

INDIAN GAMING IN CALIFORNIA

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Division of Environmental Health Services (DEHS)

Division of Health Facilities Engineering

Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction

52 FTEs

▶Goals For Today's Presentation

History of Indian Gaming and DEHS Staffing

Present the current challenge of Indian Gaming in California for DEHS

Identify Short term solutions and planned activities

Seek tribal guidance on Indian gaming inspections in California – long term solutions



▶ Indian Gaming Compacts with CA Governor

“ Operation will allow, during normal hours of operation, inspection of food and beverage services in the gaming facility by State or County health inspectors, whichever inspector would have jurisdiction but for the Gaming Facility being on Indian lands, to assess compliance with these standards...

unless inspections are routinely made by an agency of the United States government to ensure compliance with equivalent standards of the United States Public Health Service” .

▶ Indian Gaming in California

The 1975 Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, gave Indian tribes the authority to contract with the Federal government to operate programs serving their tribal members and other eligible persons

This rule became effective on August 23, 1996 and California Indian tribes engaged in self-determination negotiations with the IHS/CAO

▶ Indian Gaming in 1996/2017

1996: Approximately 35 Indian gaming operations in California

2017: 62 gaming operations (177% increase)



▶ DEHS Staffing in 1996/2017

1996: IHS DEHS Staff – 4 Total
Redding, Sacramento (2), and Escondido
3 locations

2017: IHS DEHS Staff – 7 total
Redding, Arcata, Sacramento (2), Ukiah,
Clovis, and Escondido
6 locations

► Expansion of DEHS Staff (1996 – 2017)

- 2011 First-time EHO position established in Sacramento, to expand service in northern / central California
- 2012 First-time EHO position established in Ukiah to expand service in Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma Counties.
- 2016 1 of 3 Sacramento EHO positions relocated to Clovis to expand service in central California
- 2017 New position approved for Arcata to expand service in northwest California

Arcata, Redding, Ukiah, Sacramento (2), Clovis, and Escondido

▶ Description of the Challenge

Resource Requirement Methodology (RRM)

Based on workload, RRM calculates staffing need to carry out workload

Current environmental health workload in CA

Total # Facilities in 2017	1,685
Staffing required	20.9 FTES
Current DEHS staffing	7.0 FTES

