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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 VELMA
WHITEBEAR 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 Declaration of Velma WhiteBear

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1 I, Velma WhiteBear, am over the age of 18 and a resident of Sacramento County,
2 California. I have actual and personal knowledge of the following facts and am competent to
3 testify to the same. This Declaration is being offered in support of the Motion to Intervene in the
4 above-identified action in place of my personal testimony based on my personal knowledge.

5 1. I am a member of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, California (*a.k.a.*, Sheep
6 Ranch Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California) (the "Tribe") and trace my
7 lineal descent from my great grand-parents (John Jeff, born 1867, and Tillie Jeff, born 1889), my
8 grand-mother (Laural Geto, born 1902) and my mother (Jeanette Geto, born 1928), all of whom
9 are listed in the Indian Census Roll of June 30, 1929 for Calaveras County as taken by L. A.
10 Dorrington, Superintendent of the BIA.

12 2. I recognize Yakima Dixie as the Hereditary Chief and Traditional Authority for
13 the Tribe.

14 3. I do NOT recognize Silvia Burley as any authority for the Tribe.

15 4. I seek to intervene in this litigation in order to defend the property of the Tribe
16 and to prevent irreparable harm to the Tribe. Further, if the Court orders the Revenue Sharing
17 Trust Fund ("RSTF") funds to be disbursed, the Court must also determine who is the authority
18 of the Tribe to receive the Funds.

19 5. I did not receive any of the Tribe's federal grant and RSTF money that Ms.
20 Burley collected between 1999 and 2005, nor do I know of any programs Ms. Burley set up for
21 the benefit of the Tribe.
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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 3/, 2010

4 Velma WhiteBear
5 Velma WhiteBear