

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cabazon Section 6 General Plan, Cabazon Indian Reservation, Indio, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed general plan and master lease of approximately 590 acres held in trust by the federal government for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in Riverside County, California, is now available for public review and comment. The DEIS, prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in cooperation with the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, describes a proposed resource recovery park and industrial area for the recycling, reuse and transformation of various types of waste. A description of the proposed project location and of the environmental issues addressed in the DEIS follow as supplementary information. This notice also announces a public hearing, to be co-hosted by the BIA and the Cabazon Band, to receive public comments on the DEIS.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 27, 1999. Please put the following caption on the first page of all correspondence: "DEIS Comments, Cabazon Section 6 General Plan, Cabazon Indian Reservation, Indio, California." The public hearing will be on July 21, 1999, from 6 to 8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Ronald M. Jaeger, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846. The public hearing will be held at the Cabazon Band Council Chambers, 84245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California.

The DEIS is available for review at the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians' Administrative Offices, 84245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California 92203. To obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write or call William Allan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846, telephone (916) 979-2575, extension 254.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Allan (916) 979-2575, extension 254.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action is to approve (1) a general plan of development, called the Cabazon Resource Recovery Park (CRRP), for the majority of Section 6, and (2) a master lease of the land from the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians to a tribally-owned corporation. Section 6 is located in the Coachella Valley, California, approximately one mile northwest of the unincorporated town of Mecca. It is characterized by smooth topography, ranging in elevation from 180 feet below to 146 feet below mean sea level. Section 6 is adjacent on its west and south sides to the Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone, a 27,000 acre area established by the California State Legislature to create jobs and economic development.

The industrial and commercial facilities planned for the CRRP will be environmentally responsible industries which individually and collectively implement practical solutions to a variety of environmental and waste management problems. The various types of facilities will be integrated such that the output of some would provide input to others, thus enhancing the overall efficiency and effectiveness both of waste management and manufacturing projects.

Existing facilities and those in development or proposed are as follows: (1) biomass power plant, (2) bio-solids recycling plant, (3) contaminated soil recycling plant, (4) tire recycling and re-manufacturing plant, (5) nickel wire recycling and manufacturing plant, (6) waste food and green waste recycling facility, (7) aquaculture facility, (8) materials recovery facility, (9) metals reclamation facility, (10) gasification facility, (11) catalytic converter, platinum recovery facility, (12) construction and demolition materials recovery facility, (13) fuels and chemicals storage and distribution facility, (14) used oil recovery refinery, (15) plant making speciality glass products from reclaimed glass, (16) hazardous waste and hazardous commodity processing and transfer facility, and (17) associated supporting infrastructure (rail yards, sewage treatment, etc.). The CRRP project will meet all applicable environmental standards and regulations.

The DEIS addresses the issues identified during scoping. An earlier version of the DEIS was issued on June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32238), but withdrawn on January 15, 1999 (64 FR 2657). Comments received on the earlier version were treated as comments on scoping. Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the DEIS include the no action alternative and a

reduced project, which is the preferred alternative. The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include land and water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural and socioeconomic resources, land use, traffic, noise, public safety and health, and visual resources.

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed High Mesa Environmental Facility on the Pueblo of Nambe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed approval of a lease of approximately 100 acres held in trust by the federal government for the Pueblo of Nambe in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, is now available for public review and comment. The FEIS, prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), describes the High Mesa Environmental Facility, proposed for construction and operation on the leased land. The facility would receive construction and demolition (C&W) waste and municipal solid waste (MSW) from the Pueblo of Nambe and the surrounding area. A description of the proposed project location and of the environmental issues addressed in the FEIS follow as supplementary information.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before July 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Allen Sedik, Environmental Scientist, Albuquerque Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 26567, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-6567.