

SINGLEY HILL HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION

525 Singley Hill Rd.
Loleta, CA 95551

September 15, 2009

Proposed Bear River Casino
Hotel and Expansion Project

Bear River Tribal Council
Mr. Leonard Bowman, Chairman

Dear Mr. Bowman,

We have concerns about the project's proposed filling and paving over the wet lands on the northwest portion of the property in order to expand the parking area. Originally the wet lands were protected at the time the casino was built. Looking at the maps the proposed fill and parking area will border neighbors' properties.

We also see a concern for those neighbors with wells and septic systems and the possibility of contamination from the proposed waste water leach field under the existing parking lot.

We question how the Tribe can move ahead with a project of this nature that will have even more impact on the neighbors to the north, without addressing and complying with Condition #8 clearly stated on the Alcohol License. That decision has been appealed after two court orders for the Tribe to comply with Condition #8.

July 14, 2006, Tribal Chairman Bowman and Council Member, Aileen Meyer signed an agreement to modify the entrance from Singley Road to Bear River Drive so that public vehicular ingress and egress is available only to and from the South on Singley Rd. This agreement was in exchange for the Singley Hill Homeowners dropping their petition against the issuance of an alcohol license for the casino. This agreement resulted in Condition #8 being placed on the tribe's alcohol license for the casino. No action was taken by the tribe to comply with Condition #8 so another hearing was held May 20, 2009 with Administrative judge John W. Lewis presiding. Judge Lewis ruled that the Tribe must comply and complete the conditions of the license within a 2 year period or lose their alcohol license.

It is unconscionable how the tribe can continue to expand and spend money, yet not take our concerns serious enough to comply with Condition #8. The BIA needs to be made aware of the importance of this ruling and to understand that we are not asking for something that will affect the Tribe's ability to continue doing a profitable business, but an agreed upon decision that will keep our neighborhood safe.

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Sincerely,

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