

YUBA'S OFF-RESERVATION CASINO IS A **BAD IDEA**

OFF-RESERVATION CASINOS ARE OPPOSED BY STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Federal authorities from the Department of Interior approved proposals for Yuba and Madera County Off-Reservation Casinos despite overwhelming opposition from Yuba County voters, U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, Wheatland School Board member and the Yuba County Board of Education.

THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES OR TRANSPARENCY IN OFF-RESERVATION GAMING APPROVAL

The U.S. Department of Interior's decision-making lacks transparent guidelines and standardized criteria by which they apply evaluation to gaming applications. The Department of the Interior is only obligated to consult with selected elected officials and nearby Indian tribes. The Secretary of the Interior is not required to read the comments of citizens who are directly affected by the proposed off reservation casino. Yet, the Secretary has determined the proposed off reservation casino is "not detrimental to the surrounding community."

CASINO'S SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE HISTORY

The Enterprise Rancheria's cultural, anthropological and historical ties to the casino site have not been validated. Any change to existing policy must be carefully vetted using academic studies, historical records, **legal precedents and weighted political opinion to establish transparent benchmarks prior to significant decision making in the face of existing rule of law and tribal sovereignty**. This process has not been followed by DOI in this circumstance.

THE LOOP HOLES CONCERNING OFF-RESERVATION GAMING NEED TO BE FILLED

Off-reservation gaming rules have not been established relative to geographic and other objective criteria. The current proposals would set precedent influencing future decision-making and affect the rule of law as it applies under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and California Proposition IA. Especially vulnerable to unintended consequences are changes to existing state gaming policy without sufficient regard for distances from a tribal reservation. The creation of new Indian lands for gaming creates confusion over local government authority and jurisdiction.

DOI'S APPROVAL OF ENTERPRISE OPENS FLOODGATES TO OFF-RESERVATION CASINOS

The DOI decision on Enterprise already has encouraged additional off-reservation casino proposals across California just as the opponents of Prop. 1A feared they would.

CALIFORNIA CITIZENS SHOULD NOT PAY FOR OFF-RESERVATION CASINOS

Off-reservation gaming options will strain both local and State resources and public services at a time when California faces extreme fiscal pressure. Sufficient funding for transportation and infrastructure needs simply do not exist and will not be funded to meet the increased demand generated by these off-reservation gaming establishments.