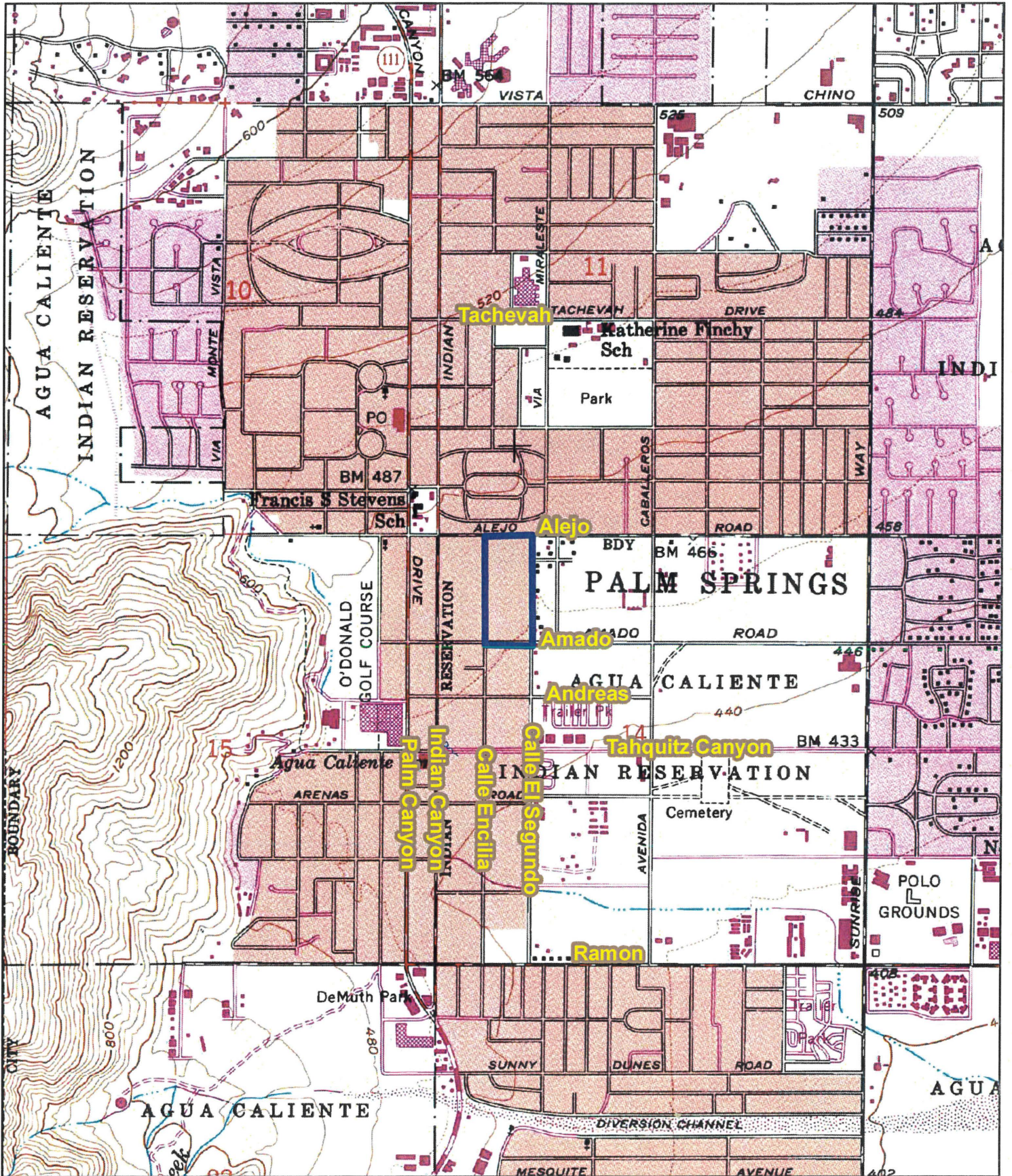
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**FIGURE 1 - REGIONAL LOCATION**

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**FIGURE 2 - PROJECT LOCATION**

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