RAMONA BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

Concept and Design for the Ramona Eco-Tourism Center
The Reservation was established on February 10, 1893.

Ramona is part of the Bear Clan of the Cahuilla Nation and are descendents of the Apapatcem Clan.
Tribal History

- The Cahuilla Nation is known for basketry, pottery, and adaptability.
Other Important Facts

- The reservation land was used for hunting and gathering.
Ceremonies

- It was considered a sacred area because of the water source and many of the Cahuilla ceremonies were held here.
The Reservation is located at the Southwest base of Thomas Mountain.
What Is Ecotourism?

In general, ecotourism is an insightful, mindful and participatory travel experience.
Why Ecotourism?

- Right of Way issues
- Cost of running transmission lines
- Matches Tribal Culture and beliefs
Agency Involvement

- Department of Energy
- Housing and Urban Development
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Indian Health Service
Preliminary Preparation

- Getting Multi-Funding Coordinated
- Environmental Review
- Fault line Identification
- Public Relations & Marketing
- Design Concept
MASTER PLAN
“Where the past and the future meet”

- Create a high-end renewable energy destination resort atmosphere that is interactive with the guests.
- Teach people Cahuilla Culture including basketry, pottery, gathering, health and healing, and flora and fauna.
- Create an experience that is life changing.
Type of Structures

- A Kish was what many Mountain Cahuilla People used for shelter.
The Tribe will use a round structure called a Yurt which resembles a Kish. A Kish was what many Mountain Cahuilla People used for shelter.
The Lodge and Restaurant

- The Lodge will be where all guest services, restaurant, and conferences are held.
- This will be designed as a tandem yurt

![Diagram of a tandem yurt]
Services

- Lodging
- Restaurant
- Spa
- Conference Facility
Activities

- Horseback Riding
- Basket Weaving
- Pottery Classes
- Hiking
- Bicycling
- Swimming
- Photography
Educational Opportunities

- Native American Culture
- Renewable Energy and Products
- Flora and Fauna
- The impact of our actions on the environment
- Recycling
- Health
Renewable Energy System

- Photovoltaic
- Wind
- Backup Generator
- Power Storage Building (includes an inverter and batteries)
- There are also the challenges of dealing with waste water and using a energy efficient design
Any Questions?