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The Honorable Robert Martin  
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Dear Chairman Martin:

On October 5, 2017, the Department of the Interior (Department) received the Tribal-State Compact (Compact) between the State of California (State) and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Tribe).

## **DECISION**

Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may approve or disapprove a proposed compact within 45 days of its submission. 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(8). If the Secretary does not approve or disapprove the proposed compact within 45 days, IGRA states that the compact is considered approved by the Secretary, “but only to the extent the Compact is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA].” 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(8)(C).

We undertook a thorough review of the Compact and the additional materials submitted by the parties. While we have concerns with some provisions in the Compact, we have taken no action within the prescribed 45-day review period. As a result, the Compact is “considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent [it] is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA].” 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(C). We proceed in this “deemed approved” manner because the Compact contains provisions that appear to give the State broad authority over non-gaming activities, such as a hotel and on-reservation development and thus may exceed the lawful scope of State authority in gaming compacts under IGRA.

The Compact takes effect upon the publication of notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B); 25 C.F.R. § 293.15. We have set forth an explanation of our concerns below.

## **DISCUSSION**

We briefly address two issues, one related to the revenue sharing provisions in the compact, and the other related to a jurisdictional concern.

### *Revenue Sharing Provisions*

We review revenue sharing requirements in gaming compacts with great scrutiny. Our analysis first looks to whether the state has offered meaningful concessions to the tribe. We view this

concept as one where the state concedes something it was not otherwise required to negotiate, such as granting exclusive rights to operate class III gaming or other benefits sharing a gaming-related nexus. We then examine whether the value of the concessions provide substantial economic benefits to the tribe in a manner justifying the revenue sharing required. We find here that the State has made meaningful concessions in light of the exclusivity of tribal gaming under Proposition 1A in California. This exclusivity represents a substantial economic benefit to the Tribe.

The Tribe will make payments to the State Gaming Agency, for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF) based on the number of gaming devices it operates. The Compact permits the Tribe to operate up to 6,000 gaming devices in 5 locations. Compact § 4.1 & 4.2. Depending on the number of gaming devices in operation, the Tribe will pay to the RSTF or the TNGF between \$9 million and \$11 million. Compact § 5.1.

The Compact memorializes the exclusivity of Proposition 1A in California, and provides that in the event the State allows gaming by other entities, the Tribe has the option to cease gaming or continue gaming under the Compact with a renegotiated revenue sharing structure. Compact § 4.6.

The Tribe also agrees to pay to the State's special Distribution Fund (SDF), on a pro rata basis, the State's regulatory fees based on the number of gaming devices operated by the Tribe, up to three million dollars. Compact § 4.3. If the Tribe's contribution to the SDF under Section 4.3 totals less than three million dollars per year, the Tribe will pay to the SDF the difference between the amount paid and three million dollars. The Tribe's annual pro rata share payment amount will be capped at an amount equal to a 5% increase from the appropriation used to determine the Tribe's pro rata share in the immediately preceding year. Compact § 4.3.

The Compact establishes a Local Community Benefit Fund (Benefit Fund), which is a fund established and managed by the Tribe to make investments in mutually beneficial projects. Compact § 5.2. The Compact requires the Tribe to make monthly payments into the Benefit Fund of \$15 million per year with the possibility on an additional payment of \$750,000 into the Benefit Fund if the Tribe fails to timely make the agreed investment into the rainy day fund. *Id.*

a. Meaningful Concessions

An important part of our analysis involving class III gaming compacts in California involves the decision in *Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation v. Schwarzenegger*<sup>1</sup> where the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals provides guidance on the extent to which variations on tribal gaming exclusivity constitute "meaningful concessions" in exchange for revenue sharing under IGRA. In reaching its decision, the Court reiterated that to be lawful under IGRA, the State may request revenue sharing if the revenue sharing provision is (a) for

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<sup>1</sup> *Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation v. Schwarzenegger*, 602 F.3d 1019 (9th Cir. Cal. 2010) cert. denied at *Brown v. Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation*, 131 S. Ct. 3055(2011).

uses “directly related to the operation of gaming activities,” (b) consistent with the purposes of IGRA, and (c) not “imposed” because it is bargained for in exchange for a “meaningful concession.”<sup>2</sup>

