

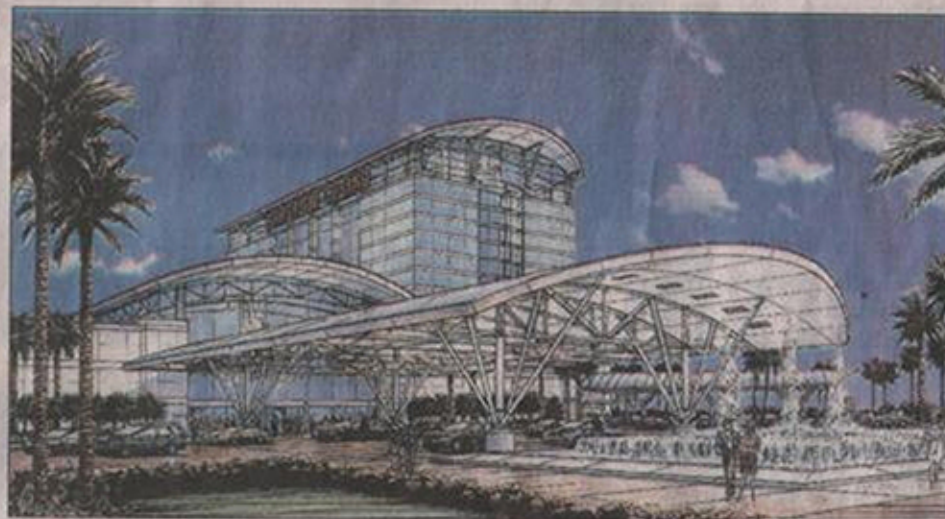
Lee & Associates Inland Empire North, Inc. announces progression of Barstow Casino

The Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians gaming facility in Barstow has progressed in the approval process. After nearly a decade of pursuing a casino development project, the City of Barstow, the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians, and Lee & Associates Inland Empire North, Inc.'s Carol Randall, sales/leasing agent, have been working together to insure this project will create jobs, revenue and drastically needed economic opportunity.

The project was first proposed in 2001 and in June of 2004, the City of Barstow and the Tribe signed a historic Municipal Service Agreement that provided a foundation for a partnership to develop a casino in Barstow that will offer more than a thousand jobs and an estimated \$4 million in revenue to the community in the first year of operation.

Other highlights of the MSA include:

- 4.3 percent net revenue sharing to the City of Barstow



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An artist's rendering of the Barstow Casino project

- \$40,000 per year for a problem gambling program

- Pay for the cost of a new EMS vehicle

- Firefighter training

- Local hiring and job training at the casino resort

- Compliance with all local building codes

The Tribe began working with the Department of the Interior on the land-into-trust process and filed its formal application in March of 2006. The gaming casino project was stalled in 2006 after the DOI issued a memo-

randum that required off-reservation gaming casinos to be located within a commutable distance of the tribe's reservations. The Los Coyotes Band responded to new standards set by DOI, and submitted a revised request in 2008.

It will be a few years until the construction begins, there are a few steps the tribe needs to prove such as the off-reservation gaming is in the best interest of the tribe and is not disadvantageous to the City of Barstow and the surrounding community, the tribe has to pass the

final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Governor Brown has to approve the project. The DOI published a draft EIS in the Federal Register last week, initiating an official 75-day public comment period. "The City of Barstow's Director of RDA, Ron Rector, and staff have shown excellent leadership in working this project over the years. They are to be congratulated in their persistence," said Lee & Associates Sales/Leasing Agent Carol Randall.

The Barstow Casino will house several retailers, em-

ploy over 1,000 one-time construction jobs, and employ 1,085 total operations jobs. The construction of the Los Coyotes casino is estimated to bring more than \$160 million of investment to the City of Barstow including construction, wholesale trade, real estate and rental.

Los Coyotes Bank of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians

Los Coyotes Tribal members are decedents of the Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians who originally occupied two villages in a remote location northeast of San Diego County. The reservation is located in a remote, mountainous area with limited infrastructure and is generally unsuitable for significant economic development. With the lack of economic opportunity, 80 percent of the tribe's members have been forced to find work and housing off the reservation. Currently there are 328 members enrolled in the Los Coyotes Band.

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