

**From:** [Gidner, Jerold](#)  
**To:** [Smith, Michael R.](#);  
**Subject:** Re: [New post] Big News for the California Valley Miwok Tribe!  
**Date:** Friday, January 14, 2011 2:48:27 PM

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Well I wondered why the only atty copied on the memo was sylvia's. Seemed a little ex parte to me.

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**From:** Smith, Michael R.  
**To:** Gidner, Jerold  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 14 14:46:56 2011  
**Subject:** RE: [New post] Big News for the California Valley Miwok Tribe!

Yes; someone who has replaced the late Tim Vollman as counsel, was what I was told.

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**From:** Gidner, Jerold  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2011 2:45 PM  
**To:** Smith, Michael R.  
**Subject:** Re: [New post] Big News for the California Valley Miwok Tribe!

By Yakima?

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**From:** Smith, Michael R.  
**To:** Gidner, Jerold  
**Sent:** Fri Jan 14 14:44:10 2011  
**Subject:** RE: [New post] Big News for the California Valley Miwok Tribe!

Jerry –

I know we could have a lively discussion regarding all of the events that have taken place surrounding this. The decision of the Assistant Secretary was a collaborative effort. Your points are well-taken.

My understanding of the situation, today, is that although we recognize a tribal government and Sylvia is acknowledged as the Chairperson, there has been a lawsuit filed.

Mike

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**From:** Gidner, Jerold

**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2011 2:33 PM

**To:** Smith, Michael R.

**Subject:** FW: [New post] Big News for the California Valley Miwok Tribe!

I know you know about this and assume you have seen the ASIA decision. As you and I discussed, I never did understand why we changed course back in 2007 after confirming Sylvia's entry into the tribe, the election, etc. It always seemed arbitrary to me and I could never get a good answer from Jane Smith and Scott. Keep as to why submitting a constitution suddenly meant they were no longer an organized tribe. And that 07 Olsen letter was written by SOL and signed by Olsen without ever going through the BIA!

So after reading this, I agree with it. Do you know who wrote it?

Of course, we have had problems with the Burley faction misusing funds and I suppose that will continue now. I suspect we will also see a disenrollment of Yakima soon – they did it once before, after all. But this time I think he will just be out of luck. Or maybe they will just take in new members and ignore him.

Jerry Gidner

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**From:** Turtle Talk [mailto:no-reply@wordpress.com]

**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2011 12:45 PM

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