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## **San Manuel Announces Hotel and Casino Expansion Plans**

*Improvements will Create Approximately 1,200 Jobs  
and Other Significant Local Economic Opportunities*

**SAN MANUEL INDIAN RESERVATION, Calif. (November 7, 2017)** – The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians today unveiled plans to improve and expand its casino space, a project that is expected to create approximately 1,400 jobs during construction and 1,200 new jobs in San Bernardino County.

“As a leading tourism destination in the region, we’re often asked, ‘Why doesn’t San Manuel have a hotel?’” said Jerry Paresa, Chief Executive Officer of the Tribe. “A hotel and other improvements will allow us to meet the growing needs of our guests, and bring additional economic benefits to the community.”

The proposed expansion project will take place within the existing casino site and enhance the overall guest experience and will include:

- A resort-style, approximately 500-room hotel;
- An expanded casino space with state-of-the-art amenities;
- Up to a 4,000-seat performance venue;
- Additional meeting and event space;
- New amenities, including a spa, high-quality restaurants and retail shops;
- A 2,200-vehicle parking structure; and
- Power utility infrastructure.

San Manuel will adhere to the highest standards of excellence when operating the expanded facilities, committing to new infrastructure investments to improve access roads, walkways and parking.

San Manuel is currently among the top 10 private employers in the County, supporting more than 4,200 employees. This expansion is expected to bring that figure to more than 5,400 jobs. As it stands, 70 percent of revenue generated by San Manuel Casino’s gaming operations comes from out-of-county visitors, and the benefits of those tourism dollars ripple to local businesses and throughout the community.

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“San Manuel has been an incredible economic partner in the region for years, and their contributions are visible throughout our community,” said Deborah Barmack, President of Inland Action, the leading advocacy group promoting social and economic welfare in the Inland Empire. “The addition of 1,200 new jobs in our area is not something we see every day. We welcome this project and will be excited to see it get off the ground in the coming months.”

San Manuel has filed a Notice of Preparation of a Draft Tribal Environmental Impact Report (Draft TEIR), signifying the start of the 30-day public review and comment period on the scope of such report. This will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment in writing on potential off-reservation impacts they believe should be considered in preparing the Draft TEIR. In the coming months, a Notice of Completion of the Draft TEIR, as well as the Draft TEIR will be issued. The public will have another 45-day public review and comment opportunity to provide input in writing on the expansion project. In addition, the Notice of Completion of the Draft TEIR will provide the place, date and time of a public information meeting regarding the expansion project that will be held during the 45-day public review and comment period.

“San Manuel has enduring roots in this community and is proud to work with our neighbors, community leaders and regional stakeholders to maximize the positive impact this premier destination property will have on the region for years to come,” added Paresa.

To review the Notice of Preparation and see how you can comment on the project, visit [SanManuelTEIR.com](http://SanManuelTEIR.com).

### **About the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian tribe located near the city of Highland, California. The Serrano Indians are the indigenous people of the San Bernardino highlands, passes, valleys, mountains and high deserts who share a common language and culture. The San Manuel reservation was established in 1891 and recognized as a sovereign nation with the right of self-government. Like other governments, the tribe seeks to provide a better quality of life for its citizens by building infrastructure, maintaining civil services and promoting social, economic and cultural development. San Manuel operates San Manuel Casino.

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