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## MEMORANDUM

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ATTN OF: Regional Director, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs

SUBJECT: **Administrative Record** - Notice of Appeal filed by Phillip E. Thompson, Esq. on behalf of the California Valley Miwok Tribe (Appellant), from the decision dated April 2, 2007 of the Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs. IBIA Pre-Docketing Notice and Order dated May 1, 2005.

TO: Administrative Judge, Interior Board of Indian Appeals

In accordance with the procedural regulations in 43 CFR § 4.335, attached is the Administrative Record for the above-entitled case, for which you have requested.

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, the attached Record constitutes the complete Administrative Record that was before the Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, when the April 2, 2007 decision was issued.

Should you have any questions, please contact Fred Doka Jr., Regional Tribal Operations Officer, at (916) 978-6067, or at the above address.

*Angela M. Doka*

Attachments

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1. **May 1, 2007**, Interior Board of Indian Appeals, Pre-Docketing Notice and Order Concerning Service, regarding a notice of appeal from the California Valley Miwok Tribe, through Counsel Phillip E. Thompson, Esq. Further ordering the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director to assemble and transmit the administrative record of the documents that were before him when the decision was issued.
2. **April 16, 2007** Notice of Appeal, through Counsel Phillip E. Thompson, Esq., Attorney for the Tribe, seeking review of an April 2, 2007 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director, in which the Pacific Regional Director rejected Silvia Burley's appeal from a November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent, to assist the California Valley Miwok Tribe in its efforts to organize.
3. **April 2, 2007** a letter addressed to Silvia Burley from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director's denting her appeal from a November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent to assist the California Valley Miwok Tribe in its efforts to organize and remanded the matter back to the Superintendent to initiate his plan to assist the Tribe in its efforts to organize.
4. **March 20, 2007** letters addressed to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie, from the Agency Superintendent, noticing them that the March 22, 2007 has been cancelled until further notice.
5. **March 16, 2007** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, responding to the Agency's request for her to attend a meeting related to the organization of the Tribe. She further stating that "The Tribe will not participate in any meetings relating to the reorganization of the California Valley Miwok Tribe... etc."
6. **March 8, 2007** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, responding to her concerns she indicated in her letter dated February 27, 2007, and informed her that the meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007.
7. **March 8, 2007** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from the Agency Superintendent, responding to his February 23, 2007 letter, confirming his participation at the proposed meeting and informed him that the meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007.
8. **March 7, 2007** faxed letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, informing the Agency that the Chairperson of the California Valley Miwok Tribe is Silvia Burley and awaits a written repose from the Agency regarding this matter. Also enclosed were the following documents:

- 8a. **July 26, 2000** letter from BIA, Central California Agency to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, introducing Chairperson Silvia Burley to Kevin Gover, AS-IA.
- 8b. **March 7, 2000** letter from BIA Central California Agency to Chairperson Silvia Burley, (referencing Yakima Dixie as the Vice-Chairperson of the Tribe).
- 8c. **August 17, 2004** letter from BIA to Chairperson Silvia Burley (requesting signature on 638 contract document).
- 8d. **November 2, 2004** letter from BIA to Spokesperson Silvia Burley (acknowledging receipt of Tribe's Financial Status Report for 638 contracts).
- 8e. **January 11, 2005** letter, BIA to Spokesperson Silvia Burley (acknowledging receipt of Tribe's Financial Status Report for 638 contracts).
- 8f. **February 4, 2005** letter, BIA to Spokesperson Silvia Burley (requesting signature on 638 contract document).
- 8g. **February 15, 2005** letter, BIA to Spokesperson Silvia Burley (enclosing fully executed modification to 638 Contract signed that is executed on behalf of the Tribe by Chairperson Silvia Burley).
- 8h. **October 10, 2006** letter, BIA to Silvia Burley (acknowledging receipt of FY 2007 Budget and Tribal Resolution requesting to join Fee to Trust Consortium for FY 20062008).
- 8i. **November 8, 2006** letter, BIA to Silvia Burley (providing information that the Tribe successfully met or exceeded minimum standards for management systems).
- 9. **February 28, 2007** letter addressed to the Agency Tribal Operation Officer, from Chad Everone, Deputy, in response to the Agency Superintendent's letter dated February 23, 2007, in which he, among other things, confirmed Yakima Dixie desire to attend the proposed meeting.
- 10. **February 27, 2007** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, in response to the Agency Superintendent's letter dated February 23, 2007, in which she indicated, among other things, that "Until we get these critical questions answered and until her attorneys meet with the Mediator, ... The Tribe awaits your response your response to this letter before we will make a decision on attending any meeting to discuss the organization of the California Valley Miwok Tribe."

