

**From:** [Gidner, Jerold](#)  
**To:** [Keep, Scott](#); [Smith, Jane](#);  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent: California Valley Miwok Tribe Eviction  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 1:47:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [CVMT\\_Ltr from Saginaw 12.14.09.pdf](#)  
[CVM Mediation Request 11.2.09.pdf](#)

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**From:** Stevens, Tracie  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 06, 2010 1:44 PM  
**To:** Gidner, Jerold; Bearquiver, Kevin; Smith, Michael R.  
**Cc:** Thomas, Pilar; Smith, Jane; Tsosie, Paul; Laverdure, Del; Garriott, Wizipan  
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**Importance:** High

Jerry et al-

In addition to the attached letter from the County, I've attached letters from both Yakima Dixie and Syvlia Burley requesting that we initiate the mediation that we offered in the BIA's letter dated September 11, 2009.

Please immediately contact both parties, or their representatives as indicated in their letters, to confirm their desire to mediate. Once this is confirmed, please follow through with the process conveyed in the September 11 letter.

Please contact them by COB today and provide to me a summary of your discussions.

Thank you for your immediate and prompt attention to this matter.

Tracie Stevens

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**From:** Saba Bazzazieh [mailto:[sbazzazieh@rosettela.com](mailto:sbazzazieh@rosettela.com)]  
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Ms. Stevens:

On behalf of the California Valley Miwok Tribe ("Tribe"), we appreciate the efforts you have made thus far in assisting the Tribe; however, it is with great distress that we inform you that the foreclosure of the Tribal office and residence and the eviction of Tribal members is now imminent, as indicated in the attached letter. Based on this letter, it is evident that the bank has ceased any further negotiations with the Tribe absent extraordinary measures from outside parties. Thus, we respectfully request that you or other officials at the Department of Interior please take whatever measures possible to prevent and/or delay the eviction of the members of this federally-recognized Tribe. Such measures could include submitting letters to the bank, the California Gambling Control Commission and the local BIA, stating that you are concerned with the Tribe's current housing predicament, that this is a federally-recognized Tribe, and that an extension of time is necessary for the Tribe to resolve its current leadership dispute. Another option is for the BIA to purchase the home in trust for the Tribe, pending resolution of the Tribe's leadership dispute.

We stress the urgency of action on your part Ms. Stevens, as the eviction is scheduled to occur on January 15, 2010. Should no action be taken, irreparable harm will be caused to the Tribe and its members, forcing these men, women and children to live on the street, as they have no other means of shelter or support. Although you may feel that the actions you are able to take are limited in light of the Tribe's unresolved leadership dispute, we assure you that any action you take on this matter, including a simple letter to the bank, may be the difference between life and death for these Tribal members. We thank you once again for your assistance and hope you are able to assist the Tribe in this matter.

Please feel free to contact our office to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

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