The State's voters approved Proposition 1A in 2000, which effectively grants all California tribes the exclusive right to offer class III gaming within the State. We have consistently recognized that this exclusivity constitutes a meaningful concession to all tribes seeking to participate in gaming under IGRA. We have reached the same conclusion in this instance; the State's concession of the ability to offer class III gaming exclusive of non-Indian operators for twenty-five years constitutes a meaningful concession to the Tribe.

b. Substantial Economic Benefits

Under the second prong of our analysis, we believe that the State's concessions provide a substantial economic benefit to the Tribe in a manner justifying the revenue sharing required under the Compact. Here, the Tribe's financial projections reasonably conclude that the Tribe will generate substantial revenues over the life of the Compact, which will allow the Tribe to pay its debts, develop its economy and strengthen its government. Notably, the Compact also allows the Tribe to redirect a portion of its revenue sharing payments to projects or other investments that are beneficial to the Tribe and its neighbors.

*Permissible and Impermissible Subjects of Compact Negotiation*

The Compact contains several notable provisions that implicate the limitations on compact negotiations prescribed by Congress in IGRA. The IGRA established a statutory scheme that limited tribal gaming and sought to balance tribal, state, and Federal interests in regulating gaming activities on Indian lands. To ensure an appropriate balance between tribal and state interests, Congress limited the subjects over which tribes and states could negotiate a class III gaming compact.<sup>3</sup> Congress also sought to establish “boundaries to restrain aggression by

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to IGRA, a tribal-state compact may include provisions relating to:

- (i) the application of the criminal and civil laws and regulations of the Indian tribe or the State that are directly related to, and necessary for the licensing and regulation of such activity;
- (ii) the allocation of criminal and civil jurisdiction between the State and the Indian tribe necessary for the enforcement of such laws and regulations;
- (iii) the assessment by the State of such activities in such amounts as are necessary to defray the costs of regulating such activity;
- (iv) taxation by the Indian tribe of such activity in amounts comparable to amounts assessed by the State for comparable activities;
- (v) remedies for breach of contract;
- (vi) standards for the operation of such activity and maintenance of the gaming facility, including licensing; and
- (vii) any other subjects that are directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C).

powerful states.”<sup>4</sup> The legislative history of IGRA indicates that “compacts [should not] be used as subterfuge for imposing state jurisdiction on tribal lands.”<sup>5</sup> We conduct our review of tribal-state gaming compacts against this legislative history.

When we review a tribal-state compact or amendment, we look to whether the provisions fall within the scope of categories prescribed at 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C). One of the most challenging aspects of this review is determining whether a particular provision falls within the “catch-all” category at § 2710 (d)(3)(C)(vii): “. . . subjects that are directly related to the operation of gaming activities.” In this case, the Compact’s definitions of “Gaming Facility” and “Project” cause us significant concern because the Compact could be read to allow the State to regulate areas that are not directly related to gaming. When read together, the definitions of “Gaming Facility” and “Project” may encompass an expansive range of activities, which we believe will not be directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

The definition of “Gaming Facility” encompasses any building in which gaming activities occur, including “. . . all rooms, buildings and areas, including hotels, parking lots and walkways, a principal purpose of which is to serve the activities of the Gaming Operation, rather than providing the operation with an incidental benefit.” Compact § 2.13. The term “Project” includes other activities, “a principal purpose of which is to serve the Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation” and any construction or planned expansion of a hotel or infrastructure, a principal purpose of which is to serve the Gaming Facility. Compact § 2.25. Such activities may include access roads, water supply systems, and utility systems. Notably, for purposes of defining a “Project,” the Compact defines “reservation” as including not only the Tribe’s Indian lands under IGRA, but also lands “otherwise held in trust by the Tribe by the United States.” *Id.* These definitions and the inclusion of other trust lands are overly broad and are not directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

Further. Section 11 of the Compact requires the Tribe to take certain actions prior to the commencement of any “Project.” Compact § 11.7. We have significant concerns about whether Section 11 of the Compact, when read together with the definition of both “Gaming Facility” and “Project,” exceeds the scope of provisions tribes and states may include in a class III gaming compact under IGRA. The term “Project” includes activities intended to serve the “Gaming Operations” which encompasses more than just the actual facilities in which gaming activities will be conducted. Arguably, the Compact could be read to apply to tribal activities that are not directly related to the conduct of class III gaming such as the development of a tribal power utility or road system.

