

RESOLUTION NO. 08-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMS, CALIFORNIA,
OPPOSING CORTINA INTEGRATED
WASTE MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Cortina Band of Wintun Indians proposes to develop the Cortina Integrated Waste Management Project on the Cortina Indian Rancheria (the "Project") located in Colusa County approximately 11 miles southwest from the City of Williams;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, as lead agency, has prepared a draft environmental impact statement on the Project ("Draft EIS") pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the City considered the Project, its potential impact on the City, and the Draft EIS, and by adopting Resolution 00-06 on February 9, 2000, stated its opposition to the Project and provided comments on the Draft EIS;

WHEREAS, the City believes that its comments have not been adequately addressed and wishes to reaffirm its opposition and concerns about the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Williams as follows:

1. The City Council, on behalf of the City of Williams, declares its opposition to the proposed Cortina Integrated Waste Management Project. The City Council urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to deny approval of the Project.
2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the Project will have the following unavoidable and unacceptable impacts on the City and western Colusa County:
 - a. The landfill is not designed to comply with landfill design or operational requirements of the State of California and its Integrated Waste Management Board. While the City recognizes that the Cortina Band is not subject to state law in this area, the Bureau of Indian Affairs nevertheless should require, under the authority of NEPA, that the Project satisfy design and operation standards. This requirement would best ensure that the Project will not have any significant impacts on the environment.
 - b. The stormwater drainage from the facility will flow downhill toward the City of Williams. The Project should be expressly conditioned on a requirement that the 1,000-year drainage and detention system be completed, tested and approved prior to operation of the landfill.
 - c. The Project plans include 10 new water wells on the site to meet an estimated requirement of 50,000 gallons of water per for use by the Project. The City of Williams relies on ground water to provide the domestic water needs of the city. The City is concerned about the potential impacts to the City's water supply that may result from the Project's water consumption. The Project should ensure that there is sufficient groundwater available to meet the current and future demands for the City's water supply.

3. The comments and issues listed in section 2 are intended as comments on the Project and the City Council requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to consider and respond to these comments in making any decision on the Project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Azevedo, Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest:

Rene Miles, City Clerk