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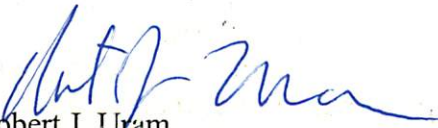
Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Withdrawal of Request for Stay and Reconsideration of Determination by
Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Regarding Organization of
California Valley Miwok Tribe

Dear Secretary Salazar:

On January 6, 2011, I wrote on behalf of Mr. Yakima Dixie and the Tribal Council of the California Valley Miwok Tribe¹ to ask that you immediately stay and reconsider the decision issued on December 22, 2010, by Donald (Del) Laverdure for Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (the "December 22 Determination"). As of today, we have not received a response to our letter and we have learned that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is proceeding to take actions adverse to the interests of our clients. Accordingly, to ensure prompt judicial review of the December 22 Determination, we are withdrawing our request for reconsideration and will be seeking judicial review of the December 22 Determination.

Sincerely yours,


Robert J. Uram

for SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP

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¹ The Tribal Council consists of Mr. Dixie and putative Tribe members Velma WhiteBear, Antonia Lopez, Michael Mendibles, Evelyn Wilson and Antoine Azevedo.

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cc: Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
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