11. **February 23, 2007** letter addressed to Agency Tribal Operations Officer, from Yakima Dixie, in response to the Agency Superintendent's letter dated February 23, 2007, in which he confirms his participation in the proposed meeting. Also enclosed was the following document
  - 11a. **March 1, 2007** Resolution 2007-02-28 signed by Yakima Dixie.
12. **February 23, 2007** letter addressed to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie, from the Agency Superintendent, regarding the Agency's efforts to assist in the Tribe's organizational effort; to bring the parties together, to afford them an opportunity to provide their input into the contents of the proposed notice of a general council meeting of the Tribe, to determine who will be eligible to attend the meeting and to offer a fuller explanation of the organization process the Agency is proposing.
13. **January 9, 2007** memorandum from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent to the Pacific Regional Director transmitting Silvia Burley's Notice of Appeal and the Superintendent's Administrative Record for the Regional Director's appropriate action.
14. **December 13, 2006** California Valley Miwok Tribe's Notice of Appeal and Statement of Reasons file by Silvia Burley from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent's November 6, 2006 decision to assist the California Valley Miwok Tribe in its efforts to organize and submitted the following documents:
  - 14a. **November 6, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie, because of their claim of leadership of the Tribe, regarding the Agency's efforts to reorganize a formal governmental structure that is representative of all Miwok Indians who can establish a basis for their interest in the Tribe and is acceptable to the clear majority of those Indians.
  - 14b. **November 30, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director regarding her notice of appeal filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Director from the November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent and notified her of the procedures required when filing an appeal under 25 CFR Part 2.
  - 14c. **February 4, 2000** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Agency Superintendent, responding to concerns regarding; allegations of fraud raised at a meeting of December 28, 1999, the Constitution dated December 11, 1999, and the proposed meeting of February 15, 2000.
  - 14d. **February 4, 2000** letter addressed to Silvia Burley from the from the Agency Superintendent, providing a copy of his letter dated February 4, 2000 to Yakima Dixie, regarding his allegations of fraud or misconduct relative to the change in tribal leadership during April and May 1999.

- 14e. **November 24, 2003** letter from the Agency Superintendent addressed "To Whom It May Concern", stating that the Bureau of Indian Affairs maintains a government to government relationship with the Tribe through the tribal council chaired by Silvia Burley.
- 14f. **January 24, 2002** copy of the Order from the U.S. District Court Eastern District of California, NO. CIV. S-01-1389-LKK/DAD.
- 14g. **February 11, 2005** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Michael D. Olsen, regarding Appeal filed with the Office of the Assistance Secretary, challenging the BIA's recognition of Silvia Burley as Tribal Chairman.
- 14h. **April 29, 2005** copy of Case No. CVMT -AH-2004-001, filed in the California Valley Miwok Tribal Court, Yakima Kenneth Dixie, Appellant v. California Valley Miwok Tribe, Appellee.
- 14i. **June 28, 2004** letter addressed to Clay Gregory, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director from Angelica Paulk, notice that the Tribe is seeking to locate eligible members and their efforts to locate a Mr. Melvin Dixie.
- 14j. **February 24, 2005** letter addressed to the Acting Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a request for information and FOIA Request.
- 14k. **March 10, 2005** letter addressed to the Principal Deputy Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, from Silvia Burley, in view of his letter dated February 11, 2005 and meetings with the Central California Agency addressed some issues to further clarify her position.
- 14l. **March 15, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency, from Karla Bell, responding to the Agency request for additional information to process her request of February 24, 2005.
- 14m. **June 20, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency, from Karla Bell, regarding a meeting with the Agency on June 17, 2005 and awaiting receipt from the Agency records regarding enrollment and membership matters.
- 14n. **August 26, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a meeting held on July 8, 2005, for the purpose of receiving assistance from Agency staff regarding research for potential members.
- 14o. **September 28, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding information previously requested has not be received by the Tribe.
- 14p. **November 11, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a public notice for the purpose of accepting applications for membership.

