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California Gambling Control Commission and Tribal-State Regulatory Association Collaborate to Develop Regulation on Emergency Evacuation and Preparedness Plans in Tribal Casinos

SACRAMENTO - The California Gambling Control Commission and the Tribal-State Regulatory Association are pleased to announce the joint development of a new regulation to protect the physical safety of patrons and staff at Tribal casinos. Both organizations have collaborated to develop Emergency Evacuation and Preparedness Plans (CGCC-7) to respond to various emergencies.

This regulation represents an unprecedented level of cooperation between the Tribal regulators of the Tribal-State Regulatory Association (Association) and the California Gambling Control Commission. The Association was established pursuant to the 1999 Tribal-State Gaming Compacts for the purpose of approving gaming regulations. The Association consists of representatives from each Tribal Gaming Agency of Compact Tribes and delegates from the California Gambling Control Commission and the Division of Gambling Control. CGCC-7 provides a uniform, statewide standard for Tribal gaming agencies to measure the adequacy of Tribal casino emergency evacuation and preparedness plans and establishes a common, minimum standard to coordinate with all emergency response services. "We appreciate the level of commitment from the Tribal-State Regulatory Association and the Association's Regulatory Task Force in working to achieve consensus on this important regulation," said Dean Shelton, Chairman of the California Gambling Control Commission.

The California Gambling Control Commission and the Tribal-State Regulatory Association both voted to approve this regulation. All gaming Tribes were provided with the opportunity to provide feedback.

Additional information on CGCC-7 is available at:

➤ California Gambling Control Commission: http://www.cgcc.ca.gov/tribal_gaming_regulations.html