SUBJECT: Consideration of An Exploratory Meeting to Discuss A City of Porterville And Tule River Tribal Council Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee

SOURCE: CITY MANAGER

The City Manager has met with representatives of the Tule River Tribal Council and their staff on several occasions. During these discussions, issues were raised regarding issues of common interest. These included:

- Highway 190 Casino
- Giant Sequoia National Monument Visitors’ Center
- Technical Assistance
- Pow Wow
- Airport & Fly-In

The City Manager had no explicit authority, so no representation of the City’s position could be provided on these matters. Because the City and Tribal Council are major governmental entities with their entire jurisdiction within Southeastern Tulare County, coordination may well prove beneficial between the two entities. The extent of discussion would best occur at the policy level because of the scope and importance of the issues.

It is suggested that an exploratory meeting be held between representatives of the City Council and Tribal Council representatives. The subject of the conversation could be the formulation of a coordinating committee about issues such as those defined above. If there is interest from both sets of representatives, a recommendation in this regard could be returned to the City Council for consideration and action regarding an Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

As a first step, authorize two representatives of the City Council to meet with representatives of the Tribal Council regarding the formulation of an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. The City Manager should be authorized to contact the Tribal Council staff to determine their willingness to hold an initial exploratory meeting. The Council Members serving as representatives should be designated.