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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

10 **CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK**
11 **TRIBE,**

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 **CALIFORNIA GAMBLING CONTROL**
15 **COMMISSION, et al.,**

16 Defendants.

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22 **CALIFORNIA VALLEY MIWOK**
23 **TRIBE, CALIFORNIA (a.k.a. SHEEP**
24 **RANCH RANCHERIA OF ME-WUK**
25 **INDIANS, CALIFORNIA), YAKIMA K.**
26 **DIXIE, VELMA WHITEBEAR,**
27 **ANTONIA LOPEZ, ANTONE**
28 **AZEVEDO, MICHAEL MENDIBLES,**
AND EVELYN WILSON,

Applicant Intervenors.

No: 37-2008-00075326-CU-CO-CTL

DECLARATION OF ANTONE
AZEVEDO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION
TO INTERVENE AS DEFENDANTS

Law and Motion

Hearing Date: December 17, 2010

Hearing Time: 8:30 a.m.

Hearing Place: C-62

Trial Date: May 13, 2011

Trial Dept: C-62

Trial Judge: The Hon. Ronald L. Styn

First Amended Complaint Filed: 8/20/08

Code of Civil Procedure §387

1 testify to the same. This Declaration is being offered in support of the Motion to Intervene in the
2 above-identified action in place of my personal testimony based on my personal knowledge.

3 1. I am a member of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, California (*formerly*, Sheep
4 Ranch Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California) (the "Tribe").

5 2. I have served as a Member of the Tribal Counsel as appointed by Yakima Dixie
6 since 2003. From 1950 to 1959, I lived with my family on the reservation at Sheep Ranch
7 Rancheria. My lineal descent to the ancestral members of the Tribe, as delineated in the 1929
8 Indian Census Roll of Calaveras County, are through my mother (Annie Jeannete Geto),
9 grandmother (Laura Hodge Jeff) and great grandparents (John Jeff and Tillie Jeff).
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11 3. As a lineal descendant of early members of the Tribe identified in official U.S.
12 government records, I filed documents with the BIA in response to the BIA's April 11, 2007
13 public notice.
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15 4. I recognize Yakima Dixie as the Hereditary Chief and Traditional Authority for
16 the Tribe.
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18 5. I do not recognize Silvia Burley as any authority for the Tribe.

19 6. I seek to intervene in this litigation in order to defend the property of the Tribe
20 and to prevent irreparable harm to the Tribe. If the Court orders the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
21 ("RSTF") funds to be disbursed, the Court must also determine who is the authority of the Tribe
22 to receive those funds.
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24 7. I did not receive any of the Tribe's federal grant and RSTF money that Ms.
25 Burley collected from 1999 through 2005, and I do not know of any programs set up by Ms.
26 Burley for the benefit of the Tribe members.
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1 I declare the foregoing is true and correct under penalty of perjury under the laws of
2 California.

3 October 30, 2010
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