



# CITY OF WILLITS

CITY HALL – 111 East Commercial Street, (707) 459-4601 • Fax (707) 459-1562  
POLICE DEPARTMENT – 125 E. Commercial St., (707) 459-6122 • Fax (707) 459-0405  
Willits, CA 95490

December 13, 2007

MICHAEL FITZGERRAL, CHAIRMAN  
SHERWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA  
190 SHERWOOD HILLS DRIVE,  
WILLITS, CA 95490

RE: Public Scoping Meeting for Casino Relocation Project

Dear Mr. Fitzgerral,

I, along with several other members of the City staff and City Council are planning to attend the public scoping meeting this evening and hope to participate in the public discussion of the proposed project. However, the cold I have been trying to catch seems to be getting worse as the afternoon progresses and if I am not able to stay for the entire meeting, I wanted to prepare these comments for the public record.

Impacts from the proposed project which I believe will need to be addressed in the DTEIS include the following:

1. Traffic: It is not clear from the NOI how access to the new facility will be routed. Any traffic using Blosser Lane should take into consideration safety issues related to the existing Elementary School, Willits Kid's Club and the intersection of Blosser Lane with Highway 20, as well as maintenance impacts on the City street. If traffic will use Cropley Lane, an analysis of safety issues at the Cropley Lane intersection with Highway 20 should be completed.
2. Air quality: Air quality impacts related to vehicle emissions and dust generation from increased vehicular traffic should be examined.
3. Water quality: The exact location of the new facility is not accurately described in the NOI. If the Casino and related development of roads and parking areas is to occur in the hill area at the south end of Cropley Lane, soil stability, erosion and resultant impacts on storm water runoff and water quality will need to be addressed.
4. Emergency services: Potential impacts caused by the increased demand for police, ambulance and fire protection services which would be shared with the City will need to be addressed.
5. Water & sewer: The NOI does not clearly identify the source of water and sewer services; however, the DTEIS should acknowledge and thoroughly examine

existing limitations on City water and sewer systems and limitations imposed by LAFCO on providing City services outside the City boundaries.

6. While not a mandatory element of the DTEIS, I would request that all related development that may be associated with the Casino (i.e., retail outlets, restaurants, gas stations, etc.) and that is contemplated in the reasonably foreseeable future should be identified and an analysis of the potential impacts on the downtown business in Willits should be analyzed.
7. Plans for the disposition for the existing Casino should be identified so that the cumulative impacts of the existing and proposed facilities can be accurately assessed.
8. In consideration of ongoing efforts within the City to reduce greenhouses gas emissions, conserve energy, and promote community health, I encourage the Sherwood Tribal Council to consider green building design and features to encourage pedestrian and bicycle traffic and to provide traffic calming and other measures to insure the safety of those pedestrians and cyclists.

Because the project description in the NOI did not contain an accurate site plan or location map, I am hoping to gain a more complete understanding of the project at the scoping meeting and I may have additional comments upon learning more about the project.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for the City and the general public to learn more about the proposed project and provide comments to guide the preparation of the environmental document.

Sincerely,



Alan R. Falleri  
Community Development Director

cc: City Council  
Ross Walker, City Manager