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McGowan Supports Governor's Amended Tribal-State Compacts

(Woodland, CA) – Supervisor Mike McGowan joined Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today at a signing ceremony, as the Governor signed newly negotiated Indian gaming compacts. The signing ceremony was held at 1:00 p.m. at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium at the corner of 15th and J Streets in Sacramento.

Governor Schwarzenegger approved renegotiated compacts with five gaming tribes, including the Yolo County-based Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians, the Viejas, Pala & Pauma (San Diego County) and Auburn (Placer County). These compacts will be the source of \$1 billion in new state revenue dedicated to fund transportation programs in 2004-05. The Compact for California also includes up to another \$150 million annually in additional revenue and more as other tribes come to the table.

“It’s heartening to know that the Governor and the tribes have recognized the inadequate protection for local government under the old compacts. The new agreements provide greatly improved terms for local governments as they deal with the sovereign tribes in the future,” McGowan said.

Supervisor Lynnel Pollock, District 5, stated, “We are on the right track, having the casinos paying into state government. We are following the example of other progressive states that require payment in lieu of taxes and fees that businesses would normally pay. I’m supportive of this step,” said Pollock.

Supervisor McGowan, District 1, is Chair of the Board and chair of the committee on Tribal Affairs for the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). He was instrumental in the creation of the landmark Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Yolo and the Wintun Indians. That historic agreement, signed in 2002, is regarded as one of the finest in the state and in the nation. Supervisor Pollock represents the areas of the County most directly impacted by the tribe’s Cache Creek Casino Resort. She participated in the County-Tribe negotiations and remains involved in ongoing mitigation measures specified by that historic Agreement.

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