

Notice of Completion of a Draft Tribal EIR Viejas Casino East Garage

Viejas has prepared a Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) for project in accordance with the requirements of its gaming compact with the State of California. The Draft TEIR is expected to be published for public review on or about Friday, July 1, 2014. The Draft TEIR will be provided to the Alpine public library and the County of San Diego who will be asked to make the document available for public review. The Draft TEIR can also be found on the World Wide Web by visiting <http://viejasbandofkumeyaay.org/modern-government/tribal-gaming/>. Comments on the Draft TEIR will be accepted through August 14, 2022. Please send any comments on the TEIR to the attention of Erich Hans, Viejas Enterprises, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine CA 91903.

The proposed East Garage will provide 7-levels of parking for approximately 2,600 vehicles. It will be located immediately north of and adjacent to the existing Viejas Hotel and Casino on the Reservation. The project site is currently paved and used for parking. The purpose of the East Garage is to support the casino and hotels by providing more convenient parking to current customers. It is not expected to increase the number of visitors or vehicle trips to the casino.

The detailed structure design is still in preparation. The building surface is expected to be an earth tone consistent with colors of existing casino structures. The interior and top deck of the structure would be lit at night, and may include an approximately 100-foot x 40-foot video screen on the south side of the structure generally aligned for viewing by vehicles using the east Casino driveway. Night lighting would be consistent with County of San Diego lighting ordinance policies.

The project area is located north of Willows Road and south of Viejas Creek. It is extensively developed with commercial uses. The Viejas Outlet Center is located south of Willows Road. Interstate 8 (I-8) lies to the south of the Outlet Center, with residential areas of the community of Alpine south of I-8. Residential areas also are found along Willows Road both to the east and west of the Viejas Indian Reservation. Viejas Creek is a restored perennial stream that provides native riparian habitat. North of Viejas Creek is the Tribal residential area and land used for cattle grazing. Coast live oak trees are common throughout this area. North, east, and west of the Reservation is the Cleveland National Forest. I-8 and Willows Road (with two interchanges to I-8) provide access to the site.