

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

### **PROPOSED MORONGO OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT LEASE AGREEMENT MORONGO INDIAN RESERVATION RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

An Environmental Assessment (EA), dated August 2013, was prepared to determine the environmental impacts that may result as a consequence of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) proposed approval of a lease between the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Tribe) and Garson Entertainment Group, LLC for the Morongo Outdoor Entertainment Facility on the Morongo Indian reservation. The facility would be a music and events venue on approximately 68 acres of the overall 310 +/- acre lease area.

Garson Entertainment Group, LLC proposes a music and events venue that will include a main, open air amphitheater with seating for 15,000 to 18,000 persons, a tent of 80,000 square feet with a capacity of 10,000 persons, a Beach Club with a capacity of 2,500 persons and a Forest venue which would feature a heavily landscaped area with small performance areas for approximately 500 persons. All these venues can operate simultaneously in a festival setting, however, it is anticipated that the main amphitheater, Beach Club or tent venue would primarily be used. The Beach Club venue may be operated on a daily basis.

It is my decision to select the Proposed Action Alternative. A Reduced Size Alternative and the No Action Alternative were also considered. I selected the Proposed Action Alternative because it best meets the purpose and need to provide increased long-term socio-economic security and income diversification for Morongo tribal members.

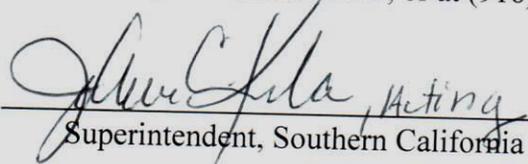
Based upon the analysis documented in the EA and no comments received during the public review period of August 22, 2013 and September 27, 2013, I have determined that the proposed action is not a federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

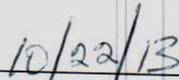
This finding is based on the following factors:

Factors:

- A. There will be less than significant impacts to living resources through the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the EA.
- B. There will be less than significant impacts to transportation and circulation patterns through the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the EA
- C. All of the construction-related criteria air pollutant emissions would be less than the General Conformity *de minimis* levels and therefore less than significant and the long-term operational impact of the proposed project on regional emissions of criteria pollutants including ozone precursors would be less than significant.
- D. There will be less than significant impacts to water resources through the implementation of mitigation measures to address surface water drainage, ground water impacts and flooding and the existing capacity to accommodate water use demand.
- E. There will be no significant impacts to cultural resources.

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