

## **Notice of Comment Period Extension**

### **Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Redding Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Shasta County, California**

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is extending the comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in connection with the Redding Rancheria's (Tribe) application requesting that the United States acquire approximately 232 acres of land in trust in Shasta County, California. The proposed fee-to-trust property is located in an unincorporated part of Shasta County, California, approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the existing Redding Rancheria, and about two miles southeast of downtown Redding. The proposed trust property includes seven parcels, bound by Bechelli Lane on the north, private properties to the south, the Sacramento River on the west, and Interstate 5 on the east. The Tribe is proposing to construct a casino resort that includes a casino, hotel, event/convention center, outdoor amphitheater, retail center, and associated parking/infrastructure. The new facility would replace the Tribe's existing casino, and the existing casino buildings would be converted to a different Tribal use. Additional information on the proposed action, alternatives to the proposed action, and potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives can be found in the DEIS. The EPA published a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register on April 19, 2019, which provided a 45-day comment period, ending on June 3, 2019. *The close of this comment period has been extended by two weeks to June 17, 2019.*

**DEIS AVAILABILITY:** The DEIS is available for review during regular business hours (8:00AM – 4:30PM) at the BIA Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, and the Redding Public Library, 1100 Parkview Avenue, Redding, California. The DEIS is also available online at <http://www.reddingeis.com>. To obtain a compact disc copy of the DEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by phone to Chad Broussard, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California; [chad.broussard@bia.gov](mailto:chad.broussard@bia.gov); (916-978-6165). Individual paper copies of the DEIS will be provided upon payment of applicable printing expenses by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing will be held at the Redding Memorial Veterans Hall, 1605 Yuba Street, Redding, CA, 96001, on May 20, 2019 from 6:00PM until the last comment is heard.

**HOW TO COMMENT ON THE DEIS:** Comments may be spoken at the public hearing or given in writing by hand delivery, mail, or email. Written comments may be hand delivered at the public hearing or hand delivered/mailed to Amy Dutschke, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. Please include your name, return address, and "DEIS Comments, Redding Rancheria Project" on the first page of your written comments. You may also submit comments through email to Chad Broussard, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at [chad.broussard@bia.gov](mailto:chad.broussard@bia.gov). Please include your name and return address on the first page of your written comments. If emailing comments, please use "DEIS Comments, Redding Rancheria Project" as the subject of your email. All comments must be received by *June 17, 2019*. Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.