



**Board of Supervisors  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 1, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Tammie Weyker-Adkins    PHONE: 559.636.5000		

**SUBJECT:** Approve a letter of support for The Tule River Tribe's Fee-to-Trust Application

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve a letter of support for the Tule River Tribe Fee-to-Trust Application for Gaming Purposes in regards to ensuring the remaining administrative actions of issuing the decision and taking the land into trust is completed as expeditiously as possible.

**SUMMARY:**  
The Tule River Tribe has applied to place a 40-acre property within the City of Porterville into trust for the Tribe for the purpose of relocating the Tribe's existing Eagle Mountain Casino. In early August, the Governor of the State of California concurred in the Department of Interior's decision to take the property into trust. The remaining action is the administrative process of issuing the decision and taking the land into trust.

For Tulare County, the relocation project has several direct and indirect benefits to the County, including job creation, road improvements, a payment in lieu of taxes to the County, and an increase in economic development activity surrounding the project. Additionally, the Tule Tribe has committed to provide funding for a sheriff's substation and additional funding for fire services.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**  
There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

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**DATE:** Application  
September 1, 2020

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Approve a letter of support for the Tule River Indian Tribe Fee-to-Trust Application and Relocation Project is linked to the Economic Well Being initiative to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management, and a quality standard of living.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Tammie Weyker-Adkins  
Tammie Weyker-Adkins  
Chief of Staff

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Letter of Support

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE )  
A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TULE RIVER TRIBE FEE-TO-TRUST ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Approved a letter of support for the Tule River Tribe Fee-to-Trust Application for Gaming Purposes in regards to ensuring the remaining administrative actions of issuing the decision and taking the land into trust is completed as expeditiously as possible.

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the Tule River Indian Tribe's Fee-to-Trust Application

Dear Representative McCarthy:

On behalf of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, I am writing this letter to express the County's support for the Tribe's efforts to relocate the existing Eagle Mountain Casino to a 40-acre property within the City of Porterville (Relocation Project), and to respectfully request that you urge the Department of Interior to promptly issue a decision to accept the property into trust for the Tribe.

As you may be aware, in early August, Governor Newsom concurred in the Department of Interior's decision to take the property into trust. As we understand it, the only remaining action is the administrative process of issuing the decision and taking the land into trust. The deadline for this action is October 2, 2020; otherwise, the Tribe would need to re-start the entire process. Because of the importance of the Relocation Project to the local community, we request that the completion of this process be a priority and completed as expeditiously as possible.

The Relocation Project will result in several direct and indirect benefits to the County, including job creation, road improvements, a payment in lieu of taxes to the County, and an increase in economic development activity surrounding the Relocation Project. The Tribe has also committed to provide funding for a sheriff's substation and additional funding for fire services. The sheriff's station is of particular importance to the community and will address the need for increased law enforcement services. The Relocation Project's positive impact on the local and regional economy will also assist the County in financially recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County requests your help to ensure that the Department of Interior takes all of the necessary action to complete the fee to trust process for the Relocation Project. The County and the Tribe are anxious to see the Relocation Project completed to enable the County and the Tribe to realize the many benefits from the Relocation Project. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pete Vander Poel, Chairman  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

cc: David Wetmore, Carpi & Clay Government Relations