

**Department of the Interior,
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Palm Springs Agency**
Palm Springs, California



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Organizational Structure BIA Pacific Region

Secretary of the Interior

Assistant Secretary
of the Interior
Indian Affairs

Office of the Special Trustee

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Central Office
Washington , DC

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Pacific Regional Office
Sacramento, CA

Organizational Structure

BIA – Pacific Region

Central California Agency – Sacramento, CA
(52 Tribes)

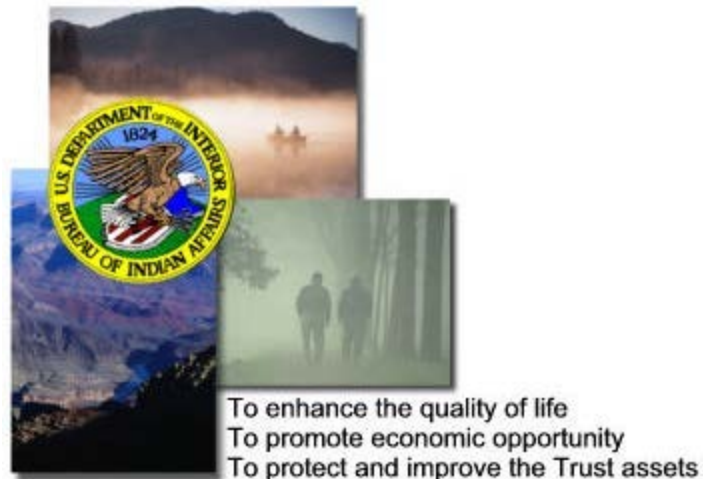
Northern California Agency, Redding, CA
(19 Tribes)

Southern California Agency, Riverside, CA
(32 Tribes)

Palm Springs Agency
Palm Springs, CA (1 Tribe)

BIA MISSION STATEMENT

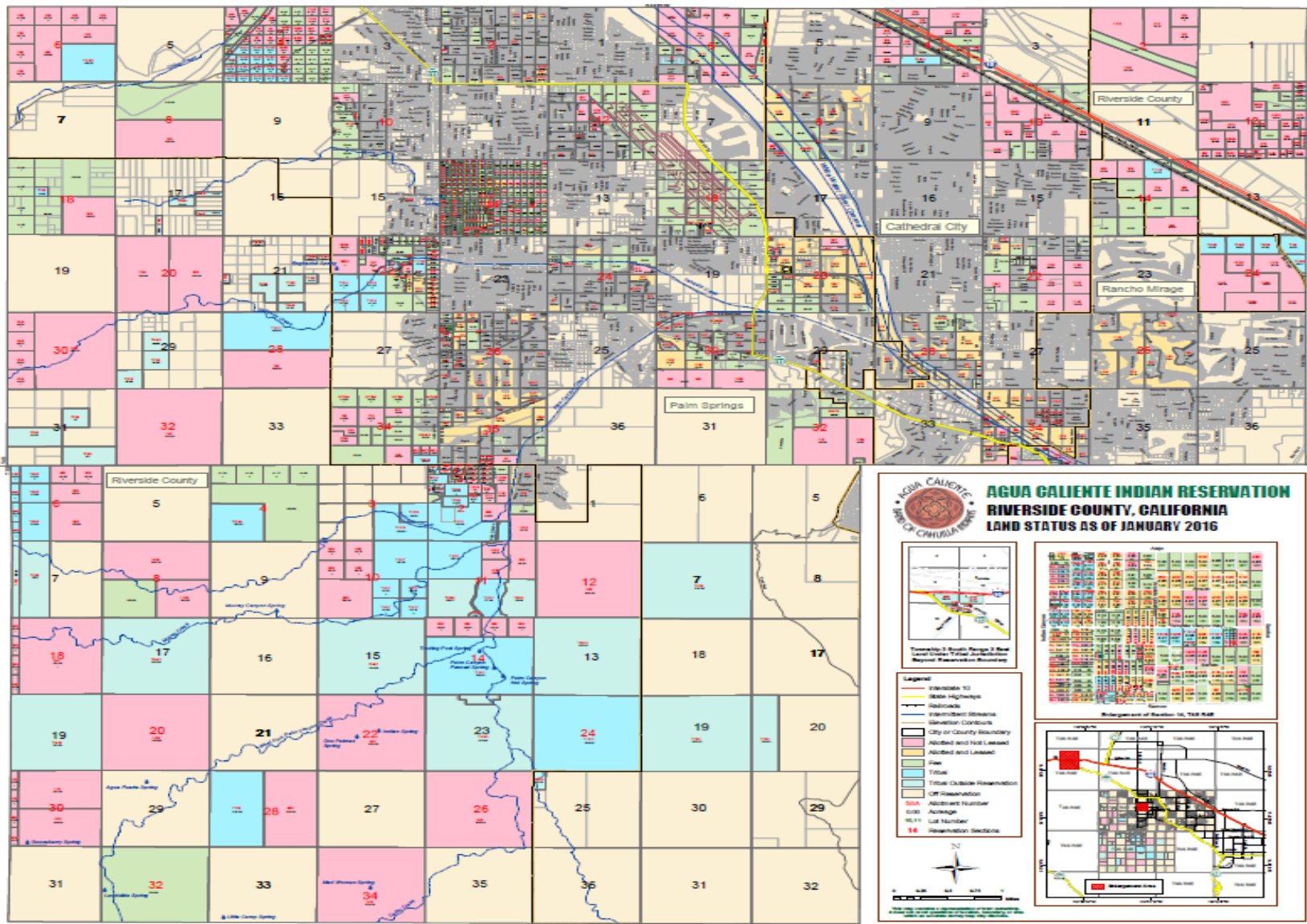
- ***The Bureau of Indian Affairs' mission is to enhance the quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out the responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian tribes and Alaska Natives. We will accomplish this through the delivery of quality services, maintaining government-to-government relationships within the spirit of Indian self-determination.***



