

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: September 21, 2009

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: City of Albany Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
Pt. Molate Mixed Use Tribal Destination Resort and Casino –

REPORT BY: Jeff Bond, Planning and Building Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the transmittal of a letter to the City of Richmond commenting on the draft environmental impact report.

BACKGROUND

The City of Richmond has released a draft environmental impact report on the proposal to develop former US Navy property at Pt. Molate into a mixed use resort and casino. The draft EIR is available for review at <http://www.pointmolateeis-eir.com>. The proposed project includes more than 1,500,000 square feet of development including casinos, 1,129 hotel rooms, 300,000 square feet of retail space; and 122,000 square feet of conference facilities. Parking would be provided for 7,530 vehicles.

DISCUSSION

Attached is a draft letter to the City of Richmond. Per state law, the City of Albany's comments should be focused on issues relevant to the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the City of Albany. Thus, while there are many areas of concern with respect to the proposed project, the draft letter focuses on transportation impacts of the project as they relate to the City of Albany. In particular, it appears that no effort was made to evaluate traffic impact of the proposed project on I-80 and San Pablo Avenue as they traverse the City of Albany. In addition, it appears that assumptions used to calculate the traffic generated by the project may not have included the conference center portion of the project.

Attachments

1. Draft letter to the City of Richmond