



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

A-12

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 2/18/11
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item:
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority



TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer
Director(s)
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant County Executive Officer, 568.3412
SUBJECT: Appointments to Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee

County Counsel Concurrence
As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence
As to form: N/A

- Recommended Actions:** Approve the reappointment of Joan Jamieson as the City of Solvang representative to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for the term expiring January 1, 2012.
- (B) Approve the reappointment of Hans Duus to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for the term expiring January 1, 2012.
 - (C) Approve the reappointment of Russell Hicks to the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for the term expiring January 1, 2012.

Summary Text:

Senate Bill 621 (2003) established an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (“Committee”) in each county where Indian gaming is conducted. The primary purpose of the Committee is to award grants to mitigate the impact of tribal gaming on local governments. This item is before the Board of Supervisors to appoint members to the Committee.

Background: Senate Bill 621 and Assembly Bill 158 (2008) specify the composition of the Committee, which currently consists of two members from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, two members from the County Board of Supervisors, one member from the City of Solvang and two at-large members, for a total of seven members. The Board of Supervisors is not required to confirm or appoint the tribal representatives; however, the Board is required to approve the City of Solvang’s appointment per Government Code Section 12715(2)(B). The Solvang City Council selected Councilmember Joan Jamieson to serve on this Committee on December 13, 2010. As a result of legislative changes in Committee composition, the Board of Supervisors selected Solvang Councilmember Hans Duus and Buellton Mayor Russell Hicks in 2009 as at-large members to fill the two membership positions previously held by the City of Solvang. It is recommended that the Board reappointment Solvang Councilmember Hans Duus and Buellton Councilmember Russell Hicks to this Committee.

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As previously stated, the primary purpose of the Committee is to award grants to mitigate the impact of tribal gaming on local governments using funds from the Tribal Gaming Casino Account. The Committee has not met since September 2009 as the State did not appropriate funding in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 state budget to award grants to local government. However, the funding deleted from the Budget Act of 2007 has been restored and the Committee will be meeting in 2011 to allocate grants to local government entities.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The cost associated with administering this Committee is borne by existing County staff. The purpose of this Committee is to award grant funding of approximately \$1.4 million to local government agencies impacted by tribal gaming. The County has historically received grants for fire and law enforcement services.

Staffing Impacts:

N/A

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to Sonia Thompson, County Executive Office.

Attachments:

cc: