

June 6, 2006

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Dear Mr. Samuel:

This letter is in response to your request for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve the amendment to the tribal gaming ordinance dated May 10, 2006. This letter constitutes such approval under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

Thank you for submitting the ordinance amendment for review and approval. The NIOC staff and J look forward to working with you and the Buena Vista Rancheria We-Wuk Indains on future gaming issues.

Sincerely yours. Philip N/Hogen

Chairman

# FIRST AMENDMENT TO TRIBAL GAMING ORDINANCE OF THE BUENA VISTA RANCHERIA OF ME-WUK INDIANS

### TITLE I

## **REGULATION OF CLASS II AND CLASS III GAMING**

#### SECTION 4. TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION

- A. Section 4.6.2 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:
  - **4.6.2** <u>No Waiver</u>. Nothing in this Code shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity from suit.
- **B.** Section 4.7 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:
  - 4.7 Waiver of Sovereign Immunity of the Tribal Commission. The sovereign immunity of the Tribal Commission may be waived only by express resolutions of the Tribal Commission and the Tribal Council after consultation with its attorneys.
- C. Section 4.7.5 is hereby repealed.
- **D.** Section 4.8 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:
  - **4.8** Sovereign Immunity of the Tribe. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, all inherent sovereign rights of the Tribe as a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe are hereby expressly reserved, including but not limited to sovereign immunity from suit in any state, Federal or Tribal court.

# CERTIFICATION FIRST AMENDMENT TO GAMING ORDINANCE

We, the undersigned duly elected officials of the Buena Vista Rancheria, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on  $\underline{Wa(1, 10, 200)}_{10}$  the foregoing Amendment was adopted at a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council of the Buena Vista Rancheria, with a quorum present by a vote of:

for, O against, and O abstaining; Date Tribal Chairperson

**ATTESTED BY:** 

Tribal Iministrator

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## RESOLUTION OF THE BUENA VISTA RANCHERIA OF ME-WUK INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

### Adopting First Amendment to Tribal Gaming Ordinance

### Resolution No. 06-0007\_

- WHEREAS, the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California (the "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian tribe having a government-to-government relationship with the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the governing body of the Tribe, organized pursuant to Article III of the Constitution of the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California (the "Tribal Constitution"); and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council is authorized to promulgate ordinances regarding Tribal activities; and
- WHEREAS, on or about July 31, 2001, a Tribal Gaming Ordinance was adopted, which was later submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") for approval, which approval was granted on September 25, 2001; and
- WHERAS, the Tribal Council believes certain provisions of the Ordinance required revision for the best interests of the Tribe.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Tribal Council hereby adopts the First Amendment to Tribal Gaming Ordinance, and authorizes its submittal to the NIGC for approval.

Dated: 5-10-06

Signed:

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Rhonda L. Morningstar Pope Tribal Chairperson