# INTERGOVERNMENTAL <br> MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING <br> By and Between <br> THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS <br> and <br> THE CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE 

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is entered into this $\partial 2$ day of March_ 2007, by and between the AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS, a federally recognized Indian tribe, (the "Tribe") and the CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, a municipal corporation (the "City").
I.

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe governing itself according to a Constitution and By-Laws and exercising sovereign authority over the lands of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the City, acting through its City Council (the "City Council"), is a political subdivision of the State of California, established pursuant to the Constitution of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the corporate boundaries of the City as established by the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") do not encompass or include that property more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (the "Subject Property"); and

WHEREAS, the City and the Tribe acknowledge that annexation of the Subject Property into the corporate boundaries of the City is a great benefit for both; and

WHEREAS, the City and Tribe desire to work together in good faith to consummate the annexation of the Subject Property into the corporate boundaries of the City to achieve the objectives herein described; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the County of Riverside ("County") entered into a Funding Agreement ("Funding Agreement") for purposes of establishing a fund for payment of a tourism fee based on nightly paid Hotel guest occupancy at the Agua Caliente Hotel identified in the Funding Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit " $B$ "; and

WHEREAS, the Funding Agreement provides that the "Agreement may not be assigned by Agua Caliente without the formal written consent of the County, which consent[]shall be in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement and shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned"; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the purposes described hereinabove, the City and Tribe acknowledge that it is in the best interests of both parties to ensure that the rights and responsibilities of the County as set forth in the Funding Agreement are legally assigned to the City prior to or at the time the Subject Property is annexed into the corporate boundaries of the City.

## II.

## COMMITMENTS

1. Recitals. The Tribe and the City agree that the Recitals set forth in this MOU are integral material components of this MOU and are the basis of the Commitments set forth in this MOU.
2. Annexation. The City will initiate annexation and the Tribe will consent to the annexation of the Subject Property into the corporate boundaries of the City. The Tribe and the City will also cooperate in preparing and filing all the requisite application materials with LAFCO and any other applicable public agencies to effectuate the annexation of the Subject Property into the corporate boundaries of the City and the Tribe and the City will attend all necessary annexation proceedings. Both the Tribe and the City recognize that annexation of the Subject Property does not change the land status as restricted Tribal Trust land or the Tribe's jurisdiction over the Subject Property.
3. Pre-Annexation Status. The Tribe and the City agree that the Subject Property shall be deemed property intended for annexation. The Tribe and the City recognize that the Subject Property intended for annexation contains Entitlements and a Scope of Development (Scope) as described in the Record of Decision dated February 21, 2006. ${ }^{1}$ The Tribe and the City further recognize said Entitlements and Scope of Development are permitted with or without annexation and in accordance with the Tribal Environmental Policy Act and the Tribal/State Compact entered into by the Tribe and the State of California on September 10, 1999. The Tribe retains full authority to proceed with said Scope and said Scope will not be altered or subject to any modifications, amendments or conditions of the intended annexation.

The Tribe agrees that no further expansion or development beyond the said Entitlement and Scope of Development described above shall be initiated on the subject property prior to the completion of the annexation.

