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FACT SHEET – FEMA RIX SCCEP 2018 Update

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

PURPOSE: The purpose of this document is to list the Morongo Band of Mission Indians information, demographic metrics, and overall data, including hazards and threats.

NOTE: This information has been retrieved from various electronic documents, including tribal websites, applicable mitigation plans, and other authoritative resources. While efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of this information, errors may have been inadvertently entered. If errors or omissions are discovered, please notify [FEMA RIX contact and email here].

Updated: [July 2018]

Primary Tribal Contacts and Council

(Tribal council & contact information retrieved from the Tribal website unless otherwise cited)

Emergency Manager: David Ellsworth, 951-755-5277

Tribal Website: <http://www.morongonation.org/>

Primary Tribal Contacts:

<u>Position/Council Member²</u>	<u>Telephone/Email</u>
Chairman, Robert Martin	951-755-5110/rmartin@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Vice-Chair, James Siva	951-755-5108/jsiva@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Member, Mary Ann Andreas	951-755-5108/mandreas@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Member, Brian Lugo	951-755-5108/blugo@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Member, Ann Robinson	951-755-5108/arobinson@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Member, Charles Martin	951-755-5108/cmartin@morongo-nsn.gov
Council Member, OPEN	
Council Secretary, Sasha Waters	951-755-5142/swaters@morongo-nsn.gov (non- elected position)

General Council President: N/A

Background

Address:

12700 Pumarra Road
Banning, CA 92220

County: Riverside, CA

GPS Coordinates:

Administration office Lat: 33° 56' 13.578", Long: -116° 48' 33.856
EOC: Lat: 33° 57' 10.767", Long: -116° 49' 45.363"

Form of Government: The Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Council consists of seven tribal members. Council members are democratically elected by the tribal membership and serve 2-year terms. The Morongo Tribal Council functions as the legislative body of the Tribe and additionally, manages tribal economic enterprise functions that are generally outside the scope of other governmental agencies.

Will the tribe support a JFO on sovereign territory? Yes

Maximum Number: Unlimited

Available Utilities? Water, Sewer, Electricity, Communications? Yes, all of the above.

Evacuees? Number? As per the first SCCEP stated, we would have four house fires on the reservation, and as per the Napa quake, 89% of all mobile homes fell off their foundation taking into consideration the 2010 census with 4.7 people per household. We estimate we would have 400 people that would be homeless on the reservation.

As for the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa, on a busy day, we have approximately 15,000 people in the casino (most are foreign national). We also expect another 30,000 from the Desert Hills Factory Outlets (estimate from Black Friday), the City of Banning has a population of 31,026, and the City of Beaumont has a population of 45,349. We also have a transient population, and Interstate 10's vehicular traffic consists of approximately 5000 vehicles per hour.

Hazards/Vulnerabilities/Previous Disasters

Tribe: (No tribe or county plan available online)		Hazard Risk Assessment				
Risk	History ¹ (With Examples)	Probability ²	Score	Consequence ³	Score	Avg
		(low, medium, high)	0-3	(low, medium, high)	0-3	Risk
Flood	Flood damage can range from minimal localized damage to catastrophic destruction. The velocity and volume of water present a risk in a flood event. Additionally, contaminants in the water pose a secondary threat. Floodwater may contain gasoline or other hazardous chemicals as well as debris. Consequently, flooding can present both immediate concerns and secondary effects.	High	3	Medium	2	2.5
Earthquake	In 2007, several agencies began the development of <i>The Shakeout Scenario</i> ; a project aimed at identifying the impacts of a major earthquake in Southern California. The Shakeout bases on a potential magnitude (M) 7.8 earthquake on the southern San Andreas Fault, located on the southernmost portion 300 km (200 mi) of the Fault line, between the Salton Sea and Lake Hughes. The southern San Andreas Fault, identified in the most recent assessment of seismic risk, is the most likely source of a very large earthquake in California. An (M) 7.8 is likely one of the larger earthquakes that the southern San Andreas Fault can produce, and the San Andreas is only one fault to threaten the populated areas of Southern California with very large earthquakes. However, those other faults have <i>recurrence intervals</i> (an estimate of the average time) between larger earthquakes that are considerably longer and measure in thousands of years. By contrast, the southern San Andreas Fault has generated earthquakes of Shakeout scenario size on average of every 150 years. The portion of the fault that is the subject of the Shakeout Scenario ruptured more than 300 years ago. The extent of the fault rupture in this earthquake was determined from geologic characteristics, after considerable discussion among geologic experts. The most likely rupture initiation point is one of the endpoints of the fault. The following excerpt from the Shakeout Scenario explains the methodology used by scientists to create the earthquake scenario.	High	3	High	3	3
Wildfires	The Reservation has contiguous boundaries with national forests on both its northern and southern borders. Some of the tribal lands south of Interstate 10 are checker-boarded sections with forestlands. The California Fire Agency (Cal Fire) rates most of Riverside County for significant fire hazards based on fuels, terrain, weather, in addition to other relevant factors, and are referred to as Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ). The application of various mitigation strategies to reduce risk associated with wildfires initially determines by these FHSZ's. The Reservation and surrounding areas primarily zone as "high" and "very high."	High	3	Medium	2	2.5
Drought	The MBMI's developed water conservation goals and management strategies in 2007 to help meet the regions water supply goals and objectives by reducing overall potable water demand, and increasing the use of non-potable water where applicable. Agricultural water use efficiency involves improvements in technologies and management and includes; incentives, public outreach, education, and other programs. Urban water use involves technological, policy, behavioral improvements, and education to reduce indoor and outdoor residential, commercial, and industrial water use. Overall, these management strategies have the potential to mitigate the effects of climate changes	High	3	Low	1	2

