

# TORRES MARTINEZ DESERT CAHUILLA INDIANS (TMDCI) INVITES PUBLIC INPUT ON PROPOSED CAVE BEAR PLANT

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**Thermal, CA.** —TMDCI has received an Environmental Review Process Report (ERPR) in accordance with the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Home Ownership Act of 2012 (the Hearth Act) and is seeking public input for the proposed development of the Cave Bear Tire Pyrolysis Rubber Recycling Plant (Cave Bear Plant), managed by Rodney Bonner & Associates Incorporated (RB&A Inc.). The proposed Cave Bear Plant will be situated on a 60-acre parcel on an undeveloped portion of the TMDCI Reservation along an existing service road of California State Highway 86 a few miles north of the Imperial-Riverside County line. Public comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days, from August 19 through September 17, 2021.

The proposed Cave Bear Plant will occupy approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the site; solar panels and associated energy storage and transfer equipment will occupy another 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the site, and; the remaining 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the site will contain a future medical glove manufacturing facility. Other features will include four (4) parking lots, three (3) small administration buildings, an above ground water storage area, and one (1) general storage building.

The ERPR analyzes potential environmental impacts of the proposed Cave Bear Plant and will be available for public review at the TMDCI Tribal Administration Office, 66-725 Martinez Road, Thermal, CA 92253 or online by clicking the Public Comment Docs link on [www.torresmartinez.org](http://www.torresmartinez.org) website during the comment period. Comments may be submitted through email ([rpowell@tmdci-nsn.gov](mailto:rpowell@tmdci-nsn.gov)) or by mail to TMDCI Tribal Administration Office, Attn: Planning Department.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal information – may be publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered in the decision-making process.