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Yolo County, Rumsey Tribe Talks Headed for Arbitration over Casino Expansion

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County and the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians will likely enter arbitration after an impasse in negotiations related to the Tribe’s plans to triple the size of the Cache Creek Casino. Yolo County has attempted for months to negotiate with the Tribe to achieve a comprehensive and global approach to the expansion. Instead, the Tribe has chosen to negotiate by limiting the discussion to the narrowest scope possible. As negotiations have reached an impasse, both sides are now required to exchange their last, best written offer, which by necessity is a “bare bones” offer, leading to arbitration.

The Tribe’s Cache Creek Casino Expansion plan calls for:

- tripling the size of the Casino;
- increasing hotel rooms from 200 to 694; and
- by tripling the size of the Casino, the Tribe can expand the existing 2,600 slot machines to at least 8,000 slot machines because its compact with the State allows an unlimited number of machines. At this size, the Cache Creek Casino would equal the size of the largest casino in the world.

“Yolo County has always valued its relationship with the Tribe and wants to continue working together as partners,” said Chair of the Board of Supervisors Mike McGowan. “In the past, this partnership recognized a vision for the entire Capay Valley including preserving its rural character for an enhanced quality of life for all county residents. Unfortunately, the Tribe’s latest proposal to mitigate the impacts from tripling the size of the Cache Creek Casino does not reflect the spirit of this past partnership. We believe the magnitude of the casino expansion requires looking far beyond the Tribe’s limited view which only addresses impacts to individual county services.

“The sheer scope of the proposed Cache Creek Casino Expansion cannot be understood in isolation. The extreme demand on county services, such as sharp increases in the need for sewer discharge, water services, roads and traffic enforcement, child care, police and fire protection, etc. will carry a ripple effect on all of Yolo County and the county’s ability to preserve the Capay Valley’s rural quality of life.

“Yolo County along with the Sacramento Valley are, in effect, victims of intense competition between three massive casinos each vying to become the largest and most profitable. Unfortunately, these aggressive expansions can undercut local governments’ ability to maintain adequate levels of service and efforts to retain their rural character, especially in communities such as Yolo County.

“While we recognize and value the tremendous contributions made to Yolo County by the Tribe, the county’s ultimate commitment is to maintain a high quality of life for all residents. Fulfilling that responsibility is simply not possible through the Tribe’s current proposal, which likely will result in Yolo County taxpayers carrying the burden of the Cache Creek Casino Expansion’s impacts.”

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Attachment: Components of the Cache Creek Casino Expansion from Tribe’s FTEIR

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The Tribe proposes to increase the Resort's building square footage consistent with the table below:

PROJECT ELEMENTS			
Element	Existing	Proposed (net gain)	Total
Hotel	137,320 sf 200 rooms	392,250 sf 467 rooms	529,570 sf 667 rooms
Spa	11,800 sf	8,200 sf	20,000 sf
Casitas	0 sf 0 units	40,500 sf 27 units	40,500 sf 27 units
Event/Conference Center	0 sf	62,480 sf	62,480 sf
Gaming Floor	94,505 sf	23,000 sf	117,505 sf
Dining	32,353 sf	38,620 sf	70,973 sf
Retail	1,450 sf	20,631 sf	22,081 sf
Miscellaneous Public Spaces	39,407 sf	26,587 sf	65,994 sf
Back of House	97,275 sf	199,179 sf	296,454 sf
Parking Spaces	3,800	2,410	6,210
Total Area	414,110 sf	811,447 sf	1,225,557 sf
sf = square feet			