- 14q. **October 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2005**, copies of Publication of Notices that the Tribe is accepting applications for membership.
- 14r. **February 9, 2006** letter addresses to Karla D. Bell, from the Agency Superintendent, requesting additional information to begin research for individuals seeking membership into the California Valley Miwok Tribe.
- 14s. **April 6, 2006** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley requesting a meeting to discuss various issues related to the Tribe's P.L. 93-638 contracts.
- 14t. **May 22, 2006** letter addressed to Associate Deputy Secretary, from Silvia Burley, informing him of the Tribes meetings with the Agency regarding the status of the Tribe's leadership, P.L. 93-638 contracts and enrollment criteria...etc.
- 14u. **March 10, 2005** Enrollment Ordinance, as amended.
- 15. **December 12, 2006** Answer of Interested Party signed by Chadd Everone, in Opposition to the November 13, 2006 Notice of Appeal filed by Silvia Burley from the November 6, 2006 decision of the Agency Superintendent to assist the Tribe in its organizational efforts and submitted the following documents:
  - 15a. **November 30, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director regarding her notice of appeal filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Director from the November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent and notified her of the procedures required when filing an appeal under 25 CFR Part 2.
  - 15b. **January 30, 2006** a copy of The Constitution of the California Valley Miwok Tribe California signed by Yakima Dixie and ratified by other several individuals.
  - 15c. **February 11, 2005** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Michael D. Olsen, regarding Appeal filed with the Office of the Assistance Secretary, challenging the BIA's recognition of Silvia Burley as Tribal Chairman.
  - 15d. **November 6, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie, because of their claim of leadership of the Tribe, regarding the Agency's efforts to reorganize a formal governmental structure that is representative of all Miwok Indians who can establish a basis for their interest in the Tribe and is acceptable to the clear majority of those Indians.
  - 15e. **December 11, 1999** certified Constitution of the Sheep (Ranch Rancheria) Miwok Indian Tribe of California.

- 15f. **October 30, 2003** Notice of Appeal filed by Yakima Dixie with the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary from action by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in which Silvia Burley fraudulently came to be recognized authority for and chairperson of the Tribe ...etc.
- 15g. **March 30, 2006**, California Valley Miwok Tribe, Plaintiff, v. USA, et al., Defendants, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No. 05-0739 (JR)
- 15h. **September 13, 2005**, Kathy L. Lewis et. al., Plaintiffs-Appellants, v. Gail Norton et al., Defendants - Appellees, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, No. 03-17207 D.C., CV-03-01467-LLK Opinion.
- 15i. **March 15, 2004** Mary T. Wynne Esq., sworn statement that pursuant to an agreement with Yakima Dixie gave her power of attorney to represent him and the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Miwok Indians of California. Her representation was to help was to help in the organization of the Tribe.
16. **November 30, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director regarding her notice of appeal filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Regional Director from the November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent and notified her of the procedures required when filing an appeal under 25 CFR Part 2. Certified Mail Receipts included.
17. **November 10, 2006** Notice of Appeal filed by Silvia Burley on behalf of the California Valley Miwok Tribe from the November 6, 2006 decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency, Superintendent to assist the Tribe in its efforts to organize.
18. **November 7, 2006** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, in response to the Superintendent's letter dated November 6, 2007. Further requested various document under the Freedom of Information Act and included a letter dated October 16, 2006 addressed to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.
- 18 a. **October 16, 2006** letter dated addressed to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.
19. **November 6, 2006** letter addressed to Silvia Burley and Yakima Dixie, because of their claim of leadership of the Tribe, regarding the Agency's efforts to reorganize a formal governmental structure that is representative of all Miwok Indians who can establish a basis for their interest in the Tribe and is acceptable to the clear majority of those Indians.
20. **February 9, 2006** letter addresses to Karla D. Bell, from the Agency Superintendent, requesting additional information to begin research for individuals seeking membership into the California Valley Miwok Tribe.
21. **January 30, 2006** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding the Agency's request for additional information pertaining to background information that the Tribe requested.

