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NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL

The Trinidad City Council will hold a Special Meeting on
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018, at 5:30 PM
In the Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA

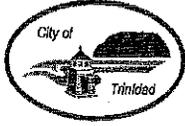
NO CLOSED SESSION

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

At this time, members of the public may comment on items NOT appearing on the agenda. Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not to individual Council Members or staff. Council and staff responses will be minimal for non-agenda items.

- IX. **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Presentation/Discussion regarding Trinidad Rancheria Hotel Project.
 - 2. Discussion/Decision to consider authorizing submittal of City comment letter.

- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 1

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOLLOWS WITH: 1 PAGES

1. Presentation/Discussion regarding Trinidad Rancheria Hotel Project

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

Date: October 15, 2018

Item: Receive Presentation on the Trinidad Hotel Project from the Trinidad Rancheria

The Trinidad Rancheria will make a presentation to the Council and community members regarding their proposal to build a 100-room hotel adjacent to the existing casino.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has released an Environmental Assessment (EA) document that is intended to help the BIA determine if construction and operation of the proposed hotel would result in adverse effects to the environment.

The EA, including supporting materials, is approximately 500 pages, and is available at both the City and the Rancheria website. The BIA is requesting public comment on the proposed project and the EA. The public comment period is scheduled to end October 22nd. The City has requested that the BIA extend the public comment period by 30 days, but has not yet received a response to that request.

Staff Recommendation:

Receive Presentation

Receive Public Comment



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 2

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOLLOWS WITH: 2 PAGES

1. Discussion/Decision to consider authorizing submittal of City comment letter.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM

Date: October 15, 2018

Item: Discussion of City Comments on the Trinidad Hotel Project Environmental Assessment

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Staff are actively reviewing the available documents, and recommend that the City submit a detailed comment letter. The primary areas of concern to the City are briefly outlined below. The presentation to the Council at this meeting (Oct 15th) and the subsequent discussion should help clarify some of these issues.

Staff Recommendation:

Receive Public Comment

Provide direction to staff regarding issues to be addressed in a City comment letter on the EA

Provide direction to staff submit a final comment letter by the deadline (currently Oct 22nd). The Council could assign up to two Council members as an ad-hoc committee to assist staff in finalizing the comment letter.

Issues to be addressed in the proposed City comment letter:

This is not a draft comment letter. It is a list of key topics that staff believe need to be addressed in a final comment letter, and should be part of the discussion at the October 15th meeting.

Water Supply –

The EA proposes that the Hotel will be served by the City water system, which already serves the existing Casino. The Rancheria will need to apply for and obtain approval from the City for water service to this new Hotel. This appears to be the largest single new connection the City system has ever considered, and the City is actively working to evaluate our capacity to provide this service given the limitations of the water system and future needs like build out within the City.

Wastewater Treatment – Staff are unclear on what regulatory agency would oversee and approve of the proposed expanded wastewater treatment and disposal system. The County plays that role in Trinidad and surrounding areas but has no jurisdiction over the Trinidad Rancheria. Wastewater disposal can exacerbate unstable slopes, and could impact the sensitive resources of Trinidad Bay.

Traffic –

The construction and the operation of the proposed hotel will increase traffic through the Main St./ Scenic interchange. It will also contribute to the already challenging maintenance of Scenic Drive. Additional visitors using the Hotel will likely increase existing parking congestion in the City.

Visual Impacts –

The Hotel will be a prominent feature likely to be visible from many vantage points in the City, including Trinidad Head, Trinidad Bay, South facing beaches, The Pier and Harbor, and Edwards, Wagner, and Van Wycke Streets.

Underlying Geology –

The entire bluff from Moonstone beach north is unstable and prone to both gradual and dramatic landslide activity. The hotel is proposed for construction on the bluff edge.