Because IGRA is very specific about the reach of a lawful compact, we believe that these provisions must be interpreted to apply only to spaces in which gaming actually takes place, to spaces in which gaming-related funds or devices are kept, to spaces in which other activities directly related to gaming occur, and to spaces occupied or frequented by employees who work within the confines of the gaming operation. For example, the provisions cannot lawfully apply to hotel rooms and hotel-related spaces, or other areas occupied and used exclusively by hotel guests, housekeeping and other non-gaming-related hotel employees. Similarly, the provisions

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<sup>4</sup> *Rincon* at 1027 (citing S. Rep. No. 100-446, at 33 (1988) (statement of Sen. John McCain)).

<sup>5</sup> See S. Rep. No. 100-446 at 14.

should not apply to businesses or amenities that are ancillary to gaming activities or to all trust lands held by the United States for the Tribe. In sum, activities that are only indirectly related to gaming activities are not proper subjects for gaming tribal-state compacts. While other businesses may often be located near or adjacent to tribal gaming facilities, they ordinarily are not “directly related to the operation of gaming activities,” and, therefore, not subject to regulation through a tribal-state compact. Nothing in IGRA or its legislative history indicates that Congress intended to allow tribal-state gaming compacts to be used to expand state regulatory authority over tribal activities that are not directly related to the conduct of class III gaming.

Although we decline to use our authority to disapprove the Compact, we caution the parties to avoid applying these provisions in a manner that does not directly relate to the operation of gaming activities. To do so would violate the express provisions of IGRA that limit the scope of tribal-state gaming compacts, and would, therefore, be unlawful.

## **CONCLUSION**

We undertook a thorough review of the Compact and the additional materials submitted by the Tribe, and decided to take no action within the prescribed 45-day review period. As a result, the Compact is “considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent [it] is consistent with the provisions of [IGRA].” 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(c).

The Compact is effective upon the publication of notice in the Federal Register, as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(8).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Jerry Brown, Governor of California.

Sincerely,



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Exercising the Authority of the Assistant Secretary –  
Indian Affairs

Enclosure

**TRIBAL-STATE GAMING COMPACT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**AND THE**  
**MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS**

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**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE  
MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS**

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Tribe), a federally recognized Indian tribe, and the State of California (State) enter into this tribal-state class III gaming compact (Compact) pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA).

**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, the State of California (hereinafter “the State”) and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians of California (hereinafter “the Tribe”) entered into a Class III gaming compact in 1999 (hereinafter the “1999 Compact”); and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe agreed in August 2006 to amend the 1999 Compact (2006 Amendment) to promote good relations between tribal, state, and local governments and to enhance tribal economic development and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Tribe’s fair revenue contribution, the measures that the Tribe already has taken and will take to enhance protections for local governments and the public, and to provide a sound basis for the Tribe’s decisions with respect to investment in, and the operation of, its Gaming Activities and the Tribe’s other governmental projects, programs and activities, the State agrees to enter into a new Compact to supersede both the 1999 Compact and the 2006 Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe wishes to reaffirm its pledge to share a portion of its revenues with non-gaming and limited-gaming California Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State share an interest in fairly regulating the Gaming Activities conducted at the Gaming Facility, and fostering a good-neighbor relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State share a joint sovereign interest in ensuring that Gaming Activities are free from criminal and other undesirable elements; and

WHEREAS, this Compact will afford the Tribe primary responsibility over the regulation of its Gaming Facility and will enhance the Tribe's economic development and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe agree that all terms of this Compact are intended to be binding and enforceable consistent with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe have concluded that the terms of this new Compact will fairly compensate the State for its regulatory activities, protect the long-term governmental interests of the Tribe and the California public, and promote and secure long-term tribal socio-economic stability, mutual respect among the Tribe, the State and surrounding non-Tribal communities, and other mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe recognize that this Compact is authorized and negotiated and shall take effect pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1998, 25 U.S.C. § 2701, et seq. (IGRA).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tribe and the State hereby repeal the 2006 Amendment and all provisions of the 1999 Compact heretofore not repealed, and replace those agreements with this new Compact, and agree as set forth herein:

**SECTION 1.0. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES.**

The terms of this Compact are designed and intended to:

- (a) Evidence the goodwill and cooperation of the Tribe and the State in fostering a mutually respectful government-to-government relationship that will serve the mutual interests of the parties.
- (b) Enhance and implement a means of regulating Class III Gaming to ensure its fair and honest operation in a way that protects the interests of the Tribe, the State, its citizens, and local communities in accordance with IGRA, and through that regulated Class III Gaming, enable the Tribe to develop self-sufficiency, promote tribal economic development, and generate jobs and revenues to support the Tribe's government and its governmental services and programs.

