



## NOTICE OF COMPLETION

For Public Review

### DRAFT TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians (Rincon Band) has released a Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) for the proposed microgrid system at tribally owned and operated Harrah's Resort Southern California (HRSC) that may result in the issuance of a Business Lease by the Rincon Band that would allow construction and operation of this facility. This TEIR has been written in accordance with the Rincon Band Business Leasing Regulations (Rincon Tribal Code [RTC] §7.600; and includes a description of the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Proposed Project; evaluates potential on- and off reservation environmental effects and identifies measures to reduce identified impacts. The Tribe is hereby requesting public comments on the Draft TEIR.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Solaris Energy is the entity that has requested to establish the Business Lease on the Rincon Band Reservation to install and operate a microgrid system at the HRSC that would include a 1.3-megawatt (MW) carport photovoltaic (PV) system located within existing parking lots to provide shade and connect to a battery energy storage system (BESS) to provide renewable energy to offset Rincon Tribal customer load. It will also connect to the existing PV system adjacent to the wastewater treatment facility and install new conduits to connect these electrical systems to the chiller plant meter. The microgrid will use the PV system and energy storage to provide resilient power for a single meter serving the HRSC chiller plant. An area of up to approximately 32.1 acres could be developed / disturbed as part of the Proposed Project, including approximately 1.7 acres of permanent development. Project construction is expected to be completed in approximately 13 months. In addition, the microgrid will use the PV system and energy storage to provide backup power to the existing HRSC in the event of grid failure.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Rincon Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 S. Resort Drive, Valley Center, California 92082.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** This Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Proposed Project was issued on January 22, 2024, initiating a 30-day comment period with a scheduled closure date of February 20, 2024. The Draft TEIR is available for public review at: <https://rincon-nsn.gov>

Written comments regarding the Draft TEIR may be sent via e-mail to: [cmerchant@rincon-nsn.gov](mailto:cmerchant@rincon-nsn.gov) (received no later than February 20, 2024 with Government Center TEIR in the subject line) or be postmarked by February 20, 2024 and submitted to the following address:

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