

CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK TRIBE

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Interior Board of Indian Appeals
801 North Quincy Street
Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

Re: Notice of Appeal

Dear Sirs:

This letter constitutes a **Notice of Appeal** by the California Valley Miwok Tribe (Tribe) to a decision made by the Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Pacific Regional Office in a letter dated April 2, 2007. (See Attachment) In that decision, the Regional Director made a determination that the Tribe was never terminated and restored; that the California Valley Miwok Tribe was an unorganized Tribe; that the BIA had the authority to determine tribal membership; that the BIA has the authority to determine tribal government; that the BIA can determine a "putative" class of tribal membership even though that term has no meaning in Federal Indian Law; and that the BIA can hold a general council meeting for the Tribe outside the specific permission or authority of the Tribe's governing body.

The Tribe hereby seeks to appeal this decision pursuant to 43 C.F.R. Sections 4.310 to 4.340 and 25 C.F.R. Part 2. Copies of this Notice of Appeal are being forwarded to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, the Regional Director of the Pacific Regional office and to the Central California Agency Offices at the below listed addresses.