[^0]In the event that the annexation is not completed in a timely manner, the Tribe and the City shall meet, confer, and as needed, modify this MOU.
4. Funding Agreement. The Tribe and the City will cooperate to ensure that the rights and responsibilities of the County under the Funding Agreement are legally and properly assigned to the City at or prior to the annexation of the Subject Property into the corporate boundaries of the City since the City will assume from the County upon annexation of the Subject Property the responsibility of providing police, fire and emergency services for the Subject Property as described in the Funding Agreement. In light of the foregoing, the Tribe shall within thirty (30) days of the approval of this MOU submit a written request to the County for an assignment of the Funding Agreement to the City that shall take effect at or prior to annexation of the Subject Property.
5. Modifications. The Commitments set forth in this MOU may only be modified in writing, signed and duly approved by both the Tribal Council and the City Council.
6. Approval. The City shall approve this MOU by passage of a duly adopted resolution of the Rancho Mirage City Council executed by all members of the City Council and the Tribe shall approve this MOU by passage of a duly adopted resolution of the Tribal Council. The resolutions of the City Council and the Tribal Council shall include as an attachment a copy of this MOU which shall be incorporated therein by reference and both resolutions shall be subject to the prior review and approval "as to form" by both the City's legal counsel and the Tribe's legal counsel prior to approval "as to content" by the respective Councils.
7. Limited Waiver of Tribal Sovereign Immunity. The Tribe, acting through duly elected and acting Tribal Council, does not waive, limit, or modify the Tribe's sovereign immunity from unconsented suit or other court process or proceedings in arbitration, except as expressly provided herein. By executing this MOU, the Tribe does provide a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity and consents to binding arbitration, and subject to each of the conditions and limitations expressed below:
(a) The claim against the Tribe is brought by the City and not by any other person or entity;
(b) The claim alleges a breach by the Tribe of one or more of its obligations under this MOU, or seeks an interpretation of the terms of this MOU;
(c) The claim seeks (i) injunctive relief to compel the Tribe to take some specific action or to refrain from some specific action, to bring the Tribe into compliance with the express terms of its duties and obligations under this MOU, and/or (ii) monetary relief to compensate the City for the Tribe's noncompliance with its obligations under the terms of this MOU and/or (iii) termination of the MOU;
(d) Before any proceedings in arbitration are instituted, the City must first present its claim in writing informally to the Tribe, and offer to meet, or actually meet, within ten (10) calendar days thereafter with a representative of the Tribe in an attempt to informally resolve the dispute.
(e) Any proceedings in arbitration shall be conducted in Riverside County, California, pursuant to the provision of the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1280 et. seq. The law to be applied in any such action shall be federal law, and if no federal law applies, then applicable California statutory law.
(f) This waiver extends to any proceedings in federal court (or the entry and enforcement in state court to the extent the applicable federal court lacks jurisdiction) to enforce, confirm, or otherwise implement any arbitration award and to give it effect and enforce it subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (e) above.
8. Authority. The individuals signing this MOU warrant and represent that pursuant to their respective constitutions and/or bylaws they have the full power and authority to enter into this MOU and fully perform in accordance with the terms hereof, and the Tribe and the City acknowledge that their respective legal counsels have advised that this MOU is not subject to approval of the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior under 25 U.S.C. §81.
9. Effective Date. This MOU shall take effect upon its execution.
10. Time. Time is of the essence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed as of the date first written above.



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## Exhibit "A"

## Subject Property Legal Description

NE1/4NE1/4, section 24, T.4S., R. 5E., S.B.B.M., containing 40.00 acres, more or less, subject to all valid existing rights of way.

## Exhibit "B"

Funding Agreement

Wednesday, March 28, 2007.max

## RESOLUTION NO. 38-96

WHEREAS, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (the "Tribe'ך is a federallyrocognized Indian tribe, goveraing itself according to a Constitution duly approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as amended, and exencising sovereng authority ove the lands of the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has spproved a project (the "Project") for the expansion of the Agua Caliente Casino, to include construction of a hote, increased gaming space, and unincorporsted area of an located on the Agua Caliente indian Reservation in the (the "County"); and

WIEREAS, in approving the Project, the Tribal Council adopted a seriea of mearurea to mitigate the off.Reservation environmental impact of the ?roject; and

WHEREAS, one of those mitigation measures was entering into a goverament-wogovemment agreement with the County of Riverside on the subject of that mitigation, especially regarding the County's increased costs for public services and traffic; and

WHEREAS, such a govenment-10-government agreement has now been negotianea between the staffs of the Tribe and the Couniy, consisting of:
a. Memorandum of Understanding between Agua Caliente Band of Canulla indians and County of Riverside for Funding of Public Safery Services (the "MOU"), and
b. Funding Agreement: Agun Calience Hotel and Expanded Casino Project (the "Funding Agreement'); and
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the terms of the MOU and the Funding Agrecment. and finds those terms to be satisfactory. inciuding the terms of a Limited Waver of Trioal Sovereign Immunity contaned in Section 10 of the Funding Agrearman;
NOW, TAEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribsi Council of the Aque Cailente
Band of Cahuilla Indians that:

1. The above MOU and Funding agreement. and the erms hereof, inctuding the Limited wave of Tribal Sovereign Immany in Section lo of the Funding Agreement. are hereoy approved: and


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2. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the above MOU and Funding Agreement on behalf of the Tribe, and to transmit copies to the Country's Board of Supervisors for its approval. Thereafter, appropriate Tribal staff are hereby authorized and directed, subject to the supervision of the Tribal Council, to implement the MOC and Funding Agreement according to their terms.