Historical Background and Tribal Culture

Treaty Information

In 1876, the Morongo Indian Reservation was established through Executive Order.

Lands

(Main Reservation and Trust Parcels)

Acreage: The Morongo Indian Reservation is located in the northern and western half of Riverside County, California, approximately 90 miles east of Los Angeles. The Reservation covers an area of approximately 54 square miles.

Land Use Types (farming, fishing, urban, forestry): The Morongo Band of Mission Indians governs all land management decisions on the reservation. At this time, there are no specific zoning regulations. The Tribe has a general plan in the draft that outlines the land use of the Reservation. Nearly 79% of the Reservation's land is devoted to vacant, mountainous/open space/conservation land uses. The remaining 21% allocates to residential, Tribal offices, commercial enterprises, and light manufacturing land uses. Except for the industrial and commercial development along the I-10 corridor, the San Geronio Pass Area has a rural quality characterized by agricultural and open space uses.

Relevant Cultural Information: Cultural sites vulnerable to wildland fires include flora used by Tribal members for traditional and medicinal purposes. Rock formations and historic sites are vulnerable to actions by firefighters in response and restoration efforts. The Tribe does not publicly identify such sites due to the Tribe's standard operating guidelines and procedures and works cooperatively with unified command structures to protect known sites and resources.

Demographics

Population

- **Population (per tribal website):** 754 Tribal Members (over the age of 18)
- **Tribal Population (BIA):**
- **US Census Data:** 2,465
- **Access and Functional Needs:** 6 Care-dependent (e.g., disability, elderly, young children, pregnant)
- **Approx. Pet Numbers:** (Livestock?) 100 Horses and approximately 20,000 head of cattle
- **Co-Located Pet Sheltering:** All four shelters are pet-friendly

Nearby Population Centers: City of Banning population 31,026, City of Beaumont population 45,349. We also have a transient population, the Cabazon Desert Hills Premium Factory Outlets of 30,000 and Interstate 10 vehicular traffic that consists of approximately 5000 vehicles per hour.

Geographical Location of Populations on Reservation:

Language Issues/English Proficiency: N/A

Economic Issues: Morongo Band of Mission Indians is the largest employer in the pass area if the enterprises go down a lot of people would be out of work.

Challenges (access to communications/medical support: We have our own redundant communication venues and test them regularly.

Other (e.g., tourists) our enterprises deal with a large number of forging nationals and for the most part we employee people that speak all languages, our problem will be dealing with all foreign consultants.

Social Media

Facebook: N/A

Newspaper: N/A

Tribal Infrastructure and Operations

Existing Tribal Infrastructure			
x	Police Services/Public Safety	x	Casino
x	Fire Services	x	Hotels/Lodging
	Emergency Medical Services	x	Restaurants
x	Emergency Manager/Safety Manager	x	Schools
x	Fuel (gas stations)	x	Available Acreage (tents)
	Hospital		Food (grocery stores)
x	Medical Clinic	x	Power Generation, Generator(s) (backup power)

Emergency Plans (e.g., Mitigation, Preparedness, EOPs

Below is a link to all plans and ESF's:

<http://www.keepandshare.com/doc2/show.php?i=2040230&cat=1>

Medical:

Riverside-San Bernardino Indian Health Care
11555 ½ Potrero Road Banning, CA 92220

Services: (Examples)

- Medical
- Dental Services
- Mental Health Services
- Vision

Nearest Hospital: (Surge Capability Numbers)

San Geronio Memorial Hospital
600 N Highland Springs Ave.
Banning, CA 92220
Phone: (951) 845-1121

Enterprises/Businesses

Bowling Alley, Taco Bell, Hadley's, and Ruby's. All of these restaurants are not in the casino, but on the property, and are owned by the Tribe.

