



Agua Caliente takes next step to create vision *Tribe announces demolition of downtown hotel, spa*

PALM SPRINGS, CA - The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians began demolition today of the Spa Hotel, Spa, Fitness Center and Canyon Conference Center located at the corner of Tahquitz Canyon Way and Indian Canyon Way.

"We are in the planning stages of creating a vision for this key location in downtown Palm Springs," Tribal Chairman Jeff L. Grubbe said. "Our next steps include demolition of existing structures as well as taking the necessary steps to protect and preserve the hot mineral spring."

The Tribe's project review and approval process is as stringent as the federal process. However, because the demolition takes place on Tribal trust land, it is a tribal action, not a federal or state undertaking, and therefore it is not subject to the National Environmental Policy Act or the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Tribe is investing in its downtown locations and preparing the site, now known as Vision Agua Caliente, to become a major anchor for 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.

Demolition is expected to last several months and be complete in summer 2015.

The Tribe's goal is to recycle 85 percent of the building materials for reuse, which is well above industry standards.

"We are working to make a positive, lasting difference in our community and having an aggressive recycling program during demolition sets the path for others to follow," Chairman Grubbe said.

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 Valley through its philanthropic endeavors.

For more information, go to: 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 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.

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