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Dear Tribal Officials and Indian Healthcare Program Administrators:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the Indian Health Service (IHS)/California Area Office (CAO) Annual Tribal Consultation, March 8, 9, and 10, 2016 at Viejas Casino in Alpine, California.

Viejas Casino & Resort
5000 Willows Road
Alpine, CA 91901
(800) 938-2532 to reserve rooms at a rate of \$253/night (plus tax and resort fee)

This year's conference is scheduled for three days and will conclude on Thursday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Conference Highlights

CATAC Meeting	March 7	Moderator prep
Day 1	March 8	IHS California Area Director National Boards/Committees/Workgroups Regional Tribal Caucus Elections
Day 2	March 9	YRTC Updates Tribal Caucus
Day 3	March 10	Listening Session with the IHS Principal Deputy Director
Site Visit	March 11	Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Site Visit (must RSVP)

Conference Registration

All conferees are encouraged to register cost-free in advance by going to https://www.ihs.gov/AdminMngrResources/IHS_Calendar/index.cfm?module=Register%20for%20an%20Event&option=user.

For assistance with registration, please contact:

Ms. Rachel Harvey
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(916) 930-3981 Ext. 361
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Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at Viejas Casino & Resort at the negotiated rate of \$153 plus taxes. **Please call the hotel directly at (800) 938-2532 to make your reservations or visit www.viejas.com. The block of rooms is reserved under room code “160307IHS”.**

Registration/Voting Process for California Tribal Chairpersons or their Designees

In the spirit of promoting the Government-to-Government relationship, each of the 104 federally recognized Tribes in the California service area will have one vote on key issues impacting the California Area IHS. For more details, see the enclosed Tribal Voter Designation Form. This year’s voting process will again require each individual Tribal Government’s Chairperson to register or certify their respective designated voting delegate. The Tribal Voter Designation Form will be provided to each of the 104 Tribal Governments in the California service area. This form should be filled out and exchanged for a voting card at the conference registration on Tuesday morning, March 8. Tribal Chairpersons unable to attend the conference may designate another individual to vote in their absence. Such representatives can include elected Tribal council officials, designated Tribal employees, or designated Tribal members. However, designations must be by letter or Tribal resolution and submitted to IHS/CAO no later than the morning of March 8. Under no circumstances will the IHS/CAO mediate disputes over current Tribal leadership at the Annual Tribal Consultation.

This certification and voting process eliminates lengthy roll calls for each issue where the Indian Health Service/California Area Office Director seeks input and advice.

The **Tribal Voter Designation Form** may be faxed or e-mailed to:

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Exhibit Registration

The IHS/CAO welcomes exhibits from Tribal Governments, Indian healthcare programs, non-profit health organizations, and federal/state/county governments. Exhibits can be set up on Monday afternoon, March 7.

To reserve exhibit space, please fax or e-mail the enclosed **Exhibitor Information Form** to:

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Site Visit

On Friday, March 11, you will have the opportunity to tour the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California. The site is approximately a 2½-hour drive from Viejas Casino & Resort. No transportation will be provided by the IHS/CAO.

RSVP for the site visit to:

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Refreshments

As in previous years, Tribal health programs and Tribal Governments have graciously donated refreshments because Federal agencies like the IHS cannot pay for refreshments with Federal funds. If your Tribal Government and/or healthcare program is willing to donate for this purpose, please contact Ms. Carolina Manzano, Southern Indian Health Council at (619) 445-1188, extension 302.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Viejas Tribe for their willingness to host the 2016 Annual Tribal Consultation. Please mark these dates on your calendar and I look forward to seeing the largest turnout ever. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me (916) 930-3981, extension 312.

Sincerely yours,

/Beverly Miller/

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Enclosures: Agenda
Tribal Voter Designation Form
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