Casino Information

Name: Morongo Casino Resort and Spa

Address: 49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon, CA 92230

Phone: 951-849-3080

Fax:

Website<https://www.morongocasinoresort.com>

Casino building occupancy: 14,286

Highest potential occupancy/number of patrons on premises (e.g., weekends, special events): 30,000

Casino employees: 2000

RV Park? N/A

Other buildings and occupancy/numbers of visitors (e.g., bingo, entertainment): Bowling Alley 135, Bingo 700

Restaurants on the property: (land leased) IN & OUT, Panda Express, Starbucks (Tribe's) Taco Bell, Hadley's, and Ruby's. All of the restaurants are not in the casino but on the property.

Casino building information:

- Generator (Y/N): Y off the grid (Natural Gas Codegen plant)
- Number days of fuel for the generator: Back up Diesel Generators with three days of fuel
- Number days of food and water for stranded patrons: 3
- Potential shelter (Y): 30
- Size shelter 19'X35' tents

Emergency plans in place for patrons (e.g., evacuation, sheltering, transporting, and feeding): We have plans for patrons for the short term. As far as long-term, we plan to have them evacuated to shelters off the Reservation as practiced in a tabletop exercise (in 2015 Argent sentry) with FEMA Region IX, NORTHCOM, and NORAD.

Emergency Response Information

Response Capabilities

Name: Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Ross Koepp

Phone Number: 951-755-5642

Email Address: ross_koepp@morongo.com

Emergency Plans (e.g., Mitigation, Preparedness, EOPs): link to all plans

<http://www.keepandshare.com/doc2/show.php?i=2040230&cat=1>

Law Enforcement: Public safety, with 110 officers for all three shifts

Transportation/Access

Airports: The City of Banning Municipal Airport is 2.4 miles to the west, and the Palm Springs International Airport is 30 miles east of the Morongo Indian Reservation.

Bridges: Main street off-ramp built in 1956 or so, has never been retrofitted for an earthquake.

Roads: Interstate 10 carries over 140,000 vehicles per day, of which 45,000 are semi-trucks.

Rail: The railroad carries over 10,000 trains per year—most of which are hazardous materials.

Compacts/Agreements/MOAs-MOUs with Other States, Communities, Tribes

The City of Banning, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Bishop Paiute Tribe and Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians.

FEMA RIX Response

The following Courses of Action (COA's) are briefly described, with tribal comments following as applicable:

1. Multiple Unified Coordination Groups (UCG's)

This option provides for one UCG per impacted tribe and one UCG per impacted state. Federal support efforts are focused on coordinating directly with individual tribal UCG's, allowing for an enhanced government-to-government relationship and tailored response.

Tribal Comments: This option would be ideal for all Tribes, however; how would the option to staff one UCG per Tribe for all one hundred and nine Tribes in California work?

2. Tribal-only UCG

A single UCG is established to provide coordination for multiple tribes and a state UCG(s) is established separately. This tribal-only option fosters equal representation among affected tribes.

Tribal Comments: This option presents a more realistic circumstance as it does not involve the state directly.

3. Joint State/Tribal UCG

This option combines tribes and the state(s) within the same UCG; stakeholders have a common understanding of the priorities of other partner organizations which enhances problem-solving and allows for cultural practices and customs to be incorporated into the execution of emergency response and recovery actions.

Tribal Comments: Because no tribe in California has a formal agreement with the state, this option will not work.

4. Multiple Regional UCG's

This COA involves multiple UCG's in which each UCG supports several jurisdictions (UCG's can be grouped by geography, function, and/or culture). Each impacted entity would have a designated branch, division, or group within the Regional UCG. This COA allows the response structure to expand or be organized to best meet operational priorities.

Tribal Comments: This COA holds more ground with scenarios centered upon circumstances of the CCEP.

5. Fusion with UCG Ops Section

This option places representatives from affected tribes that have granted independent Stafford Act declarations directly into the UCG Operations Section as branches, divisions, and groups, along with other local, state, and federal entities.

Tribal Comments: While this is a great COA, some Tribes may submit a declaration direct; others may choose to declare with the state.

NOTE: See Annex "C" of the *FEMA Region IX All-Hazards Plan: Tribal Response Annex* for more information regarding tribal COA's and organizational structure.

Communications Capabilities

Cell Phone Coverage (Yes/No): Yes

IT/Computer Issues (Yes/No): None

Comments: Completely Operational

Emergency Management Media Reports

December, 2015: Brief Quote with source. October, 2015

Cultural Sensitivities

Our culturally sensitive sites are closely guarded. With that said, in the event of a disaster, we will be on hand to give direction on a very broad scope of separate areas that individuals are to stay clear of.

References

(All links were verified as working as of the "accessed" date noted within each entry)

<http://www.morongonation.org/>

<http://www.keepandshare.com/doc2/show.php?i=2040230&cat=1>