- (c) Promote ethical practices in conjunction with Class III Gaming, through the licensing and control of persons and entities employed in, or providing goods and services to, the Gaming Operation, protect against the presence or participation of persons whose criminal backgrounds, reputations, character, or associations make them unsuitable for participation in gaming, thereby maintaining a high level of integrity in tribal government gaming, and protect the patrons and employees of the Gaming Operation and the local communities.
- (d) Achieve the objectives set forth in the preamble.

## **SECTION 2.0. DEFINITIONS.**

**Sec. 2.1.** “Applicable Codes” means the California Building Code and the California Public Safety Code applicable to the County, as set forth in titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations, as those regulations may be amended during the term of this Compact, including, but not limited to, codes for building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fire and safety.

**Sec. 2.2.** “Applicant” means an individual or entity that applies for a tribal gaming license or for a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability.

**Sec. 2.3.** “Association” means an association of California tribal and state gaming regulators, the membership of which comprises up to two (2) representatives from each tribal gaming agency of those tribes with whom the State has a gaming compact under IGRA, and up to two (2) delegates each from the state Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control and the California Gambling Control Commission.

**Sec. 2.4.** “Class III Gaming” means the forms of class III gaming defined as such in 25 U.S.C. § 2703(8) and by regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**Sec. 2.5.** “Commission” means the California Gambling Control Commission, or any successor agency of the State.

**Sec. 2.6.** “Compact” means this Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

**Sec. 2.7.** “Compact Key Employee” means any natural person employed in the operation of a Gaming Facility in a supervisory or management capacity empowered to make discretionary decisions regarding the conduct of Gaming Activities, including without limitation, pit bosses, shift bosses, credit executives, cashier operations supervisors, gaming operation managers and assistant managers, and managers or supervisors of security employees. All Gaming Employees who do not fall within the definition of a Compact Key Employee are not Compact Key Employees, and are not subject to the State certification process under section 6.5.6 of this Compact.

**Sec. 2.8.** “County” means the County of Riverside, California, a political subdivision of the State.

**Sec. 2.9.** “Financial Source” means any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, extends financing to the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation.

**Sec. 2.10.** “Gaming Activity” or “Gaming Activities” means the conduct of Class III Gaming activities authorized under this Compact.

**Sec. 2.11.** “Gaming Device” means any slot machine within the meaning of article IV, section 19, subdivision (f) of the California Constitution. For purposes of calculating the number of Gaming Devices, each player station or terminal on which a game is played constitutes a separate Gaming Device, irrespective of whether it is part of an interconnected system to such terminals or stations. “Gaming Device” includes, but is not limited to, video poker, but does not include electronic, computer, or other technological aids that qualify as class II gaming (as defined under IGRA).

**Sec. 2.12.** “Gaming Employee” means any natural person who (a) conducts, operates, maintains, repairs, accounts for, or assists in any Gaming Activities, or is in any way responsible for supervising such Gaming Activities or persons who conduct, operate, maintain, repair, account for, assist, or supervise any such Gaming Activities, (b) is in a category under federal or tribal gaming law requiring licensing, (c) is an employee of the Tribal Gaming Agency with access to confidential information, or (d) is a person whose employment duties require or authorize unescorted access to areas of the Gaming Facility in which Gaming Activities are conducted but that are not open to the public. The definition of “Gaming Employee” does not include third-party providers of professional accounting or legal services.

**Sec. 2.13.** “Gaming Facility” or “Facility” means any building in which Gaming Activities occur, or, solely for purposes of access by the State Gaming Agency, areas in other on-Reservation buildings in which business records, receipts, or funds of the Gaming Operation are maintained (excluding offsite facilities primarily dedicated to storage of those records, and financial institutions), and all rooms, buildings, and areas, including hotels, parking lots, and walkways, the principal purpose of which is to serve the activities of the Gaming Operation and Facility rather than providing them with an incidental benefit.