BIA-Palm Springs Agency Function

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI)

- A sovereign Indian Nation.
- Portion of traditional lands designated as a Reservation by 1876 Executive Order.
- Legislation later expanded to approximately 32,000 acres (49 square miles).
- A checkerboard within the Reservation boundaries. The Cities of Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, and Unincorporated Areas of Riverside County are located within Reservation boundaries.
- Comprised of lands held in Trust by the United States Government.
 - **Trust Lands:** The US holds the legal title to the land, but the Tribe retains the undivided beneficial interest.
 - **Allotted Trust:** The US holds the title, but the entire beneficial interest gets divided and distributed to individual allottees.
 - **Fee:** Allotted trust land becomes fee land if sold.
- Leases upon Tribal or Allotted lands are subject to 25 CFR Part 162, Leases and Permits.
- Agua Caliente Tribe operate within their approved Hearth Act Leasing Regulations for Tribal Land.



AGUA CALIENTE INDIAN RESERVATION
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
LAND STATUS AS OF JANUARY 2016



- Legend**
- Interstate 15
 - State Highways
 - Railroads
 - Intermittent Streams
 - Question Contours
 - City or County Boundary
 - Abolished and Not Leased
 - Abolished and Leased
 - Tribal
 - Tribal Outside Reservation
 - Off Reservation
 - 50A Allotment Number
 - 600 Acreage
 - WS11 Lot Number
 - 14 Reservation Sections





BIA & ACBCI

Governments Working Together

The Federal Government has a trust responsibility and government-to-government relationship with Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.

- Indian Affairs provides services to 566 Federally recognized tribes, including ACBCI.
- BIA PSA is assigned jurisdiction of the trust lands owned by ACBCI and its members. Administrative Jurisdiction for approximately 19,000 Leases, Residential Subleases, and Timeshares.
- Services can be provided to ACBCI directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts.
- ACBCI's Public Law 93-638 Contract to administer the residential leasing functions under PSA's jurisdiction has been in effect since September 19, 2010.
- Together, the BIA and Residential Leasing ensure the integrity of Residential Lease Transactions on ACBCI's trust lands.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS