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Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians to rededicate their restored 1907 schoolhouse building

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Thermal, Calif. – After only one year the community of Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation is set to rededicate the complete restoration of their tribal schoolhouse

The schoolhouse was originally built in 1907 by the Office of Indian Affairs and served tribal children on the reservation. It is one of three buildings constructed and standing on the site, one of which is the oldest Indian Agency in the State of California.

The restoration was made possible by a generous grant of \$200,000 from the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians.

Pearson Architects Inc completed the construction.

The rededication – which will feature speeches from San Manuel Chairperson Carla Rodriguez, Cliff Cortland of Pearson Architects and Torres Martinez Chairwoman Mary Maxine Resvaloso as well as traditional bird singing and dancing is open to the press and general public. The event will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2013. All festivities will be carried out on the reservation at 66-725 Martinez Street, Thermal, CA 92274.

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