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## **PECHANGA TRIBE ANNOUNCES \$100,000 GRANT TO ASSIST LAKE ELSINORE WITH “SUPER BLOOM” TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

*Pechanga Indian Reservation, CA, March 21, 2019* – The Pechanga Tribal Council today announced a grant of up to \$100,000 to the City of Lake Elsinore to support the City’s efforts to aid with traffic control surrounding the “super bloom.”

Just last weekend, more than 150,000 people were estimated to have visited the hillsides off of Interstate 15 in Lake Elsinore. On Sunday, March 17, local officials were forced to cut off access and stopped courtesy shuttles running to the flower-covered hills, calling the crowding “unbearable.”

“This natural wonder is a treasure to be enjoyed by Californians, but we need to be responsible about it,” said Pechanga Tribal Chairman Mark Macarro. “Elsinore is part of our ancestral territory, and we even have reservation lands there. We are pleased to support the city and our local partners to help better manage traffic control and public safety for the thousands of visitors enjoying the super bloom, as well as the local residents and commuters impacted by traffic conditions. Conservation and protection of our natural resources are important values to our Tribe.”

The City of Lake Elsinore will be able to use the Pechanga grant funds for additional resources including law enforcement, traffic control, shuttles, public safety personnel, and [super bloom](#) area protection.

“We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution from Pechanga,” said Mayor Steve Manos. “This will ensure we can continue to fund the resources and support needed to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors.”

**\*\*\* NOTE: Pechanga is pronounced Peh-CHONG-ah**

### **About the [Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians](#)**

The Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe that has called the Temecula Valley in Southern California home since time immemorial. The Pechanga Indian Reservation was established by presidential executive order in 1882, affirming the Tribe’s sovereign rights and land-base. The Pechanga Band directly employs over 5,500 people and owns and operates the award-winning Pechanga Resort & Casino, the largest gaming facility in the western U.S.

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**About the [City of Lake Elsinore](#)**

The City of Lake Elsinore features Southern California's largest natural freshwater lake. The City's current population is estimated at approximately 63,365. The City's brand and slogan, "Dream Extreme," exemplify the scenic beauty and active lifestyle of this 130-year old boomtown. Visitors and residents enjoy water sports such as skiing, power boating and fishing, a world-class sky diving drop zone, a regional motocross track, professional baseball, an 18-hole golf course, outlet shops, plus dining and entertainment in Historic Downtown. Visit [www.Lake-Elsinore.org](http://www.Lake-Elsinore.org) for more information.

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