► Workload - Facilities in California

Health centers / Health stations

Head start / Day care centers

Hotels

Swimming pools

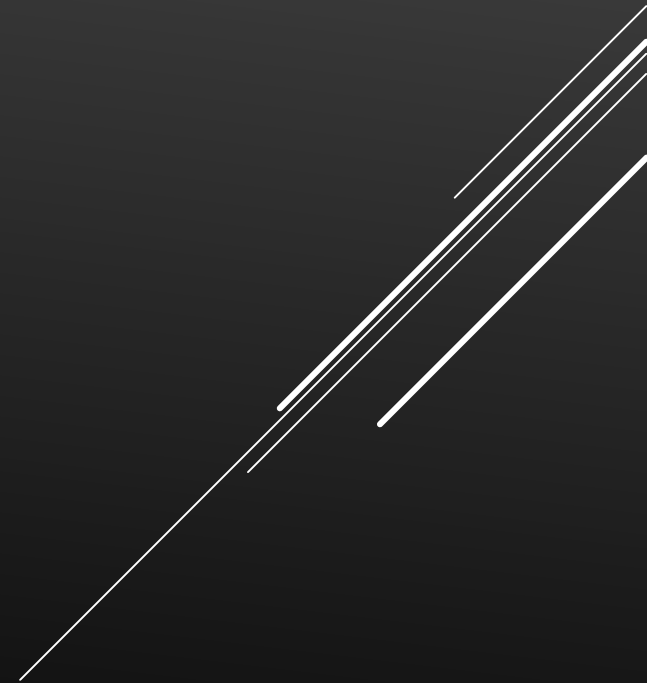
Health spas / Barbers / Tattoo parlors

Restaurants / Taverns

Retail grocery stores / Commodity warehouses

Community water / Liquid waste disposal systems

Senior citizen centers



▶ Workload - Facilities in California

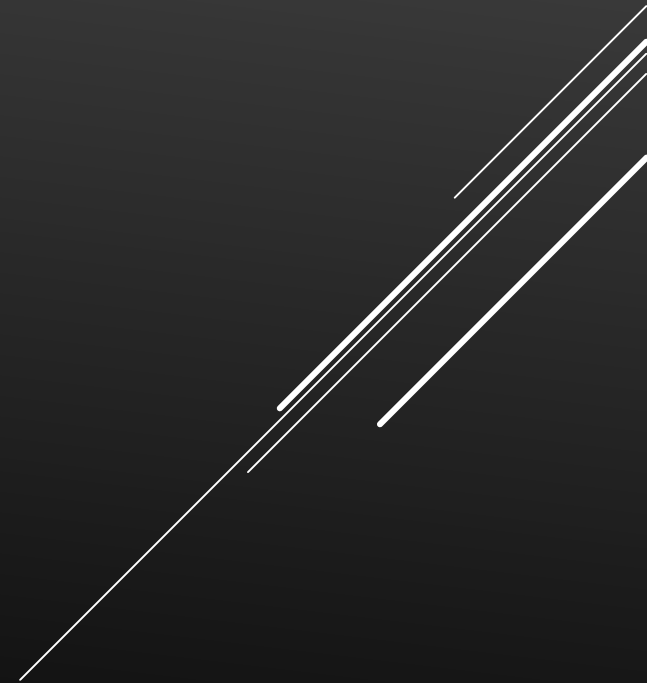
YRTCs

Schools

Illegal solid waste disposal sites

Seasonal / temporary celebrations

Campgrounds/trailer parks/youth camps



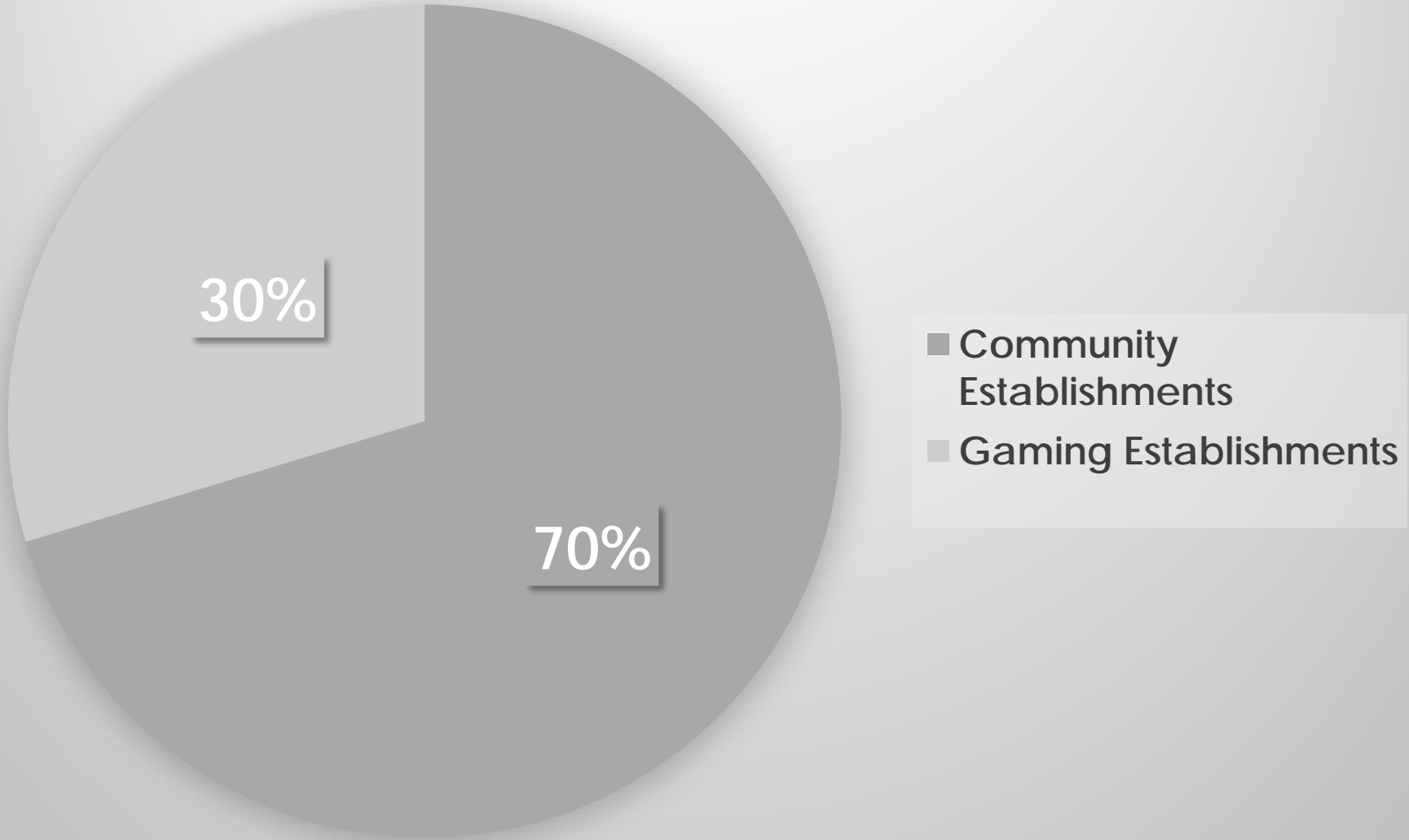
► Challenge

Total number Facilities in 2017	1,685
