

DRAFT MINUTES

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting – January 24, 2005
Supervisor Dianne Jacob’s El Cajon Office**

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob (serving as meeting facilitator until a Chair was elected by the Committee) called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members

At the request of the Acting Chairwoman, and for the information of those present, introductions were made of those Committee members, staff members and members of the public seated around the room. Those present were as follows:

Members Present: Council Member Edwin Romero “Thorpe” (Barona Band of Mission Indians)
Council Member Alan Barrett (Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians)
Mayor Mark Lewis (City of El Cajon)
Supervisor Dianne Jacob (County)
Sheriff Bill Kolender (County)
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk Greg Smith (County)

Members Absent: Chairman Daniel J. Tucker (Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation)

Legal Advisor: Valerie Tehan (Office of County Counsel)

Staff Present: Chantal Saipe (County Administrative Office)
Darren Gretler (Second Supervisorial District)

2. Overview of SB 621 (Chapter 858, Statutes of 2003) AND AB 675 (Chapter 870, Statutes of 2004)

Valerie Tehan gave a brief overview of SB 621 (Chapter 858, Statutes of 2003) and AB 675 (Chapter 870, Statutes of 2004)

3. Review of 2004 Grant Program

Chantal Saipe gave a quick review of last year’s grant process. Viejas Representative Alan Barrett stated that the three Tribes would sit down again to review all applications and decide whether to focus funds on certain impacts.

4. Revised Bylaws

Committee discussed changes to the Bylaws necessary due to AB 625. Regarding Alternates, Committee stated that Committee Members needed to state who their Alternate will be before the next meeting. Valerie Tehan stated that Alternates needed to fill out Form 700. Committee voted unanimously to approve Bylaws as proposed.

5. Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Appointment of Subcommittee

Committee voted unanimously to nominate Supervisor Dianne Jacob as Chairwoman and Council Member Alan Barrett as Vice Chairman. Committee voted unanimously to nominate Supervisor Jacob, Mayor Mark Lewis and Council Member Alan Barrett to the Subcommittee established to make recommendations to the Committee on which applications to fund.

6. Time Frame, Application Form and Procedures for Review and Selection of Grants

Chantal Saipe reviewed the Time Frame, Application Form and Procedures for review and selection of grants. Barona Representative asked that staff only send eligible applications to Tribe. Chantal Saipe agreed to do so and stated that she would coordinate the time and place of the Subcommittee meeting, which would take place after April 25 and before May 12, 2005, to prepare recommendations on which projects to fund for the Committee.

7. Public Comments and Communications

Supervisor Jacob thanked the Tribes for contributing to the Special Distribution Fund and for making the region safer from fires. Sheriff Kolender expressed his satisfaction with the relationships being established with the Tribes. Chief Larry Kinard acknowledged the difficult task Tribes had last year in choosing projects to fund and stated his appreciation for the Tribes' decisions.

8. Next Meeting

Council Member Romero offered to hold the next meeting at the Barona Events Center. Committee unanimously approved the location for the next meeting. Council Member Romero urged everyone to stay focused on doing good with the limited money.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:00PM to May 12, 2005 at 2:00 PM, at the Barona Valley Ranch Casino and Resort Events Center.