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Section 14 The Untold Story

Now in the Changing Gallery at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. (June 14, 2025) – The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is pleased to announce a new exhibition, *Section 14 The Untold Story*, now open in the Changing Gallery at the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum located at the Agua Caliente Cultural Plaza.

This new exhibition is the story of Section 14, one square mile of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation in the center of what today is known as Palm Springs, that includes the ancient hot mineral spring protected by the Tribe. Since time immemorial, the Agua Caliente people have called this land home. Many voices have commented and argued over the history and legacy of Section 14. Now, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians share their perspectives on this land and the Tribe's continuing efforts to assert rightful sovereignty over it.

Section 14 The Untold Story unfolds around a central theater in the Museum's Changing Gallery. In the newly-released 16-minute film at the center of the exhibition, Tribal Elders recall life on Section 14 and the struggles their families and their community endured. Around this powerful record, the exhibition presents documentary evidence, the facts of the matter drawn from local, state, and national archives: How private interests worked to take the Tribe's land and deny its rights. How the Tribe fought to regain those rights and hold firmly onto its land and its culture.

"This is our home, and it has been since time immemorial. We have had to fight to protect our land, our culture, and our rights. We will always continue to do so." Tribal Chairman Reid D. Milanovich said. "We invite you to hear our perspectives and learn about our efforts to assert rightful sovereignty over our land."

When you go: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, 140 N. Indian Canyon Drive. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Changing Gallery included with Museum admission. accmuseum.org/tickets.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in Palm Springs, California, with more than 34,032 acres of reservation lands that spread across Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage and into the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains. For more information about the Tribe, visit: www.aguacaliente-nsn.gov.

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