Dated: June 20, 2006


## CERTIFICATION

i, THE UNDERSIGNED, THE Secretary of the Ague Calieme Band of Cahuilla Indians, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of live members of whom 4, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting whereof, duly called, and noticed, convened and held this $20^{\text {bi }}$ day of June 2008, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by the affirmative roll call vote of $5-0-0$. Members and that said resclution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.


Moraino J. Patertio, Secretary/Treasurer

# MEMORANDLM OF UNDERSTANDING <br> Berwen <br> AGLA CALIEVTE BAND OF CAHTILIA INDLANS <br> And <br> COUNTY OF RIVERSDE For <br> Funding of plblic safety services 

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU') is snocred into this zoth day of Jume 2006, by and the ACUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAICTLLA RNDLANS, acting through it Tribal Counci ("Tribe"), a Federally-recognizod Indian Tnbe, and the COUNTY OF RTVERSIDE, CALIF ORNLA ("County"). This Agreement is made with refeence to the foilowing.

## RECITALS

1. The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians is a Fedarally-recognized Indian Tribe gowarnive rseif according to a Constitution and exercising soveregn auchoriry over the lands of the Agua Calieare Lodian Reservation ("Reservation"), acting through its duly elected Tribal Council.
2. Tac County is a suidivision of the State of Caifornia, possessing full powers with nespect to legislarive affairs to regulate the terriory ander its junscirtion and in accordance with the Califormia Constimation and State law, and acting through its duly elected Board of Suptrvisors ("Board").
3. The Tribe seeks to develop the Projer, "Projec:") on the Reservation wishin the geograpaic broundarics and in the unincorporated terniory of the County of Riverside ("County"), which Project shat isclude, among other things, the development, construction, improvement and squipping of a bovel, a showroom, the expmansion of existing casino facilities, a parking structure and related facilitica owned and operated by the Tribec; and
4. The project is designed to provide the County of Riverside with sidmificant monomic, commercal. cultural and othe besefits, incturding but nor limited to hotel and meoting spoce, bracust facilities, spa acivities, busioess mocting and ponference activites. seminar and acadiente activites, as oneil as a variety of enterammant, social and recereational activities: and

5 The Trbe has adopted a Trioal Transient Occupancy Tax (Troal Ondinance No. 36), which imposes a tax on the Guest of a hotel located on Tabal Trust Lands of the Reseration. Section 3.12 .070 of the Ordinance 36 stares:
"The Tibe, acing throupin its wouncil. by resolution, may designale the uges to which the funds collected and remined to it in paymeat of the Trioal Transiens Occupancy tax will be devoted. Such resolution may incude making a voluntary contribution of a stated amount or portion of such funds colleored from a particular hoted to the ciry ot connty in which the said hotel is loceted."
6. As an elemeat of the Project the County and the Tribe shall enter into a Funding ingroement by which the Tribe shall sedicate a fee from the Tribai Transien Occupancy Tax equai to Tex peroen: ( $10 \%$ ) of the Hotel's cash room sales, winici tee shali be paid to the Counk of Riverside in onder to belp mitigate the impacts on County services created by the Project on the remms and condions specified in that Funding Agreement; and
7. The County will coordinate with sumouncing affected ories in using the funds it reverves form the above fee to offser and mitagete denonsmated off-Resentation impacts of the Proyect w the Counry and these neariby cities' Puolic Safery programs. The Councy will use these funds for Public Safery purpores 10 easure that existing County's Pablic Safery sences to these impacted cines are not affected by County services provided to the Project. For puposes of this MOU, Puclic Safery services shall wonsist of police. fire, and emergency medical services.

## GEMERAL TERMF AND CONDITIONS:

All of the above recitais are rue and correct and the Councy Board of Superrisors and Tribal Council so find and dennine.
2. Tae Board and Tibal Council hereby appove the propored form of the Furnine Agrement berween the Tribe and the County.


