

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

LATITUDE 61 TOWNHOMES PROJECT RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Region, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety, Environmental Section has reviewed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Latitude 61 Townhomes Project proposed for construction on Section 14, Riverside County, California and within the exterior boundaries for Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indian reservation trust lands.

The project proposed to obtain an approved lease between the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the construction of townhomes on APN 508070020. The project includes the construction of 61 single-family attached townhomes on approximately 4.2 acres of vacant land. The consultant (Terra Nova Planning and Research) prepared an EA in support of federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 United States Code §4321 *et seq.*) and the BIA NEPA Guidebook 59 IAM 3-H. The EA assesses the environmental effects that may result from the proposed project.

Based on the analysis and impacts detailed in the EA, the DECRMS prepared a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public notice. The public review for the EA and FONSI will begin on January 11, 2024, and end on January 25, 2024.

The EA and FONSI are available for public review at two (2) virtual location(s):

1. Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians website:
<https://www.aguacaliente.org/documents/planning-department>
2. BIA NEPA Tracking System website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov/>
(Search: NEPA Tracker ID# 57133).

The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

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