

CHUMASH

CASINO RESORT

Chumash Casino Resort upgrades to a 21-and-over gaming facility

SANTA YNEZ, CA – October 29, 2015 – The Chumash Casino Resort has been upgraded to a 21-and-over gaming facility as a stipulation of a new permit that allows alcohol to be sold and consumed in selected areas on the gaming floor.

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians has been granted an interim operational permit by the state's Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. The permit allows the tribe to sell, serve and allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a portion of the gaming floor at the Chumash Casino Resort, with 14 stipulations in place.

Among those conditions are: No guests under the age of 21 may remain in any room where Class II or Class III gaming is conducted; no "Happy Hours" will be allowed; and no alcoholic beverages can be sold between 1 a.m. and 9 a.m.

"The goal of our current casino and hotel expansion project is to provide the highest level of entertainment that can be offered on the Central Coast," said Vincent Armenta, Tribal Chairman for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. "Alcohol will be available to be sold and consumed in areas of the gaming floor that we will determine and enforce. We have proven that our resort can operate in a responsible way when serving alcohol, and we will continue to do so under these new guidelines."

The tribe has been licensed by the ABC in the past to have alcoholic beverages sold and consumed in the Chumash Casino Resort's fine-dining restaurant, The Willows, in the buffet, in the hotel and in the Samala Showroom during special events that included meals and banquet seating.

Located on Highway 246 in Santa Ynez, California, the Chumash Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. The casino's gaming floor is open 24/7 and features 2,000 slot machines, dozens of table games, bingo, poker and daily cash and prize giveaways.

In addition to owning and operating the Chumash Casino Resort on the tribe's reservation, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians also owns Hotel Corque, Root 246 and the Hadsten House in Solvang and two gas stations in Santa Ynez. As the

largest employer in the Santa Ynez Valley, the tribe employs more than 1,700 residents of Santa Barbara County.

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