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For Immediate Release

City of Hesperia Announces Casino Agreement

Hesperia, CA – You've heard the rumors, now here are the facts. Yes, the City of Hesperia is working to develop a Municipal Service Agreement with the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe to build a top quality gaming facility, hotel, event center and related services in the southwest part of the City.

The Municipal Services Agreement, which lays-out the provisions and responsibilities of both parties, is part of the Tribe's efforts to acquire a 57-acre parcel of land near Main Street and Interstate 15, and have it placed into trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. If the Tribe is successful, they could also build additional improvements such as a shopping mall, theater, water park, bowling center, restaurants and/or an entertainment venue such as a stadium or arena.

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe first looked at Hesperia because historical records show the Tribe as once having occupied land in and around Hesperia. After consulting with federal, state and City officials, the Tribe felt that by working with the City they could fulfill their desire to provide economic self-sufficiency to members of the Tribe and provide the citizens of Hesperia with increased public services, infrastructure development and ongoing revenues.

Highlights of the agreement, which would bring the City approximately \$137 million over the next 20 years, includes a substantial increase in police and fire personnel; the addition of a new fire station with firefighting/medical emergency equipment; the expansion and maintenance of public facilities; and, road improvements.

In addition, the Tribe agrees to use City municipal services, mitigate traffic impacts, make payments in lieu of sales tax, property tax and room tax, as well as offering training and job opportunities for local residents. The direct number of jobs created will be about 1,000, with most of them being in the annual salary range from \$30,000 to \$60,000.

Once the Municipal Services Agreement is signed by both the Tribe and the City Council, it must be submitted to the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval. Once approved by the federal government, the designated property will be placed in trust by the United States under the Indian Self-Determination Act.

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Casino Agreement Press Release


A recently completed random sample telephone survey of 400 Hesperia residents determined that fifty-eight percent (58%) of residents would support a gaming facility if it would increase revenues and public services. Dr. Alan Heslop, the recently retired Director of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government located on the campus of the Claremont Colleges in Claremont, California, conducted the survey and will present the survey results at the August 1st press conference.

Interested parties are also invited to attend the first of several Public Meetings, on August 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Hesperia High School, 9898 Maple Avenue; and August 18th and 25th, at Sultana High School, 17311 Sultana Street, to provide input regarding this agreement.

Mayor Dennis Nowicki said, "The City Council looks forward to an open and positive dialogue with the community regarding this exciting development opportunity. I invite all residents and business owners of Hesperia to attend one of our special meetings to discuss the casino operation/agreement."

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Indian Casino Facility
August 1, 2003

- Municipal Services Agreement**
- Contract between Tribe and City
 - Establishes relationship and funding for services
 - Forms Tribal-City Advisory Committee to address issues
 - Amendments may be made with mutual consent
 - Term is for 20 years
 - Tribe to address problem gaming

- Indian Casino Introduction**
- City contacted by Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
 - Tribe consists of approximately 330 members
 - Primarily located around Death Valley/Bishop Area
 - Tribe is proposing a gaming facility, which will create approximately 1,000 new jobs
 - Tribe is requesting City services to serve facility

- City to Provide Full Municipal Services**
- Police – Tribe to fund 12 full-time deputies (includes ½ Sergeant)
 - Fire – Tribe to fund new fire station, fire truck and three 4-person fire crews (12 new staff), plus overtime costs
 - Water/Sewer – Tribe to pay regular City rates
 - Traffic – Tribe to mitigate all traffic impacts
 - Plan Review and Inspection – Tribe to pay regular City fees

Tribe to purchase 57 acre parcel



Summary of MSA Financial Plan

One time/Annual Fees	Amount	Annual	Total for 20 Years
Fire Station	\$2,000,000		\$2,000,000
Fire Apparatus	\$800,000		\$800,000
Public Facilities	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$2,500,000
Permits and Fees	\$2,173,696		\$2,173,696
Quarterly Fees			
Law Enforcement	\$364,861	\$1,459,444	\$29,188,880
Fire/EMS	\$393,489	\$1,573,956	\$31,479,120
PILT	\$859,892	\$3,439,568	\$68,791,360
Total		\$6,372,968	\$136,933,056

Future development covered in MSA