RAMONA BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS

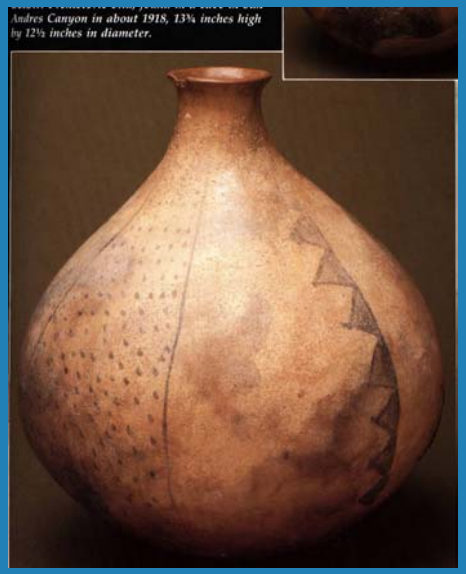
Concept and Design for the Ramona Eco-Tourism Center

Tribal History

- The Reservation was established on February 10, 1893.
- Ramona is part of the Bear Clan of the Cahuilla Nation and are descendents of the Apapatcem Clan.

Tribal History

- The Cahuilla Nation is known for basketry, pottery, and adaptability.



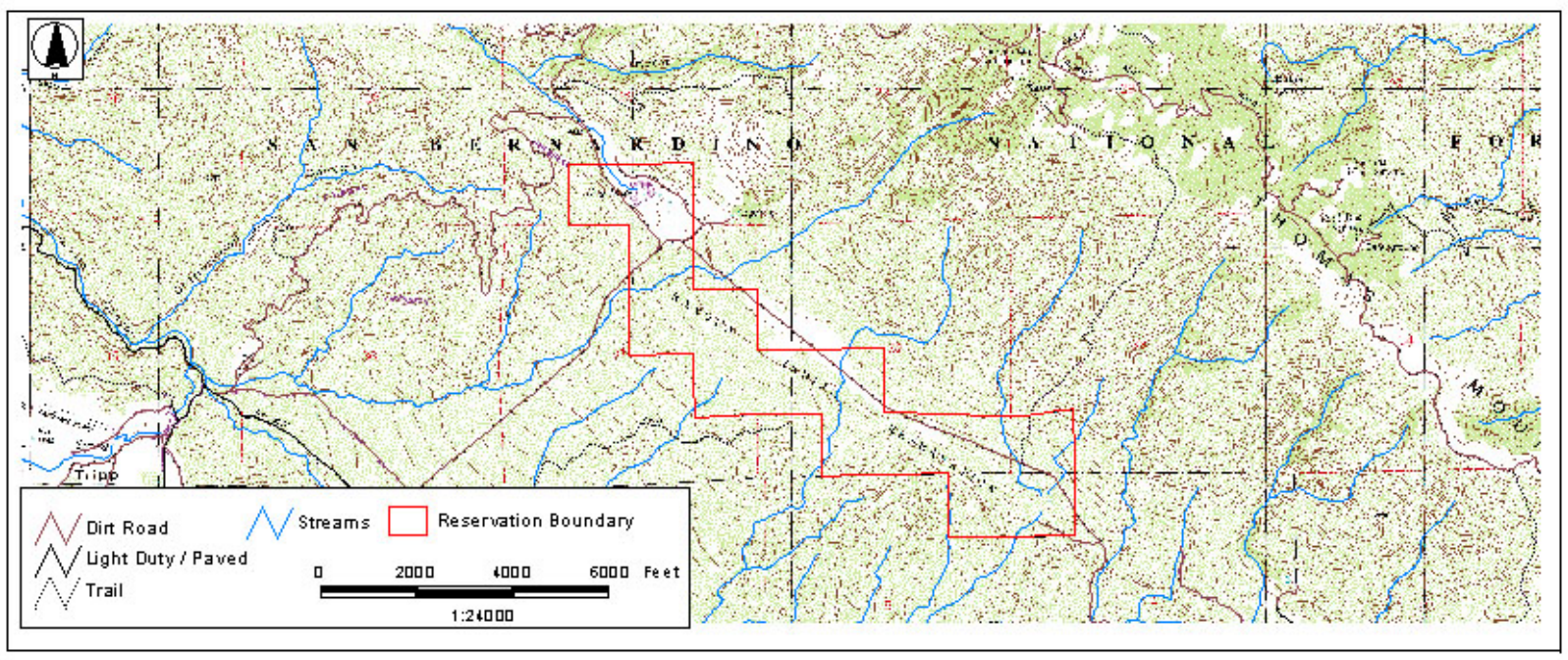
Other Important Facts

- The reservation land was used for hunting and gathering.

Ceremonies

- It was considered a sacred area because of the water source and many of the Cahuilla ceremonies were held here.

USGS MAP OF RESERVATION



- The Reservation is located at the Southwest base of Thomas Mountain.

What Is Ecotourism ?

E Environment

C Culture

O Oriented Travel

- In general, ecotourism is an insightful, mindful and participatory travel experience.

Why Ecotourism ?

- Right of Way issues
- Cost of running transmission lines
- Matches Tribal Culture and beliefs

Agency Involvement

- Department of Energy
- Housing and Urban Development
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Indian Health Service

Preliminary Preparation

- Getting Multi-Funding Coordinated
- Environmental Review
- Fault line Identification
- Public Relations & Marketing
- Design Concept

MASTER PLAN
"Where the past and the future meet"

- Create a high-end renewable energy destination resort atmosphere that is interactive with the guests.
- Teach people Cahuilla Culture including basketry, pottery, gathering, health and healing, and flora and fauna.
- Create an experience that is life changing.