22. **January 9, 2006** Official Tribal Membership Roll of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, provided by Silvia Burley.
23. **December 12, 2005** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, regarding Consent to Disclosure of Information Forms for applicants seeking membership.
24. **December 12, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding the Agency's meeting with the California Valley Miwok Tribe on Friday, December 2, 2005 and the receipt of the information the agency agreed to provide regarding the individuals that have provided their consent to disclose to the Tribe.
25. **November 25, 2005** Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 226, Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to receive services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, which list California Valley Miwok Tribe, California (formerly the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California), page 71194.
26. **November 11, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a public notice dated October 7, 2005, for the purpose of accepting applications for membership.
27. **September 2, 2005**, Power of Attorney signed by Yakima Dixie on September 4, 2005, and notarized, designating Velma Whitebear, to act on his behalf in conducting his business activities.
28. **August 30, 2005** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Angelica Paulk, regarding official notice - Disenrollment of Yakima Kenneth Dixie.
29. **August 26, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a meeting held on July 8, 2005, for the purpose of receiving assistance from Agency staff regarding research for potential members.
30. **July 7, 2005** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, providing information pertaining to Karla Bell's participation in the meetings held with staff at the Agency.
31. **May 13, 2005** letter addressed to the Acting Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, regarding membership, the Tribes enrollment process, and questions why the Agency is interacting with Yakima Dixie.
32. **March 30, 2005** letter addressed to Karla D. Bell, from Acting Superintendent, response to FOIA request, Number 05-J51-FOIA007.
33. **March 10, 2005** letter addressed to Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs from Silvia Burley, regarding his letter dated February 11, 2005, as a result of subsequent meetings with the Agency wanted to clarify several issues.

34. **March 4, 2005** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Acting Superintendent, following-up to a phone conversation with Ms. Burley regarding a scheduled meeting with Mr. Dixie.
35. **March 1, 2005** letter addressed to the Superintendent, from Silvia Burley's Attorney, regarding the Tribe's enrollment and a previous request for a Secretarial Election.
36. **February 24, 2005** letter addressed to the Acting Superintendent, from Karla Bell, regarding a request for information and FOIA Request.
37. **February 11, 2005** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Michael D. Olsen, regarding Appeal filed with the Office of the Assistance Secretary, challenging the BIA's recognition of Silvia Burley as Tribal Chairman.
38. **June 28, 2004** letter addressed to Clay Gregory, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Director from Angelica Paulk, notice that the Tribe is seeking to locate eligible members and their efforts to locate a Mr. Melvin Dixie.
39. **May 13, 2004** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, re-transmitting by regular mail the certified March 26, 2004 letter which was returned to the Agency on May 4, 2004.
40. **March 26, 2004** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, acknowledging receipt of the Tribe's Constitution on February 11, 2004, and provides information as to the formal organization and identification of a greater tribal community.
41. **December 12, 2003** letter signed by Yakima Dixie appointing Chadd Everone as Deputy authorized to represent and discover for him and the Tribe.
42. **October 10, 2003** letter addressed to the Acting Regional Director from Yakima Dixie requesting a stay on any action pertaining to the Tribe with Silvia Burley as Chairperson and for documents within the last 2 years.
43. **August 15, 2003** Notice of Appeals from inaction of an official under 25 CFR Part 2 submitted to the Acting Regional Director from Yakima Dixie. The following documents were also included:
  - 43a. **June 26, 2003** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, requesting procedures for filing an appeal and all documents pertain to his situation ... etc.
  - 43b. **May 5, 2003** letter addressed to the Agency Tribal Operations Officer, requesting assistance in preparing an appeal pursuant to 25 CFR 2.9(b), procedures further affirming that he is the leader of the Tribe, the admission of Sylvia Burley and her daughters as members of the Tribe, his purported resignation as Chairman and that the signature on the April 20, 1999 as forged ... etc.
  - 43c. **Undated** Freedom of Information Act request for documents; for several individual listed, the Tribe and agency regulation.

- 43d. **June 6, 2003** letter addressed to the Agency Tribal Operations Officer, regarding his letter dated May 5, 2003, in which he requested procedures for filing an appeal, assistance in filing and that he has not received a response from the agency.
44. **January 31, 2003** letter addressed to the Acting Assistant Secretary from Silvia Burley and her daughters, responding to the Acting Assistant Secretary's letter dated January 8, 2003, with regards to the treatment of the Tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ... etc.
45. **April 9, 2002** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, regarding a meeting held on March 26, 2002 and to provide recommendations pertaining to the Tribe's 2002-2004 Self-Determination Contract Renewal.
46. **March 4, 2002** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, providing recommendations regarding the ATTG program portion of the Tribe's FY 2002-2004, P.L. 93-638 Contract renewal.
47. **January 7, 2002** approved "ORDINANCE NO. 2002-01", which establishes regulations and procedures governing enrollment of members of the California Valley Miwok Tribe.
48. **November 13, 2001** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley's attorney responding to the Agency's letter dated October 31, 2001.
49. **October 31, 2001** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, acknowledging receipt of a document entitled "Constitution of the California Valley Miwok Tribe", ratified on March 6, 2000 and corrected on September 2001, further states that the Agency will continue to recognize the Tribe as unorganized and its elected officials as an interim Tribal Council, and returned the Constitution. Returned copy of Constitution included.
50. **June 7, 2001** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, regarding the Tribe's petition to withdraw the Tribes request for a Secretarial election on the proposed Constitution of March 6, 2000.
51. **March 6, 2001** letter addressed to David Rapport, from the Agency Superintendent, acknowledging receipt and providing a response to the Tribe's request for formal review of the Tribe's proposed Constitution and to conduct a Secretarial election.
52. **July 12, 2000** recognition letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, recognizing the governing body of the Tribe.
53. **April 27, 2000** letter addressed Agency Superintendent and several agency staff, from James A. Askew, Attorney for Yakima Dixie and others, objecting to the proposed constitution submitted by Silvia Burley.

