



# VISION AGUA CALIENTE

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## Agua Caliente launches vision to preserve, rejuvenate *Tribe announces closure of downtown hotel, spa to begin new era*

PALM SPRINGS, CA – The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians helps lead the way for innovation and excellence in the Coachella Valley. It has for thousands of years. And this year is no different.

Today, the Tribe announces the first step to what will become an exciting new venture for downtown Palm Springs, marking the end of one era only to launch the beginning of a new vision for a key location.

The new era begins on July 8 with the closing of the Spa Resort Hotel and Spa & Fitness Center. Meanwhile, the Casino will remain open and will also be improved inside and out in the coming months.

At this time, the Tribe is in the planning stages for this important location in downtown.

"We are reviewing concepts and considering our options to identify the necessary steps to preserve this key landmark in downtown and rejuvenate the property around it," Tribal Chairman Jeff L. Grubbe said. "It's the place where it all began – the site of our natural hot mineral spring. And, for which our Tribe and the City of Palm Springs were named. It has been more than 50 years since we've made significant investments in and around this valued cultural resource. They are long overdue. And, the time is now."

About 150 team members will be affected by the closure.

"We are working with our team members to provide resources through this transition," said CJ Graham, Chief Operating Officer. He said that includes assisting in identifying new employment with other nearby resorts or identifying other opportunities within our organization.

"We are hopeful the period of time between this announcement and the closure will allow many team members to make a smooth transition," Graham said. "We do not enter into this lightly and we are grateful for our team members who have been dedicated to making the hotel and spa a popular Palm Springs destination for our guests. We sincerely appreciate the longstanding service and dedication by our team members over the decades. They have truly been at the center of operating this legendary downtown destination."

The Tribe's vision is to continue to invest in its downtown locations and make this site a major anchor for the future of Palm Springs. With the local economy showing signs of recovery, the Tribe is confident that this location will continue to be a cornerstone for Palm Springs visitors for decades to come.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is known for its deep connections to Palm Springs and areas throughout the Coachella Valley. The Tribe is interwoven in the community and invests in the future of the Coachella through its philanthropic endeavors.

"We have a responsibility to respect our environment and play a leadership role in the future of Palm Springs," Chairman Grubbe said.

"We are working to make a positive and lasting difference in our community."

For more information, go to: [www.VisionAguaCaliente.com](http://www.VisionAguaCaliente.com) or 1-844-77A-CBCI.

About the Tribe: 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 currently owns and operates two 18-hole championship golf courses, the Spa Resort Casino and Hotel in downtown Palm Springs and the Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa in Rancho Mirage. For more information about the Tribe, visit [www.aguacaliente-nsn.gov](http://www.aguacaliente-nsn.gov).

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