

IMPACTS TO COUNTY SERVICES AND MITIGATION EFFORTS

ECONOMIC IMPACT

While there is no quantifiable data at this time, the casino does generate jobs for the area. Employment by individuals and purchases of supplies and services would leverage jobs in the community and the County. As a driver of tourism, the casino would also be responsible for the generation of sales tax and hotel tax in the surrounding community, although the exact amount is unknown at this time.

INDIAN GAMING SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION FUND

Each year, the County's Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee receives an allocation from the State Controller from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) due to the passage of SB 621. As specified in Government Code Sections 12710-12718, the SDF is distributed as grants to cities, counties and special districts in geographic proximity to the casino to mitigate the impacts of gaming on local jurisdictions. The total amount of SDF available to Santa Barbara has been \$1.1M in FY 2004-05, \$1.3M in FY 2005-06, \$2.2M in FY 2006-07 and \$1.5M to be awarded for FY 2007-08.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The County Fire Department has received funding for a firefighter/paramedic post position at Station 32 located at 906 Airport Road in Santa Ynez for the past five years. Of these five years, two years were through a voluntary contract between County Fire and the Chumash and three years were through the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. This funding pays the salaries and benefits cost of a post position (one post equals 3 shifts or 3 FTE) to provide coverage 24/7. Prior to this contribution, staffing at the Santa Ynez Fire Station #32 was limited to three persons. Originally, the fire department and the tribe recognized that the impact of the casino would increase the number of responses by approximately 25%. By increasing the staffing 25% and the inclusion of a paramedic, the community in the Santa Ynez Valley has benefited directly and the increased responses to the casino have been addressed. The firefighter/paramedic at Fire Station 32 has a direct bearing on the safety of the patrons and visitors to the area and the safety of our firefighters. In addition, this staffing augmentation allows the firefighters to more readily confine and extinguish fires in the region and enhances our ability to mitigate all types of emergencies.

Call Volume: The Fire Department's calls to the reservation and casino have increased over time, from 117 calls in 2000 to 256 calls in 2006. The majority of calls are medical, but have also included 17 fires, HazMat and investigations of smoke.

Calendar Year	Number of Calls
2000	117
2001	132
2002	258
2003	141
2004	264
2005	199
2006	256

Dollar Amounts Funded through Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF):

Fiscal Year Grant Cycle	Dollar Amount
FY 2002-2003 (contract, not SDF)	\$312,527
FY 2003-2004 (contract, not SDF)	\$352,475
FY 2004-2005 (contract +SDF)	\$390,000*
FY 2005-2006	\$406,000
FY 2006-2007	\$431,000**
FY 2007-2008 Requested	\$452,300
Total	\$1,679,300

* Of this amount, \$271,899 was from Indian Gaming funds and \$118,101 was directly from the Chumash.

**It should also be noted that the City of Buellton received \$136,000 in Indian Gaming funds in FY 05-06 to pay its portion of a contracted firefighter/paramedic post position at County Station 31.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CALLS

American Medical Response (AMR) is a private sector company that responds to emergency medical calls throughout the County and transports patients to hospitals as needed. Provided below are call volume statistics for calls to the casino, courtesy of County Public Health. The majority of calls are considered to be code 3, or Advanced Life Support, calls as compared to code 2, or Basic Life Support, calls.

Calendar Year	Number of Calls	Code 3	Code 2
2003	141	106	12
2004	264	215	30
2005	199	124	17
2006	256	216	8

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The County Sheriff's Department has received funding for five deputy sheriff positions (working out of Solvang Station at 1745 Mission Drive in Solvang) to patrol the Solvang/Santa Ynez Valley area for the past three years through Indian Gaming funds. This funding pays the salaries and benefits cost of a five full-time sheriff deputies to provide coverage 24/7. Specifically, the deputies are deployed to the areas of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians' Reservation and the townships of Santa Ynez, Ballard, and Los Olivos. The impact has been the reduction of crime, increased likelihood of identification and arrest of suspects, and the reduction of fear of crime in the community.

Call Volume: The Sheriff's Department's calls for service to the casino have increased over time. This may be the result of an increase in activity or the result of more active patrolling since there is coverage 24/7. Since 2000, there have been no homicides, 1 case of rape, 0 robberies, 3 assaults, 1 burglary and 108 cases of larceny at the casino (examples of Part 1 crimes). Valley-wide, since 2000, there have been no homicides, 13 case of rape, 7 robberies, 50 assaults, 210 burglaries and 519 cases of larceny.