54. **March 9, 2000** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, acknowledging receipt of the Tribe's Constitution and Resolution No. R-I-3-06-2000 adopted by the Tribal Council on March 6, 2000, and will conduct a review of the proposed Constitution.
55. **March 7, 2000** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, providing a summary of the discussion that occurred during a meeting on February 15, 2000, between Yakima Dixie and Agency staff and response to concerns in your February 15, 2000, and February 24, 2000, letters.
56. **March 6, 2000** Resolution requesting for a technical review and an election to called for by the Secretary of the Interior for ratification of the Constitution submitted by Silvia Burley.
57. **February 4, 2000** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from Agency Superintendent, responding to concerns regarding; allegations of fraud raised at a meeting of December 28, 1999, the Constitution dated December 11, 1999, and the proposed meeting of February 15, 2000.
58. **December 26, 1999** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Yakima Dixie, requesting for meeting for the purpose of clearing up the matter of who is the proper Chairperson.
59. **December 24, 1999** list of items for the attention of the Agency Superintendent with a copy of the Constitution of Sheep Ranch Rancheria, Miwok Tribe of California and the following documents, which was submitted by Rebecca Cuthill.
  - 59a. **Enrollment of a New Tribal Member** forms for several individuals which were signed by Yakima Dixie.
  - 59b. **December 11, 1999**, Minutes of the General Council meeting of the Sheep Ranch (Rancheria) Miwok Indian Tribe
60. **December 22, 1999** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, responding to her letter dated November 29, 1999, in which he indicated that he is unable to recognize the decision of the Tribal Council to change the name of the Tribe.
61. **October 26, 1999** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from the Agency Superintendent, responding to the September 24, 1999 petition withdrawing the petition of July 10, 1999, requesting the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on the proposed constitution.
62. **October 20, 1999** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Yakima Dixie, regarding procedures to follow in excluding members of Sheep Ranch.
63. **October 10, 1999** Fax Transmittal letter to Agency Tribal Operations Specialist, Brian Golding Sr., from Silvia Burly providing a copy of Tribal Resolution R-2-10/09/99.

64. **September 24, 1999** Resolution # TC 99-010 submitted by Silvia Burley indicating that the Tribe will operate pursuant to a tribal Council governing system.
65. **September 17, 1999** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Silvia Burley, regarding Sheep Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians' P.L. 93-638 application submission for the amount of \$166,144.00.
66. **July 10, 1999**, Petition to the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to 25 USC § 476, to set an election on the proposed tribal constitution signed by Yakima Dixie and Silvia Burley. Proposed Constitution of the Sheep Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians also included.
67. **May 8, 1999**, Certification of Election of Officers of the Sheep ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians as follows; Chairperson, Silvia burley, Vice Chairperson, Yakima Dixie and Secretary/Treasurer, Rashel K. Reznor.
68. **April 21, 1999** letter addressed to Silvia Burley, from Yakima Dixie, stating that he will not resign as Chairman and give Silvia Burley the right to act as a delegate to represent the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
69. **April 20, 1999** a document titled "Sheep Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians Formal Notice of Resignation", signed by Yakima K. Dixie, which was provided by Silvia Burley.
70. **April 20, 1999**, Special Meeting Notice re: the General Council has agreed to accept the resignation of Chairperson Mr. Yakima Dixie and appoints Silvia Burley as Chairperson.
71. **November 5, 1998**, RESOLUTION # CG-98-01, ESTABLISHING A GENERAL COUNCIL TO SERVE AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SHEEP RANCH BAND OF ME-WUK INDIANS, signed by Yakima Dixie and Silvia Burley.
72. **September 24 1998** letter addressed to Yakima Dixie, from the Agency Superintendent, summarizing issues discussed during a meeting with Yakima Dixie and Silvia Burley on September 8, 1998, held at the residence of Yakima Dixie regarding the process of formally organizing the Tribe.
73. **September 8, 1998** transcriptions of a meeting between Yakima Dixie, Chief, Sheep Ranch Rancheria; Raymond Fry, Agency Tribal Operations Officer; Brian Golding, Agency Tribal Operations Specialist and Silvia Burley, a prospective member of Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
74. **August 6, 1998** letters addressed to Anjelica Josett Paulk, Silvia Fawn Burley, Rashel Reznor, and Tristian Wallace, from Yakima Dixie, re: notice of approved enrollment with the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
75. **August 5, 1998** letter from Yakima Dixie, Spokesperson/Chairman of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria accepting Silvia Fawn Burley, her daughters, Rashel Reznor, Anjelica Paulk, and Silvia Burley as enrolled tribal members of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.