Staffing required	20.9 FTEs
Current DEHS staffing	7.0 FTEs

Indian gaming workload	681 Facilities
Staffing required	6.6 FTEs

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RRM by Facility Type
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California DEHS Direct Services



▶ INDIAN GAMING WORKLOAD IN CALIFORNIA

GAMING OPERATIONS FEATURE:

HOTELS

BAKERIES

CATERING

WATER SYSTEMS

TAVERNS

BINGO PARLORS

HEALTH SPAS

DRINK STATIONS

RESTAURANTS

SEWAGE SYSTEMS

BARBER SHOPS

GAMING FLOORS

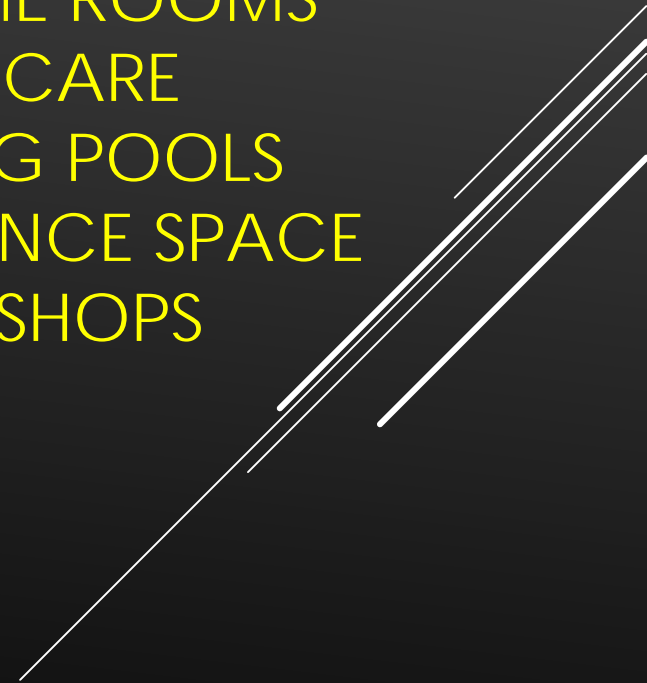
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KIDS DAY CARE

