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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.

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

25 Intervenors.

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

**DECLARATION OF ANTONIA LOPEZ IN**  
**SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE**  
**AS DEFENDANTS**

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

Code of Civil Procedure §387

26 I, Antonia Lopez, am over the age of 18 and a resident of <sup>Amador</sup>~~Sacramento~~ County, California.

27 I have actual and personal knowledge of the following facts and am competent to testify to the

1 same. This Declaration is being offered in support of the Motion to Intervene in the above-  
2 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 the Secretary of the Tribal Counsel as appointed by Yakima  
6 Dixie since 2003. My lineal descent to the ancestral members of the Tribe, as delineated in the  
7 1929 Indian Census Roll of Calaveras County, are through my mother (~~Annie Jeanette Gato~~ <sup>Alice Gato</sup>),  
8 grandmother (Laura ~~Hodge~~ Jeff) and great grandparents (John Jeff and Tillie Jeff).  
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10 3. As a lineal descendant of early members of the Tribe identified in official U.S.  
11 government records, I filed documents with the BIA in response to the BIA's April 11, 2007  
12 public notice.  
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14 4. I recognize Yakima Dixie as the Hereditary Chief and Traditional Authority for  
15 the Tribe.

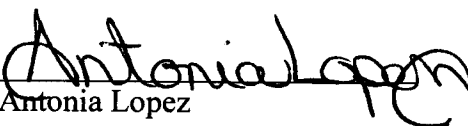
16 5. I do not recognize Silvia Burley as any authority for the Tribe.  
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18 6. I seek to intervene in this litigation in order to defend the property of the Tribe  
19 and to prevent irreparable harm to the Tribe. If the Court orders the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund  
20 ("RSTF") funds to be disbursed, the Court must also determine who is the authority of the Tribe  
21 to receive those funds.  
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23 7. I did not receive any of the Tribe's federal grant and RSTF money that Ms.  
24 Burley collected from 1999 through 2005, and I do not know of any programs set up by Ms.  
25 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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5   
6 Antonia Lopez