76. **Un-dated** letter addressed to the Agency Superintendent, from Yakima Dixie, stating that he is the only recognized tribal member of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria for the purpose of receiving services from the United States.
77. **September 22, 1995** letter addressed Silvia Burley from the Agency Superintendent, responding to her request for establishing her true Indian heritage and correcting to her family tree to reflect that her biological great grand mother was Minnie Esph and not Angie (Fisher) Mose.
78. **March 17, 1995** memorandum to the Superintendent, Central California Agency, from the Area Director, Sacramento Area Office regarding the current status of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
79. **April 14, 1993** Notice and Background of Case in the matter of the estate of Mable Hodge Dixie, Deceased California Indian from the Administrative Law Judge, Department of the Interior, Office of Hearing s and Appeals.
80. **October 24, 1989** memorandum to the Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, from the Agency Superintendent regarding the Sheep Ranch land status.
81. **September 1, 1989** memorandum to the Superintendent Central California Agency, from the Acting Area Director, Sacramento Area office regarding the title Status of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
82. **January 9, 1989** memorandum to the Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, from the Agency Superintendent regarding the Sheep Ranch status and attached a copy of the September 6, 1967 quitclaim deed signed by Mabel Hodge Dixie.
  - 82a. **September 6, 1967** quitclaim deed signed by Mabel Hodge Dixie.
83. **February 6, 1979** Federal Register, Vol. 44, No. 26, Indian Tribal Entities that have a Government to Government relationship with the United States, which list Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians, California, page 7236.
84. **November 1, 1971**, Notice of a decision entered in the estate of Mabel Hodge Dixie, Unallotted California Indian and Order Determining Heirs.
85. **August 13, 1971** memorandum to the Area Director, from the Area Realty Office regarding the death of Mable Hodge Dixie, the sole distributee of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
86. **May 2, 1967** letter addressed to Mabel Hodge Dixie, from the Area Director, Sacramento Area Office regarding the deed which conveyed title from the United States to her and informed her that the property was recorded in the Recorder's Office of Calaveras County, California.
  - 86a. **April 11, 1967** copy of the Recorded Deed

87. **October 27, 1966** letter addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, from the Area Director informing the Commissioner that Mabel Hodge, the only distributee, voted to accept the plan for distribution of the assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria. Effective October 14, 1966.
88. **August 18, 1966**, Plan for the Distribution of the Assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria, approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
89. **January 5, 1966** memorandum to the Files, from the Area Tribal Operations Officer, providing a summary of the meeting with Mabel Dixie and merle Butler on December 29, 1965.
90. **June 14, 1935** letter addressed to the U.S. Indian Field Service, San Francisco, California from the Superintendent, regarding the election returns from several tribes who voted for or against organizing under the Indian Reorganization Act.
91. **June 6, 1935** letter addressed to the Postmaster, Sheep Ranch, Calaveras, Co., California from the Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency, requesting to deliver the ballot to Jeff Davis, the only eligible voter of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.
92. **June 8, 1935**, approved list of the Voters for Indian Reorganization Act of Sheep Ranch Rancheria (Calaveras County), approved by the Superintendent, Sacramento Indian Agency, which listed a Jeff Davis.
93. **April 5, 1916** Title Statement and Deed to the United States of America.
94. **August 13, 1915** letter addressed to the Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., from Special Indian Agent, which included among other things, a census of the Indians, designated "Sheepranch- Indians."