Type of Structures

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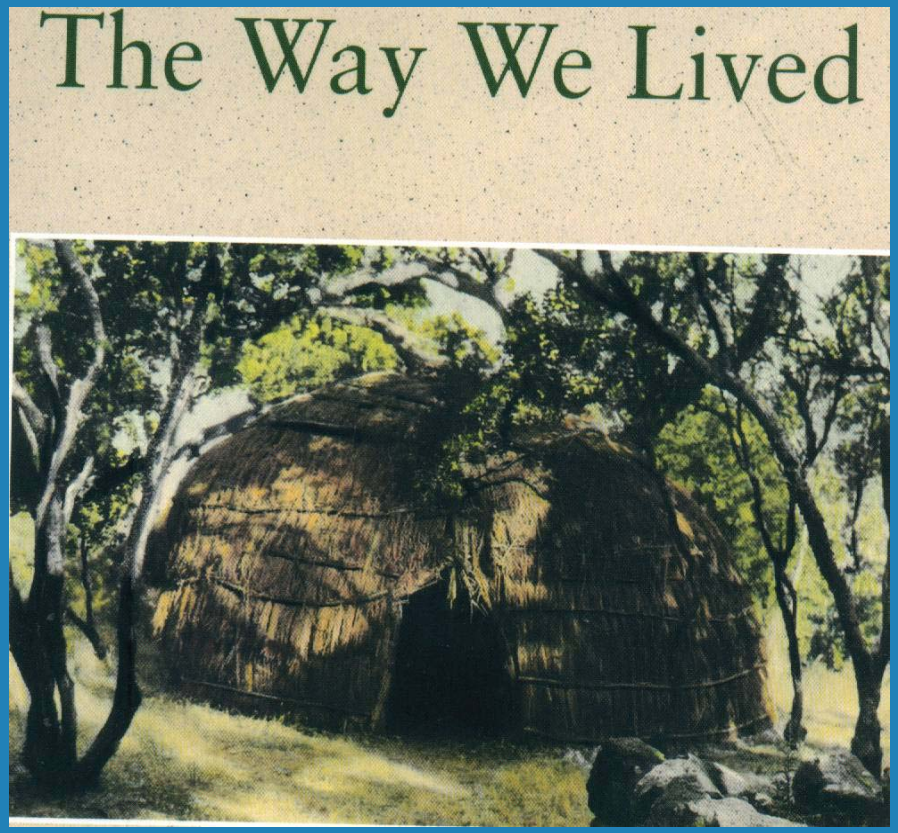

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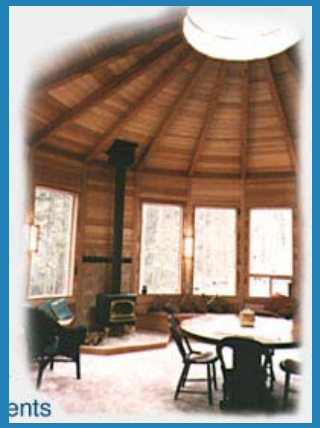

- The Tribe will use a round structure called a Yurt which resembles a Kish.
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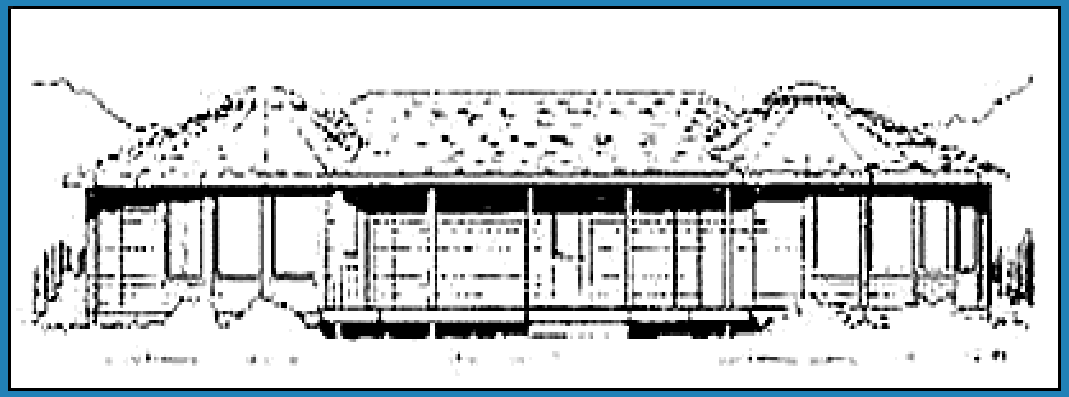
The Lodge and Restaurant

- The Lodge will be where all guest services, restaurant, and conferences are held.
- This will be designed as a tandem yurt



Services

- Lodging
- Restaurant
- Spa
- Conference Facility

Activities

- Horseback Riding
- Basket Weaving
- Pottery Classes
- Hiking
- Bicycling
- Swimming
- Photography

Educational Opportunities

- Native American Culture
- Renewable Energy and Products
- Flora and Fauna
- The impact of our actions on the environment
- Recycling
- Health

Renewable Energy System

- Photovoltaic
- Wind
- Backup Generator
- Power Storage Building (includes an inverter and batteries)
- There are also the challenges of dealing with waste water and using a energy efficient design

Any Questions ?