SWIMMING POOLS

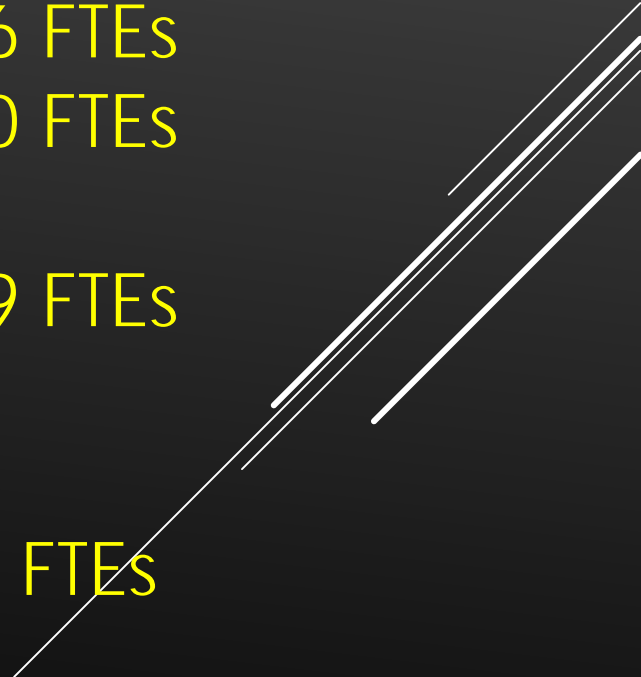
CONFERENCE SPACE

BUTCHER SHOPS



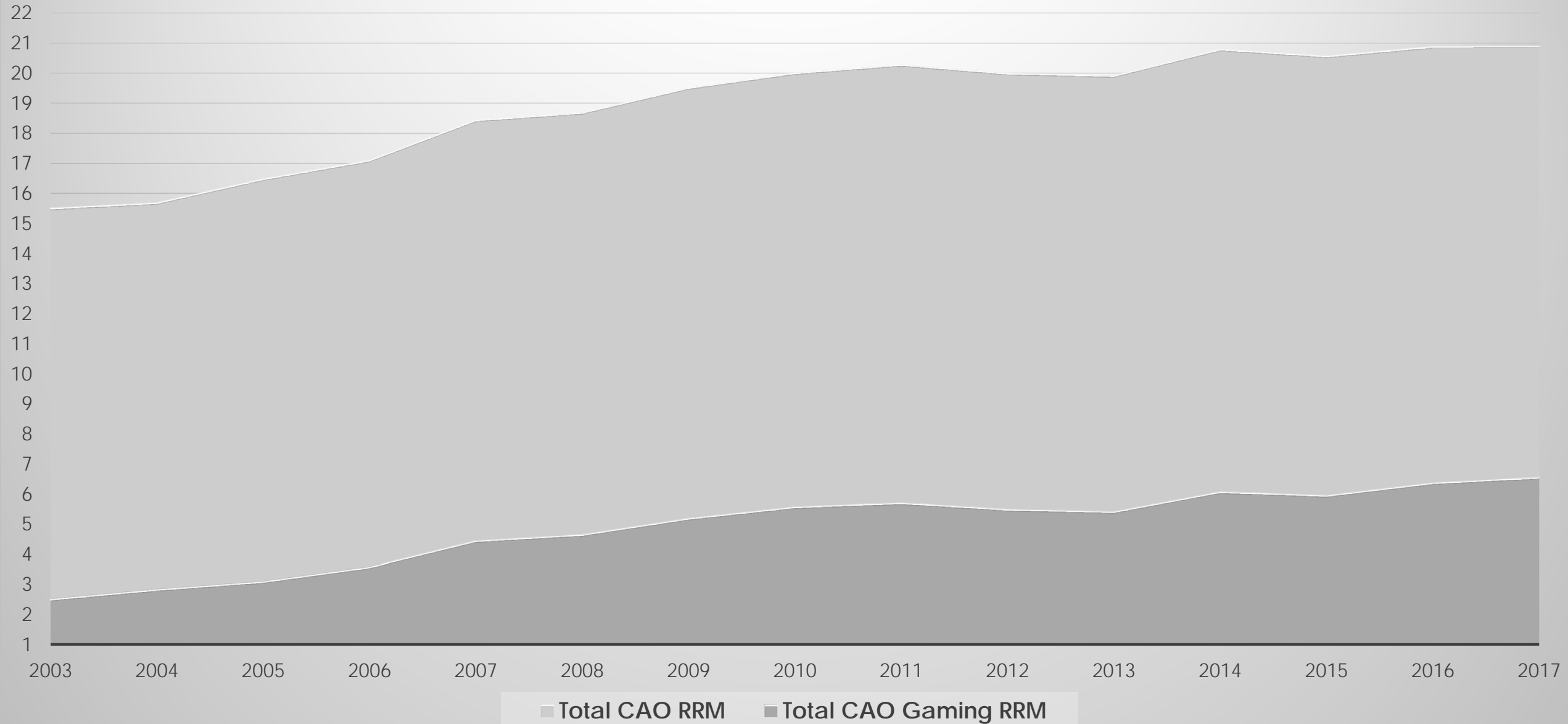
► SUMMARY OF THE CHALLENGE – INDIAN GAMING

