

# **EXHIBIT A**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Civil Division**

THE CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK  
TRIBE, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEN SALAZAR, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of the United States  
Department of the Interior, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:11-cv-00160 (RWR)

**DECLARATION OF JAMES F. RUSK**

I, JAMES F. RUSK, do hereby declare:

1. I am an associate with the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, attorneys for The California Valley Miwok Tribe, The Tribal Council, Yakima Dixie, Velma Whitebear, Antonia Lopez, Michael Mendibles, Evelyn Wilson and Antoine Azevedo. I make this declaration in support of my application seeking entry of an Order permitting my appearance *pro hac vice* pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2 (c) & (d).

2. My full name is James F. Rusk. My office address is Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, 4 Embarcadero Center, 17<sup>th</sup> floor, San Francisco, CA 94111. My office telephone number is (415) 774-3232.

3. I am an active member in good standing of the California Bar (No. 253976). I have not been disciplined by any bar.

4. Within the past two years, I have not been admitted *pro hac vice* in the United States District Court of the District of Columbia.

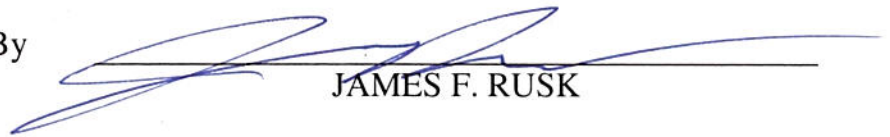
5. I do not engage in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct as of my personal knowledge, and that if called as a witness in this matter, I could and would competently testify to each of the facts set forth on this declaration.

Executed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 in San Francisco, California.

SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER & HAMPTON LLP

By



JAMES F. RUSK