

ESPARTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Memo of Concern

June 9, 2008

Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians
PO Box 218
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Dear Sirs and Madams,

The Cache Creek Casino and Resort TEIR states the expansion of 392,250 square feet and 467 hotel rooms, the addition of 8,200 square feet of spa rooms adjacent to the hotel, 62,480 square feet event/conference center, and gaming floor increase of 23,000 square feet would not result in the need for new or physically altered off-reservation educational facilities. Our studies indicated otherwise.

Sited as the TEIR rationale for the conclusion of no impact is a table that shows the EUSD enrollment in fiscal years 2002/03 compared with 2003/04. The last expansion occurred in 2004, and because EUSD experienced a loss of 29 students between those two fiscal years, a conclusion is drawn that expansion did not have any substantial adverse effects with respect to enrollment numbers.

The resort resides wholly within the Esparto Unified School District (EUSD) boundaries in western Yolo County. We have conducted annual facility studies that indicate both residential and commercial development within our district boundaries do have an impact, although it may not be realized immediately.

For example, though the enrollment did decline slightly between fiscal years 2002/03 and 2003/04, it has increased over 14% in the subsequent 4 years in large part to the 2004 expansion. As of April 2008, the result is currently a shortfall of classroom capacity for 213 students (Government Financial Strategies, Inc., April 2008, P. 3).

In addition, because EUSD does not collect impact fees on any reservation development as is done with all other types of development within district boundaries, the expansion will have an unmitigated impact on our facilities.

Our studies indicate that projected school facilities cost per 1000 square feet of commercial development range between \$7,615 for restaurants, \$14,402 for offices, \$5,297 for shopping centers, and \$3,476 for lodging. (Government Financial Strategies, Inc., April 2008, P. 12).

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Consequently, considering the proposed 809,037 square foot proposed resort expansion (excluding parking space addition), the impact to Esparto Unified School District will be over \$2,812,213, calculated even at the lowest lodging rate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Brock', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy P. Brock, CPA
Assistant Superintendent Business Services

Cc: Advisory Committee on Tribal Matters
Capay Valley Vision
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