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Westly Releases Special Distribution Fund Payments

Gaming Tribes Worked with Local Governments to Provide Assistance

Sacramento, CA – State Controller Steve Westly announced today that local governments would receive \$24.7 million from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund set up to assist communities affected by gaming operations.

“These payments will help cities and counties improve police and fire service, better our public schools and foster community development,” Westly said. “I’m pleased that cities, counties and tribes all worked together to decide how to allocate this money to meet local priorities.”

Counties receiving or scheduled to receive payments include:

- **Riverside: \$10,635,329.29**
Projects include fire and Sheriff’s Department equipment, traffic signals, and funds to provide a motorcycle officer for Coachella Fire and Police Services, and to provide uniformed bicycle officers and a youth drug prevention officer for the city of Palm Springs.
- **San Diego: \$4,157,877.25**
Projects include a search and rescue helicopter, a City of Santee Heartland communications facility, a San Diego Rural Fire Protection District collaborative dispatch system, a fire station, and a tribal liaison.
- **Fresno: \$1,329,416.16**
Projects include road improvement, an elementary school safety program, and a bike patrol.
- **San Bernardino: \$1,526,658.92**
Projects include law enforcement, street improvement, and fire equipment for the San Manuel Reservation Consolidated Fire Protection District.
- **Santa Barbara: \$1,104,559.42**
Projects include sewer equipment for the Santa Ynez Community Services District, additional law enforcement, firefighter and paramedic personnel, and road improvements.

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The remaining counties receiving or scheduled to receive funds include:

- Amador: \$463,520.47
- Butte: \$802,430.80
- Colusa: \$512,222.00
- Humboldt: \$134,470.49
- Kings: \$431,346.23
- Lake: \$656,818.37
- Lassen: \$25,638.34
- Madera: \$311,845.96
- Mendocino: \$211,049.50
- Placer: \$332,426.40
- Shasta: \$396,457.94
- Sonoma: \$140,612.00
- Tehama: \$117,727.00
- Tulare: \$329,852.93
- Tuolumne: \$34,082.00
- Yolo: \$340,791.13

The Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund was established for the receipt and deposit of gaming license fees received from tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state compacts. To distribute funding, a county must create an Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee consisting of the county, affected cities and tribal members. The committees evaluate claims and forward a list of approved projects to the State Controller's Office for payment.

The following tribes contributed to the special distribution fund and participated in the allocation process: Jackson Rancheria Band of Me-Wuk Indians, Mooretown Rancheria, Tyme Maidu Tribe of the Berry Creek Rancheria, Colusa Indian Community, Smith River Rancheria, Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians, Table Mountain Rancheria, Blue Lake Rancheria, and Hoopa Valley Tribe.

Also contributing and participating in the allocation process were the Trinidad Rancheria, Quetchen Tribe of Fort Yuma, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Santa Rosa Indian Community, Big Valley Rancheria, Robinson Rancheria, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, Alturas Rancheria, United Auburn Indian Community, Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, and Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians

Participants and contributors also include the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, Soboba Band of Mission Indians, Twenty-Nine Palms Mission Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Borona Band of Mission Indians, Sycuan Band of Mission Indians, Viejas Band of Mission Indians, Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians, Redding Rancheria, Dry Creek Rancheria, Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians of California, Tule River Indian Tribe, Chicken Ranch Rancheria, and Rumsey Indian Rancheria.

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