Calendar Year	Number of Calls
2000	96
2001	129
2002	159
2003	204
2004	302
2005	415
2006	450

Dollar Amounts Funded through Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF):

Fiscal Year Grant Cycle	Dollar Amount
FY 2004-2005	\$525,160
FY 2005-2006	\$596,070
FY 2006-2007	\$ 1,012,695*
FY 2007-2008 Requested	\$253,678**
Total	\$ 2,387,603

*It should also be noted that the City of Buellton received \$90,000 in Indian Gaming funds in FY 05-06 to pay its portion of contracted law enforcement service with the County.

**A portion of the FY 06-07 cost for deputies was awarded to the Sheriff as part of the FY 05-06 funding cycle due to additional SDF allocations.

The Sheriff's Department has also received funding of \$157,000 in FY 2005-2006 to install a radio repeater at the casino, which would link the casino to the countywide dispatch center. The Sheriff's department is requesting \$24,097 in FY 2006-2007 for the connectivity charges that will incur once the repeater is installed. The Sheriff's Department is also requesting \$350,000 to be used toward the cost of expanding the existing sub-station in Solvang as the additional staffing of five deputy sheriffs positions due to mitigating tribal gaming has resulted in the need for additional space for personnel.

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OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

District Attorney: Since the Sheriff has increased the number of arrests in the community due to enhanced patrol by the five deputy positions, the District Attorney has also noticed a corresponding increase in its workload since it began tracking criminal case referrals from Casino-related conduct in 2005.

Call Volume: The number of individuals referred to the District Attorney for prosecution from casino-related conduct has increased by 51% in one year. 80% of these referrals have resulted in new cases. Cases include identity access card investigations, embezzlement, felon in possession of firearms, fighting in public, forgery, possession and sales of controlled substances, theft and vehicle burglary and theft.

Calendar Year	Number of Cases Filed
2005	103 (30% felony)
2006	162 (35% felony)

Probation: Similar to the District Attorney and Public Defender, the Probation Department is impacted by the increased number of arrests made by the Sheriff's Department. The majority of convicted offenders are placed under the supervision of the Probation Department. The Department also monitors clients to determine their compliance with substance abuse, Proposition 36 (requires probation and drug treatment program, not incarceration, for conviction of possession, use, transportation for personal use or being under influence of controlled substances and similar parole violations, not including sale or manufacture) and dual diagnosis treatment courts. However, there is no data at this point in time to capture the number of probationers that originated from crimes committed at the casino or as a result of activity undertaken at the casino.

Public Defender: The Public Defender represents a subset of the individuals referred to the District Attorney for prosecution from casino-related conduct. Last year, the Public Defender represented 62 individuals whose cases resulted from casino-related conduct. Some of the clients are best rehabilitated through treatment intervention such as therapeutic court programs, substance abuse treatment court (under Proposition 36) and dual diagnosis treatment court, rather than jail time.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS): There is no data identifying the impacts of the casino or gaming within the County at this point in time. As stated by the Public Defender and Probation, there are some clients that are treated through alternative methods instead of jail time. It should be noted that ADMHS does not consider gambling addiction as a mental health issue.

Social Services: There is no data identifying the impacts of the casino or gaming within the County at this point in time. It should be noted however that the casino does provide employment for the area. For example, the Chumash Casino attended a Workforce Resource Center job fair in Santa Maria in October 2006 and received 100 applications for employment.

Child Support Services: Literature from the field indicates that child support by non-custodial parents is negatively impacted by gambling. For example, the University of Memphis Newsletter of the Gambling Clinic, in September 2006, stated that "One review of the literature found that gambling was related to absenteeism from work in 69-76 percent of pathological gamblers. It was also found that job loss was attributed to gambling behavior in 21-36 percent of gamblers seeking treatment for disordered gambling." However, there is no data directly identifying the impact of the casino or gaming on the County's efforts at obtaining child support payments.

TRAFFIC/ROAD IMPACTS

An EIR to determine will be conducted in a few months. There is an agreement between the Chumash and County Public Works for the Santa Cota Road and bridge. Also, the Chumash funded \$250,000 toward the Public Work's Edison Street Project with its Indian Gaming SDF monies in FY 2004-2005.

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This project included various operational improvements to mitigate the effects of increased traffic to/from the casino, including shoulder widening, pavement leveling, sidewalk construction, turning movement enhancements, flashing beacons and radar speed informational signs. It should be noted that the County will be commencing with an EIR in the next few months to determine the traffic flows and potential impacts to the Santa Ynez Valley as part of the Santa Ynez Community Plan.