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Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Attention: Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Staff Director

Honorable Philip Ting, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Mr. Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant

**Subject: Notification of Anticipated Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Dear Senator Skinner and Assembly Member Ting:

Pursuant to Government Code section 12012.90(a), the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) is providing the anticipated total shortfalls in payment likely to occur in the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) to be transferred from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) for the upcoming fiscal year (FY).

Pursuant to the various Tribal-State Gaming Compacts (Compacts), tribes are required to make payments to the RSTF. The Commission, as the trustee of the RSTF, is required to make quarterly distributions from the RSTF to eligible recipient Indian tribes that include Non-Compact Tribes or Non-Gaming and Limited-Gaming Tribes<sup>1</sup>, as specified in the various Compacts and the Secretarial Procedures for the Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and the Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California. Each eligible tribe receives \$275,000 quarterly, for an annual total distribution of \$1.1 million per eligible tribe.

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<sup>1</sup> A Non-Compact Tribe is a federally recognized tribe that is operating fewer than 350 Gaming Devices. A Non-Gaming Tribe is generally defined as a federally recognized tribe in California with or without a Class III gaming Compact that has not engaged in, or offered, Class II or Class III gaming in any location within or outside of California, as of the date of distribution to such Tribe from the RSTF or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund, or during the immediately preceding 365 days. A Limited-Gaming Tribe is generally defined as a federally recognized tribe in California that has a Class III gaming Compact with the State but is operating fewer than a combined total of 350 Gaming Devices in all of its gaming operations wherever located, or does not have a Class III gaming Compact but is engaged in Class II gaming, within or without California, during the immediately preceding 365 days.

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The recent Compacts require tribes to make payments to the Commission for deposit into the RSTF or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF). The TNGF was established to make discretionary distribution of funds to eligible tribes to facilitate self-governance and improve the quality of life of tribal people throughout the state. These Compacts also provide that if there are insufficient monies in the RSTF to distribute \$1.1 million per year to each eligible tribe, the Commission shall deposit all payments in the RSTF. This ensures that funding the RSTF is the first priority for these Compact payments.

For FY 2021-22, the Commission estimates that 72 Tribes will be eligible for RSTF distributions of \$1.1 million each, for total estimated RSTF payments of \$79.2 million. RSTF revenues for FY 2021-22 are currently projected to total approximately \$109.5 million. As RSTF revenues are anticipated to exceed RSTF distributions by approximately \$30.1 million, the Commission does not anticipate any shortfalls to be transferred from the SDF to the RSTF for FY 2021-22. For additional information on the status of the SDF, please refer to the Available Fund Balance in the Special Distribution Fund report issued by the Department of Finance in May 2021.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Alana Carter, Deputy Director of Administration Division, at [acarter@cgcc.ca.gov](mailto:acarter@cgcc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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