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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 Applicant Intervenors.

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

**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL**  
**MENDIBLES 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

26 I, Michael Mendibles, am over the age of 18 and a resident of Calaveras County,  
27 California. I have actual and personal knowledge of the following facts and am competent to  
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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. My lineal descent to the ancestral members of the Tribe, as delineated in the original  
7 census of 1915 and in the 1929 Indian Census Roll of Calaveras County, are through my mother  
8 (Valarie Mata-Mendibles), grandmother (Dora Hodge-Shelton Mata) and great grandmother  
9 (Lena Hodge-Shelton).  
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11 3. I own ancestral land adjacent to the Sheep Ranch Rancheria.  
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13 4. As a lineal descendant of early members of the Tribe identified in official U.S.  
14 government records, I filed documents with the BIA in response to the BIA's April 11, 2007  
15 public notice.

16 5. I recognize Yakima Dixie as the Hereditary Chief and Traditional Authority for  
17 the Tribe.  
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19 6. I do not recognize Silvia Burley as any authority for the Tribe.

20 7. I seek to intervene in this litigation in order to defend the property of the Tribe  
21 and to prevent irreparable harm to the Tribe. If the Court orders the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund  
22 ("RSTF") funds to be disbursed, the Court must also determine who is the authority of the Tribe  
23 to receive those funds.  
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25 8. I did not receive any of the Tribe's federal grant and RSTF money that Ms.  
26 Burley collected from 1999 through 2005, and I do not know of any programs set up by Ms.  
27 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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6 Michael Mendibles