## FUNDIMG AGREEMEMT

## AGUA CALIENTE HOTEL AKD EXPANDED CASHO PROJECI

This FLNOLNG AGREEMENT "This iqreement"), dated sune 20, 2006 is betwoen the County of Ruverside, a political subdivision of the State of Califorma (County") and Agua Caliente Bathat of Cabuilla Indians ("Agua Caliente'ク, a federally recognized Incian Tribe whose Indian Lands are locsted whin the geograpicicai boundaries of the Country.

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks io develor the Project ("Projec:") on the Reservation whthin the geographic boundaries and in the unincorporated territory of the County of Riverside ("Counry"), which Projoct shall include, amone other thines, the development, construction, improverneat and equipping of a high rise hotel, a showroom, the expansion of existing casino facilibes, a pariang structure and reimed facilitica owned and operated by the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the project is designed to provide the County of Riverside with simaficant-oconomic, commecial, cuitural and other benefits, including but not limited to hotel and meeting space, banquet facilities, spa activities, business meeting and conference activities, seminar and acaderac activicio. an well as a variety of entertanment, social and necreationsl activitien; and

WIHEREAS, the Board of Supernsors (the "Board") of the County, bas rewolved to enter into this Agreernent with Agua Caliente to estabitish a payment fund into which Agua Caljente shall pry a curme fee for paid niehtly hotel guests, [hercaffer referred to as the "Fee'], bused on each paici aighul] ocsupancy for hotel guests of the Agua Caliente fovel idencifiod in this Answement, the begal deactiption of which is found in Exhibit $A$ herero. The fees shail be paid by Agua Caliente to the County furing the ierm of thro rigreement and is inended as compersation to the Councy for impacis to the County it providing services to the new hotel and the expanned casino being sonstructod by Agha Calierre on it indian Lands within the County

NOW THEREFORF, in consideration o: the above recitats and the sovernares bereinatier contanod, and for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and roceipt of when abe heoby acknowleded, the parres bereto syree as follows:

Section:- Establistment of Find and Payment of Fee.
The payment of the Fee shall itccrue on a monthly basis, based on the number of tansient persons [a person who occupies a paid room by agrecment, for 30 dave or lesb] occupying paid space in a hokl envisioned to be approximately ! S stones, and planred to open on the property deacribed in Extibut A herto. The Foe shall be $10 \%$ (ten percent) of the base ovemight hovel rate (the "Rate') charged and collected, as gemeraied from each padd transient occupancy, cxcluding sernices, taxes, food and beverages, and will accrue monthly; and such amounts shall be paid to the County on a cakendar monthiy basin, such payment to be made within 60 days from the last day of each calendar month in which the Fee aocrus. Agua Calieate shail pay the amourts directly to the Office of the Treasuper of the Counry of Riverside, Califorma

Section 34 Purposes for Esiablishment of Fund and Uses of Fee.
County and Angua Cabiente (collectively referred herein as the "Paries") agree that the establishment of the Fund and payment of the Fee pursuant io this Apreernent are nel exactions or fees imposed as a condition of development, and therefore are not subjec: to the Mitugation Fee Act (Califomia Government code Sections 66000 , er seq.). The Parties acknowlerge that the mbal contributions contemplated by this Agreement are being made by Agua Caliente as part of its compliance with Section 10.8 of the Tribat-Stave Gaming Compact ("Compaci") entered into by Ajzua Caliense wnd the Siate of Califoria in Septernber 14, 1999. The Paries adro acinowiedge that this Functing Agrement, by ibelf does not fully satisfy the requirements of Section 10.8 of the Compact. It is furber agreed that the Tribe': payments of the Fee io the County shall not of constued as a credit aganst, or payment in licn of, an? other payments required to be made by the Inive under state or iederal law, including bu not timited to payments asde by ite Trice to ine incian Gammy Sprcial Distriounon Fund and other requred prouran us set forth in the Compac:

Furhemore, the County incods to we the Fund to offset and mitigate demombrated impacis of the Project to the County and nearby cities' Public Safely programs. The County will use the Fund Yor Public Safety purpoges to ensure that existing Counry's Public Safery Services io these impmexd nearby cities are not affected by County gervices provided to the Projec:. For purposes of thrs Ahgreement, Public Safety Services shall consist of only poiice, fire, and emergency medical services.

Section 3. Terra.

