

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
PROPOSED SAN PASQUAL CASINO EXPANSION PROJECT**

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY:

The San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) has submitted a request to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the approval of an Amendment to the Management Agreement between the Tribe and Siren Gaming, LLC. for management of a gaming facility on existing tribal land.

The proposed expansion of Valley View Casino will add approximately 56,300 square feet to the Class II and Class III gaming facility. Nevada style Bingo is also proposed for the facility. A new parking area will be added and the existing waste water system will be expanded. Development will occur on twenty-six acres within the San Pasqual Indian Reservation. The proposed federal action is the NIGC's approval of the Management Agreement. Approval of this document will allow the Tribe to construct and operate the expanded gaming facility as planned, subject to the conditions of the existing Tribal/State Gaming Compact and this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

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PUBLIC AVAILABILITY:

The Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) was reviewed during a thirty-day public comment period and five comments were received. The Final EA (FEA) for the project has been prepared in full consideration of the comments received. This FONSI and the EA on which it is based will be available upon request at the following address.

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Attention: Allen E. Lawson, Tribal Spokesman

BACKGROUND:

Gaming is a unique opportunity for the Tribe to develop an economic base. This opportunity is afforded the Tribe under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and was sanctioned by the State of California through a State/Tribe Gaming Compact approved by the Governor and the Secretary of the Interior.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

The expanded Valley View Casino will be a 96,754 square-foot facility on a twenty-six acre site located in San Diego County, California with access from Lake Wohlford Road, approximately 11 miles northeast of Escondido. Adjacent parking will provide for 1,500 vehicles. An onsite wastewater treatment plant will also be expanded.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) documenting the planning process and analyzing implementation impacts of the proposed project has been completed. No significant unmitigated adverse environmental impacts are indicated by the EA.

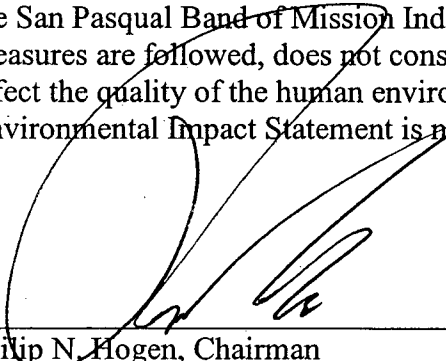
The impact on the quality of the human environment is judged to be of minor adverse impact and significant beneficial economic impact to both the Tribe and the surrounding communities. There are no significant unmitigated impacts on public health and safety. The site contains no eligible or listed National Register of Historic Places sites or any known significant archeological resources that will be adversely impacted by the project. There are no significant unmitigated adverse impacts on endangered species or their critical habitat. The proposed land use will have no significant unmitigated impacts on declared wetlands. The proposed land use will not significantly impact water quality or air quality. There are no significant unmitigated impacts on traffic flow.

REQUIRED MITIGATION

All mitigation measures described in the Section 5.0 of the Final EA, pages 54-67, as being implemented to reduce potentially significant adverse impacts of the project to a point of insignificance, are conditions of the approval of this project. NIGC's approval of the Management Agreement and signing of this FONSI makes construction and operation of the expanded gaming facility contingent upon implementation of these mitigation measures.

DETERMINATION:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 C.F.R. 1500-1508), I find that the proposed federal action, to approve the Amended Management Agreement between the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians and Siren Gaming LLC., when the mitigation measures are followed, does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this proposal.



Philip N. Hogen, Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission

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Date