

EXHIBIT E

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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5 CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK TRIBE,)

6)
7 Plaintiff,)

8)
9 v.)

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11 CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL)

12 COMMISSION, *et al.*,)

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14 Defendants,)

15)
16 YAKIMA K. DIXIE and MELVIN DIXIE,)

17)
18 Movant-Intervenor-Defendants.)

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No. 08-CV-00984-WBS-GGH

DECLARATION OF
MELVIN DIXIE

22 I, Melvin Dixie, am a resident of Calaveras County, California. I have

23 personal knowledge of the following facts, and am competent to testify to the same.

24 1. I am the great grandson of Peter Hodge, the leader of the Me-Wuk Indian
25 people of Sheep Ranch Rancheria, and a son of Mabel Louise Hodge Dixie, who died in
26 1971. I am the younger brother of Yakima Dixie.

27 2. I resided at Sheep Ranch as a child. Today I still call Sheep Ranch my
28 home.

29 3. When my oldest brother Richard Dixie died in 1984, my brother Yakima
30 became the hereditary chief of the Sheep Ranch Me-Wuk Indians, as provided by Miwok
31 traditions.

4. I am seeking to intervene in this litigation, which was filed in the name of the "California Valley Miwok Tribe" (another name for the Sheep Ranch Me-Wuk Indians) by attorneys acting at the behest of Silvia Burley, who claims to be the chairperson of the Tribe. Silvia Burley does not have the authority to speak for the Tribe, or to file lawsuits in the name of the Tribe.

5. In recent years Ms. Burley began to represent that she spoke for the Sheep Ranch Miwok people, and that she was the leader of the Tribe.

6. Ms. Burley purported to set up a Tribal Council, which was made up of herself and her two daughters. But she otherwise made no significant effort to organize the Tribe around the lineal descendants of the Mi-wuk people who had lived at the Rancheria.

7. In recent years Silvia Burley collected federal grant money based on her claim to be the legitimate leader of the Tribe. On information and belief, she collected revenue sharing gaming revenues from the State of California in recent years. I have never seen any of that money.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: 6-1-08

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]