# California Valley Miwok Tribe

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The **California Valley Miwok Tribe** is a federally recognized tribe of Miwok people in San Joaquin County and Calaveras County, California. [2] They were previously known as the **Sheep Ranch Rancheria** of **Me-Wuk Indian of California**. [4] The California Valley Miwok are Sierra Miwok, an indigenous people of California. [5]

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## California Valley Miwok Tribe

# Total population

5[1]

#### Regions with significant populations



#### Languages

English, historically Northern Sierra Miwok language, Central Sierra Miwok language, and Southern Sierra Miwok language

#### Related ethnic groups

other Miwok tribes

# Government

The tribe conducts business from Stockton, California.<sup>[3]</sup> The current tribal administration is:

- Silvia Burley, Chairperson<sup>[1][6]</sup>
- Anjelica Paulk, Vice Chairperson<sup>[6]</sup>
- Rashel Reznor, Secretary/Treasurer<sup>[1][6]</sup>

# **History**

The Sheep Valley Rancheria was established in 1916 and is 0.92 acres large in Calaveras County. It is currently a cemetery. [7]

The original inhabitant that lived on the Sheep Ranch property was a man named "Indian Jeff" who was the sole individual available in 1934 to sign the Indian Reorganization Act presented to him by the BIA. The current members of the "true" California Valley Miwok Tribe, which doesn't just include Burley and her daughters but a community, are descended from that individual. Silvia Burley, her children and the other members are proper and legitimate members and always had claim to be.

A few years back a scam artist paid \$5.00 to become an official member of the Tribe. He then began working, in collusion with a series of lawyers, including a former commissioner from the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC), someone from the department of justice and the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Central California Agency to replace the Tribal Council and gain control over the land for the purposes of building a Casino. The result of this underhanded scheme is the foreclosure of the California Valley Miwok Tribe land.

Besides, In 1977, Yakima Dixie brutally murdered his great-uncle Lennie Jeff to steal the claim to the tribe for himself. Mr. Yakima Dixie was never a hereditary Chief, nor were any of his brothers. He and Chadd Everone(scam artist) tried to take over the tribe for countless years now, but always failed miserably.

Chadd Everone hired both an ex-commissioner of the California Gambling Control Commission and an ex-attorney of the General Council of the Commission, to exploit their pre-existing personal relationships to influence the current Commission members to discontinue the State Revenue Funding which is due to the Tribe.

# The Everone/Wikileaks case

Chadd Everone(non-Native American) is the deputy of a phony tribe called Sheep Ranch Rancheria (http://www.californiavalleymiwok.com/), led by Yakima Dixie, a convicted murderer. Since years now, they both try to take over the California Valley Miwok Tribe, in order to build a casino with the help of the offices casino mogul, land developer, contractor Albert Seeno.

From court documents it was discovered that Albert Seeno Jr. and associate Chadd Everone were involved in a multi state scam to remove members of the California Valley Miwok Tribe, and replace them with non natives who would allow for the Seeno's to build a casino in California. The Peppermill Casino's Incorporated, A Seeno holding, was not happy with their lucrative enterprises in Nevada. Chadd Everone was mentioned in one complaint selling tribal cards to bolster the number of non natives to claim Miwok lineage in an effort to throw out the true blood line and real Miwok

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people. Mr. Everone also started several web sites under the Miwok tribal name in an effort to legitimize his bogus band of Miwoks. Albert Seeno was clearly identified as the moneyman behind the criminal act of fraud and identity theft as well.<sup>[10]</sup>

In 2012, Wikileaks revealed how Chadd Everone attempted to take over the California Valley Miwok Tribe. Names, dates and personal transmissions from some of the most affluent politicians in the United States of America reveals corruption to the highest level.<sup>[11]</sup>

## See also

Miwok people

Sierra Miwok

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- California Valley Miwok Tribe (http://www.californiavalleymiwoktribe-nsn.gov/), official website
- California Valley Miwok Tribe informational website (http://californiavalleymiwoktribe.us/)

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