



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED CALIFORNIA INDIAN HERITAGE CENTER PROJECT

**Date:** February 28, 2011

**To:** Interested Parties

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** East Riverfront Property and former JTS (Regatta at the Rivers) property, located along the Sacramento River across from its confluence with the American River in the City of West Sacramento, in Yolo County.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:** The proposed project is a General Plan for the development of the California Indian Heritage Center, which would become a new State Park. The project is located on the 43-acre East Riverfront property and the 7.91-acre former JTS (Regatta at the Rivers) property. Two adjacent parcels, the 3.18-acre Grupe parcel and the 16.21-acre Cook Inlet Region, Inc. parcel, are included for planning purposes only since they may be added to the project over time; however, the General Plan is not dependent on the addition of additional property and there is no commitment to purchase these properties at this time. The project site is located along the Sacramento River in the City of West Sacramento. The purpose of the General Plan is to define and evaluate proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, management, and operation of the new state park unit; it also discusses environmental impacts associated with implementation of the General Plan. The General Plan will serve as the guide for future development, management, and operation of the CIHC.

A core element of the CIHC General Plan would be the construction of a cultural facility honoring the past, present, and future of California Indian people and their cultures. The facility would be integrated with the natural landscape and location at the confluence of two major rivers. The proposed facility would include extensive exhibit space, a library, tribal archives, Tribal Treasure (collections), storage space, curatorial space, offices, classrooms and event space, artist-in-residence space, a café, and a museum store. The surrounding grounds would include an amphimeadow, a restored pond, indigenous gardens, native game fields, outdoor interpretive exhibits, demonstration area, and trails. Parking, office space for public safety staff, and storage for maintenance equipment would be provided on-site. The former JTS (Regatta at the Rivers) parcel would include community and ancillary service facilities, public meeting space, artist-in-residence units, and surface parking.

The EIR identifies significant impacts with regards to biological resources, seismic hazards, and noise, and includes mitigation measures to reduce these impacts to less than significant.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning February, 28, 2011.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than April 14, 2011, to the following address:

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Copies of the EIR may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

State Indian Museum  
2618 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816

Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Service Center  
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814

City of West Sacramento City Hall  
Community Development Department  
1110 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Arthur F. Turner Community Library  
1212 Merkley Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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