Conce ratified, this Agreement shall pemain in full rome and effect until Deoember 31, 2020. Thereafter, this Agreemert shall atomatically be extended for such periods of time as the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between Agua Caliente and the Siate of Callformia is subsequently menewed, amended or exiended.

Section 4. Annual Audir.
On an annual basis, the County shall be entitied to review audited financial ratameats of the hosel activity and shall be entited to a full acconning of all receipts of hotel occupancy, and any other accounting materials that are relevant to the assessment of the Foes

## Section5. Amendment.

At any time, if ether party to this Ageentert believes shat changed circurmstances require an amendment to the terms of chis Agreement, on request by the oanty claiming the changed civcurnotanos, guthonzed representarives of the parties will meer and confer to review the ciamed chaned circumstances on a govemment-10-govemment basis to determine if this Agreement should be 30 amended. If so, any amendment will be in wring, following the form of this Aweement, and signed by authorized representatives of each party to this Abreement.

Section 5. Assigntrent.
This Agreenemt may not be assigned by Agua Caliente whout the tormal writen consent of the County, which consents shall be in the form of a written amemament to this Adreement and shall not bi unreasonabjy witheid, detayed or condinoned.

Section 7 Hold Hamiessindemnificatoon.

Norwithstanding the provision of the establishment of the fund and payment of the fee 10 County by Agus Caliente, it is the express intent of the pantes that each is an independent party, and nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or comstrued as creatitg or estabishing a joint powers authority, joint venture, or any other relationship benveen the pariers other than as separate tegal entities.

Agua Caliente hereby agroes to indemnify and hold harmiess all agencies, districts, spocial districts and departments of the County of Fiverside, their respective directors, officers, Boand of Supervisorr, elected and appointed officials, employecs, agents and pepresentatives from any liability whassoever, based or anserted upon any serviocs of Agua Caljente, is officers, employen, subcontractors, agents or representatives ansing out of or in any way relaning to this Agreement, including but not limiked to property damage, bodily injury, or death or any other element of any kind or nature whatsocver and resulting from any reason whatsoever arising from the performance of Agua Caliente, its oficers, agents, employees, subcontractors, agents or representatives fiom this Agreement; and Agua Caliente shall, at its sole expense, including but nor limited to all costs and fees, attomey fees, coss of investugation, deferme and senfements or awards, defend all agemcies, distnets, special districts and deparments of the County of Rivarside, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected and appoirted officiats, employees, agents and representatives in any ciam or action based upon such alloped acts or omisnons.

## Section B. Notices.

Any written notice, statement, demand, consent, approval, authonzation, offor, designation, request or other communication to be given hereunder shall be given to the party entited thereto al it address set forth below, or at such other address as such pany may provide to the other party in writing from time to time, namely:

County Executive Officer
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon Streer, 4h Floor
Riverside, CA 92501
Fax: (909) 955-110s phone: (909) $45:-1100$
agua Caliente Band or Canuilla Lndians
Ath.: Tribed Courcil
600 E. Tahquik Canyon Way
Paim Sunngs. CA 92262
Fax: (760) 883.1379 Phone: $(760) 325.2400$
interpretation of any section hereof. This Agreement constitubs the complete and mire writhen agreement between the parties hereto and constitutes the comptere expression of the tens of the Agreement. All prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, and negotiations are superseded and merged herein. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original copy of the same agreement and which together shall constitute a single agreement.

Ague Caijente covenants that this Agreement and any tribal actions in furtherance of this Agreement do not require the approval of the Secretary of the Interior under Title 25 USC Section 18 and agree not to assent in any proceedings that this Agreement requires approval by the Secretary of the Interior under Title 25 USC Section 81 or that this Agreernent is void or voidable because such approval has not been obtained.

County of Riverside

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WANC THEAO Clerk
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors - Bob Buses

Agra Calierte Band of Canuilla Indians


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Legal Description of subject property where the hotel will be located:

Forty (40) acre parcel described as the north east quarter of the north east quarter of Section 24, Township 4 south, Range 5 east of the San Bemardino Meridian.



[^0]:    "The Record of Decision describes the Scope as follows: "The Agua Caliente Casino Expansion includes a 65,000 square foot casino expansion, a 400 room hotel, and 30,000 square feet of meeting space, a 60,000 square foot showroom, a 1,200 stall parking structure, and 1,000 surface parking spaces."

