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A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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Jamul Casino is Bad Bet for Backcountry

A plan to turn more than 100 acres in the small, rural community of Jamul into a sprawling, multi-level gambling casino has been dealt a near-fatal blow by California's Governor.

Late last month, the Governor's Office announced its opposition to the project concluding that the proposal would threaten sensitive habitat and compromise the quality of life for nearby residents.

To Jamul residents and hundreds of others who've joined me in raising our voices against the lofty proposal, the news is indeed welcome. For more than a year and a half, we've written letters, gathered evidence, made visits to Sacramento and Washington D.C. and conducted careful studies detailing the potentially devastating consequences of such a grand-scale development.

The Jamul Indian Village had hoped to acquire 101 acres immediately north of the 3700 acre Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve. On that pristine land, the group wanted to construct a parking structure, a warehouse, a sewage treatment facility, and a host of other structures.

Rightfully so, the Governor's Office concluded that the land in question was subject to development restrictions under the County's landmark Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP).

Developed by the County of San Diego, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of Fish and Game, the program strives to set aside native habitat for endangered plants and animals. (*Find additional information about the celebrated MSCP on page 2.*)

"Our review... leads to the inescapable conclusion that the tribe's proposal is inconsistent with MSCP restrictions on development and presents a serious threat to the viability of a significant portion of the state's recently acquired ecological reserve," the Governor's Office wrote in a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated July 17.

"Environmental considerations have played and will continue to play an important role in the governor's decision," the letter said. "There are significant potentially unmitigable adverse impacts on sensitive state resources," it continued.

"It was not anticipated that the entire existing village would be demolished and replaced with a casino and support facilities," said the letter.

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In addition to habitat concerns, the office took into consideration the community's fears about increased traffic congestion, public safety and infrastructure issues and said the decision to reject the proposal was, "not based on the fact that gambling will occur on the tribe's trust property... but based on the size and extent of the operation envisioned by the tribe and its adverse impacts to significant state resources."

The Office of the Governor is to be commended for respecting the wishes of the community. I believe this good news demonstrates the state's interest in preserving the rural character of our majestic backcountry.

Landmark Open Space Program Continues to Flourish

It began just four years ago as a cooperative local, state and federal effort to set aside habitat for native plants and animals. Now, it's a national model of open space preservation. This summer, the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) received yet another feather in its cap as the County of San Diego helped add thousands of East County acres to the celebrated program.

Just weeks ago, the rolling hills of the Daley Ranch in Jamul served as the perfect backdrop to announce the latest acquisition of 3,500 acres owned by Barbara and Lawrence Daley. Joined by officials from the County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the California Department of Forestry, I presented engraved walking sticks to Barbara and Lawrence who generously agreed to sell their land to the County and State. The preserve, which is home to rare Englemann oak trees, the gnatcatcher, the least bells viero and a host of rare and threatened species, will be named in honor of the Daleys.

The MSCP got its start back in 1997 when I recognized the need to protect San Diego County's quality of life. I wanted to preserve land for open space but, I remained committed to protecting the rights of property owners. Working with a colleague on the Board, I led in the creation of the MSCP. We managed to strike a delicate balance between environmental protection and economic development. Since then, more than 70,000 acres have been committed to preservation across the County and the award-winning program has been hailed as a national model for the conservation of precious wildlands.

Throughout the current decade, I'm confident the MSCP will proceed as planned. Working with government, environmental and land use agencies, the County has plans to assemble a network of 172,000 acres of habitat to protect sensitive species plus riding and hiking trails.

Under the MSCP, we can take satisfaction in knowing that our children and our children's children will have the opportunity to visit beautiful settings to learn more about precious wildlife. I believe this is East County's true rural heritage. I am proud to be part of the program's major land acquisitions and I look forward to other opportunities to protect our natural resources.

County Services Closer to Home in the East County

Forget the hour-long journey to take care of business with the County. The next time you need copies of birth certificates, marriage licenses or recorded documents, save yourself the 20 miles to downtown San Diego and head to the brand new County Assessor/Recorder's Branch Office in El Cajon.

The handsome brick building at 200 South Magnolia Avenue provides 100 percent of the services available at the County Administration Complex downtown. From assessment information, parcel maps, property tax exemption and exclusion forms to copies of recorded deeds and fictitious business name filings, the County's El Cajon Branch Office is truly a one-stop shop. There's even an intimate and tastefully decorated room for wedding ceremonies.

In addition to eliminating the need to drive downtown, I'm excited that the new office provides further anchor to El Cajon's burgeoning downtown business district. It's one more way the County is bringing government to the people. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except holidays. The phone number is (619) 401-5700. You can also take advantage of County services at www.sdarcc.com. Hope to see you in the East County!

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