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Tribe begins work on Environmental Impact Report for possible expansion project of the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa

RANCHO MIRAGE - The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announced today it will begin work to study the environmental impacts of a possible expansion of the existing Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa in Rancho Mirage.

The Tribal Environmental Impact Report will study the potential environmental impacts of an expansion that may include expanding the gaming area by up to 58,000 square feet, meeting space by up to 41,000 square feet, the food, beverage and retail space by 25,000 square feet and the development of up to 310 new hotel rooms in 364,000 square feet. About 120,000 square feet of new commercial space is also proposed in the southern portion of the project site south of the Resort.

"People travel from around the globe to visit the Coachella Valley," Tribal Chairman Jeff L. Grubbe said. "We offer the finest in casino-resort style entertainment right here in Rancho Mirage, and we are exploring several opportunities on how to expand this luxury destination experience. We have a lot of decisions to make, and we are at the beginning of that process."

The expansion site plan site is bounded by Ramon Road, Bob Hope Drive, the Union Pacific Railroad, and planned land uses identified in the City of Rancho Mirage's Section 19 Specific Plan. As part of the process, the Tribe will collect comments and recommendations until March 2, 2018, regarding the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Report.



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The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Palm Springs, California, with 32,000 acres of reservation lands that spread across Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage and into the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains. The Tribe owns and operates the Spa Resort Casino and the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa. For more information about the Tribe, visit: www.aguacaliente-nsn.gov.