Community Environmental Health RRM and Tribal health programs	14.3 FTEs
Indian Gaming RRM	6.6 FTEs
Injury Prevention RRM	8.0 FTEs
Total Staffing Need	28.9 FTEs
Current DEHS Staffing	7.0 FTEs



CAO DEHS RRM

2002-2017



▶ Short Term Initiatives - Solutions

Buyback - Design methodology for a sliding scale cost to each facility for service

Special request to IHS Headquarters to support the IHS/CAO initiative. Pilot project to address a national challenge

Identify which larger gaming facilities have their own "in-house" inspection staff

Narrow Focus. Prioritize which facilities within a gaming operation will be inspected, e.g., ONLY restaurants, taverns, and swimming pools. How many FTEs will that require?

▶ Short Term Initiatives - Solutions

Hire one EHO to conduct only Indian gaming inspections (special request to IHS Headquarters)

Presentation at the National Indian Gaming Commission

Presentation at the California Indian Gaming Commission

Present Indian gaming challenge to OEH&E directors

Present Indian gaming challenge to EH program directors

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▶ Voting Issue

Buyback - Design methodology for a sliding scale cost to each facility for DEHS services. Implement methodology and begin buy-back options for negotiating tribes

OR

Inspect only food/tavern related facilities and swimming pools only. Manageable? Narrow the focus of what is being inspected and concentrate on the higher risk activities. Certainly more manageable for DEHS staff.

▶ Comments/Questions/Discussion

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▶Portland Area IHS

Context: Portland DEHS Food Safety Program

**Portland Area does not survey gaming establishments

Agreement between the Tribal Gaming Commission/Tribe/IHS to have a

**Tribally-hired individual perform Indian gaming inspections for that particular tribe

IHS DEHS Responsibilities

- Provides work plan

- Provides a training plan for the tribal EHS designee

- Provides forms and guidelines for inspections

- Performs audits of inspections and generates an annual assurance and certification statement

▶Portland Area IHS

Tribe/Tribal Gaming Commission responsibilities

Designate a managerial liaison to coordinate with IHS DEHS

**Hire an EHS position (tribally-hired inspector)

**Tribe and tribal gaming commission responsible for all food, health, and safety surveys/inspections within an Indian gaming facility

IHS DEHS and Gaming Commission perform triennial comprehensive site reviews of the establishment(s)

**Estimated cost to the Tribe: \$85,000 (for EHS position)