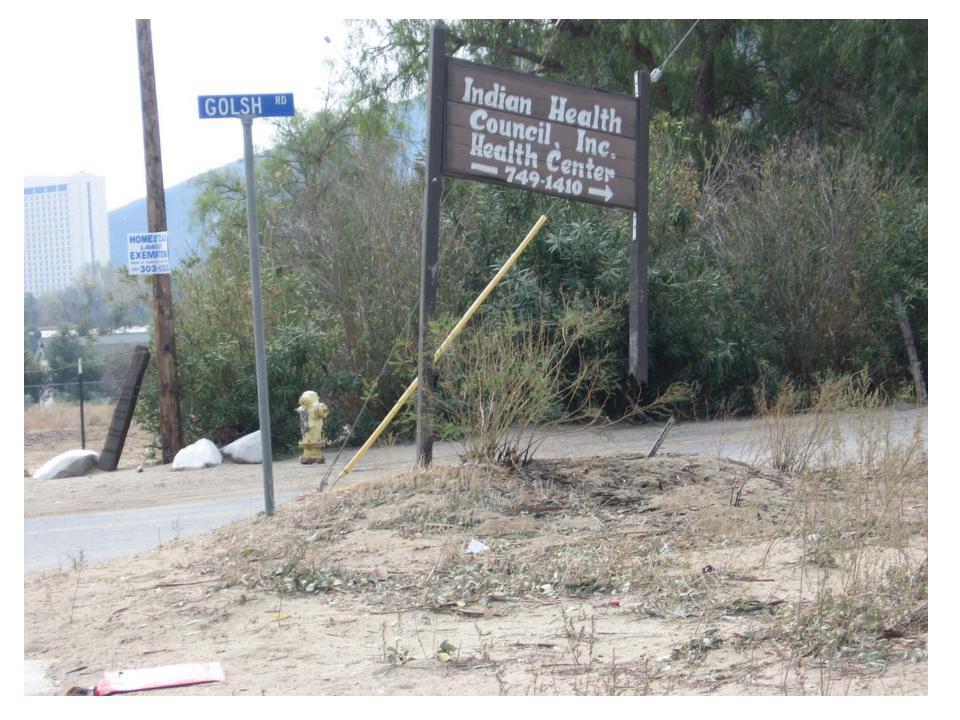


#### Indian Health Council, Inc.

Firestorm 2007



# Community Survival

- Tuesday, October 23, 2007 The Poomacha fire roars through the La Jolla Reservation and the surrounding reservations.
- Community members evacuate from:
  - La Jolla, Pauma, Mesa Grande, Rincon, Pala, Santa Ysabel and San Pasqual Reservations
- Many evacuees arrive at Harrah's Casino, Pechanga Casino and other areas or family member homes in Riverside County.









## Poomacha Fire Damage

- 92% of the La Jolla Reservation burned
- 3,585 acres of the Rincon Reservation burned
- 5,360 acres on the Pauma Reservation burned
- 2,118 acres on the Pala Reservation burned

## First Responders

- Riverside/San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. arrives at the Pechanga Casino and assesses the situation. Makes contact with IHC
- Working together RSBCIHI & IHC set up a small clinic at the casino
- IHC sets up another clinic at Harrah's Casino
- IHC employees (evacuees and non-evacuees) staff both clinics as RSBCIHI staff begin to return back to their own clinics
- Pharmacy provides medications/refills from the main clinic site for both Pechanga & Harrah's clinic sites

#### Firestorm Team

- IHC core team: CEO, COO, CMO, Community Health Director, Ambulatory Services Director, and Human Resources Director begin to implement disaster plan, make contact for assistance, and keep tribal leaders updated about the clinic.
- Other Team members that provided assistance:
  - 1. Indian Health Service
  - 2. The California Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT)
  - 3. Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - 4. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
  - 5. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians
  - 6. FEMA
- Triage clinics set up by RSBCIHI at Soboba & Palm Springs

#### Services

- The team provided care during the firestorm and 2 weeks after the last blaze had been put out. Number of services provided during and after the fire were:
  - 1. 369 Pechanga clinic visits
  - 2. 150 Harrah's clinic visits
  - 3. 616 Home visits
  - 4. 35 Mobil Unit visits
  - 5. 211 Flu Vaccines
  - 6. 714 BIA Assistance checks distributed
  - 7. 3,161 Prescriptions dispensed



## The Next Step

- IHC Management reviewed with the Board of Directors on what worked and what didn't work during the disaster.
- Board of Directors approved to have a meeting with the consortia tribal leaders to get input about our process and for IHC to have available to them the consortia tribal emergency plans and contacts.