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MENDOCINO COUNTY APPROVES HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH
THE COYOTE VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS
REGARDING THE TRIBE'S
CASINO EXPANSION AND HOTEL PROJECT

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, an intergovernmental agreement between the County, the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Protection District, and the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians, concerning mitigation for off reservation impacts, resulting from the Tribe's casino expansion and hotel project.

Under the leadership of Supervisor Michael Delbar and Supervisor Jim Wattenburger, the County assumed a lead role in the negotiations with the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians while also representing the interests of the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire District. Throughout months of negotiations County Counsel Jeannie B. Nadel led the team which included the then Chief Executive Officer, Al Beltrami; Sheriff Thomas Allman; and other County staff.

The project will be constructed in phases. Phase I improvements will include an approximately 75,000 square foot casino, a lounge and three restaurant facilities, 930 surface parking space, a wastewater treatment facility, stormwater detention basins, wells, water storage, and associated infrastructure. Phase II may include a 118 room hotel; a 10,000 square foot meeting space; a 1,500 person event center; a 1,500 space parking structure, and an additional 36,750 square feet of gaming facilities.

The County will receive \$110,000 per year for law enforcement services while the Fire District will receive \$207,588 per year for staffing. In addition, the Fire District will receive a total of \$350,000 toward the purchase of necessary fire equipment and apparatus for use in providing fire protection and emergency medical response services to the proposed facility. The Tribe will also pay to the County \$50.00 for each call for emergency medical response on behalf of the local ambulance service provider.

The County will also benefit from road improvements projects that have an estimated value of \$750,000. The total value of the 18-year agreement is in excess of \$18 million dollars for all local agencies.

*Historic Agreement
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The County looks forward to a strong relationship with the Coyote Band of the Pomo Indians in the future, which will benefit the citizens of Mendocino County through the creation of local jobs, service industry support, and economic generation from visitors to the expanded facility.

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Tom Mitchell
Chief Executive Officer