



California Valley Miwok Tribe, California
(a.k.a. Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California)

RESOLUTION 2011-07-16(a)
(Election By-laws)

WHEREAS, the California Valley Miwok Tribe ("Tribe") adopted a Tribal Constitution in 2006 (the "2006 Constitution") by a two-thirds vote of the adult members who were enrolled at that time; and

WHEREAS, Part 8 of the 2006 Constitution established the identification of the broader, membership community and the enrollment of qualified individuals as a top priority of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has conducted outreach activities to identify the Tribal community and, as of April 30, 2011, had enrolled 242 adult members and since 2004 has held regular Tribal meetings to involve the community in the affairs of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has made great strides in rebuilding a functioning Tribe, and the Tribe and its members engage in a variety of cultural, religious, economic, and social activities, including:

- A. Representing children of Tribe members under the Indian Child Welfare Act;
- B. Performing cultural resources consultations at construction sites that may affect Native American cultural and religious artifacts;
- C. Participating in ceremonial Indian dance for the Tribe and other communities and cultural preservation activities throughout California;
- D. Participating with other Miwok tribes, in an inter-tribal Miwok Language Restoration Group that teaches the Miwok language to younger Tribal members so that the language and the tribal traditions are not lost;
- E. Gathering materials, such as raptor feathers, that are needed for cultural and religious ceremonies, participating in the annual Salmon Distribution Project in which it obtains several tons of fresh salmon from the Oroville Dam hatchery and distributes it to Tribe members;
- F. Planning for the construction of a traditional Indian "bush house" on USFS land near the Tribe's ancestral village;

56 **G.** Participating in the Calaveras Healthy Impact Products Solutions project ("CHIPS"), a
58 community supported project that seeks to reduce wildfire hazards to local communities
60 while providing economic opportunity for local workers and the Collaborative Forest
Landscape Restoration Program ("CFLRP") on landscape restoration and forest stewardship
projects; and

62 **WHEREAS**, Part 10 of the 2006 Constitution calls for the Tribe to review the Constitu-
64 tion and amend it as needed; and

66 **WHEREAS**, the Tribe desires to complete the process of reorganization as provided for
68 under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. § 461 *et seq.* ("IRA"), and to reestab-
lish government-to-government relations with the United States; and

70 **WHEREAS**, the Tribe has drafted a new Tribal Constitution with the participation of the
72 entire Tribal community, and intends to complete the Tribe's review of the new Tribal Consti-
74 tution and to hold a Tribal election to adopt and ratify said Constitution in order to complete
the process of reorganization; and

76 **WHEREAS**, the Tribe desires to establish policies and procedures for the conduct of
78 Tribal elections, including the ratification of a new Constitution, that are consistent with the
2006 Constitution and with the substantive requirements of the IRA; and

80 **WHEREAS**, these election by-law shall remain in force until superceded by procedures
82 in a revised Constitution;

84 **THEREFORE**, the Tribal Council ("Council") of the California Valley Miwok Tribe
86 (a.k.a. Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California) hereby adopts the following
88 by-laws to govern all elections of the Tribe, including ratification of a new Tribal Constitution.

90 **AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD TRIBAL ELECTIONS**

92 **§ 1.** The Council may, by resolution of a majority of the council, call elections to amend the
94 Constitution, to elect members of the Council or for such other purpose as the Council deter-
mines an election is necessary.

96 **§ 2.** Elections must be held within 90 days of the date upon which the Council determines the
98 need for an election.

100 **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

102 **§ 3.** The Council shall appoint an Election Committee of at least three persons who are
104 members of the Council, to supervise and conduct elections. In accordance with these Bylaws,
106 the Election Committee will review and certify the list of eligible voters, hear and resolve
108 disputes concerning voter eligibility, conduct elections and certify the results of elections. All
actions of the Election Committee shall be by majority vote and shall be subject to review by