**Sec. 2.14.** “Gaming Operation” means the overall business enterprise that offers and operates Gaming Activities, whether exclusively or otherwise, but does not include the Tribe’s governmental or other proprietary activities unrelated to operation of the Gaming Facility.

**Sec. 2.15.** “Gaming Ordinance” means a tribal ordinance or resolution duly authorizing the conduct of Gaming Activities on the Tribe’s eligible Indian lands in California and approved under IGRA.

**Sec. 2.16.** “Gaming Resources” means any goods or services provided or used in connection with Gaming Activities, whether exclusively or otherwise, including, but not limited to, equipment, furniture, Gaming Devices and ancillary equipment, implements of Gaming Activities such as playing cards, furniture designed primarily for Gaming Activities, maintenance or security equipment and services, and Class III Gaming consulting services. “Gaming Resources” does not include professional accounting and legal services.

**Sec. 2.17.** “Gaming Resource Supplier” means any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, does, or is deemed likely to: manufacture, distribute, supply, vend, lease, purvey, or otherwise provide, to the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in Gaming Resources in any twelve (12)-month period; or who, directly or indirectly, receives, or is deemed likely to receive, in connection with the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, at least twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in any consecutive twelve (12)-month period, provided, that the Tribal Gaming Agency may exclude a purveyor of equipment or furniture that is not specifically designed for, and is distributed generally for use other than in connection with, Gaming Activities, if, but for the purveyance, the purveyor is not otherwise a Gaming Resource Supplier as described herein, the compensation received by the purveyor is not grossly disproportionate to the value of the goods or services provided, and the purveyor is

not otherwise a person who exercises a significant influence over the Gaming Operation.

**Sec. 2.18.** “Gross Gaming Revenue” or “win” means the difference between gaming wins and losses from Gaming Devices before deducting incentives or adjusting for changes in progressive jackpot liability accruals, or as such terms may be revised from time to time in the “Gaming” Audit and Accounting Guide published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Sec. 2.19.** “IGRA” means the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (PL. 100-497, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-1168 and 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.), and any amendments thereto, as interpreted by all regulations promulgated thereunder, and by the federal courts.

**Sec. 2.20.** “Interested Persons” means (i) all local, state, and federal agencies, which, if a Project were not taking place on Indian lands, would have responsibility for approving the Project or would exercise authority over the natural resources that may be affected by the Project, (ii) any incorporated city within six (6) miles of the Project, and (iii) persons, groups, or agencies that request in writing a notice of preparation of a draft tribal environmental impact report described in section 11.0, or have commented on the Project in writing to the Tribe or the County.

**Sec. 2.21.** “Limited Gaming Tribe” means a federally recognized tribe in California that has a Class III Gaming compact with the State but is operating fewer than a combined total of three hundred fifty (350) Gaming Devices in all of its gaming operations wherever located, or does not have a Class III Gaming compact but is engaged in class II gaming, whether within or without California, during the immediately preceding three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

**Sec. 2.22.** “Management Contractor” means any Gaming Resource Supplier with whom the Tribe has contracted for the management of any Gaming Activity or Gaming Facility, including, but not limited to, any person who would be regarded as a management contractor under IGRA.

**Sec. 2.23.** “NIGC” means the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**Sec. 2.24.** “Non-Gaming Tribe” means a federally recognized tribe in California, with or without a tribal-state Class III Gaming compact, that has not engaged in, or offered, Class II gaming or Class III Gaming in any location

whether within or without California, as of the date of distribution to such tribe from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or during the immediately preceding three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

**Sec. 2.25.** “Project” means any activity occurring on Indian lands, the principal purpose of which is to serve the Tribe’s Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation, and which may cause either a direct physical change in the off-reservation environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the off-reservation environment. This definition shall be understood to include, without limitation, the construction or planned expansion of any Gaming Facility, the principal purpose of which is to serve the Gaming Facility rather than provide that Facility with an incidental benefit, as long as such construction or expansion may cause either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the off-reservation environment. For purposes of this definition and section 11.0, “reservation” refers to the Tribe’s Indian lands within the meaning of IGRA or lands otherwise held in trust for the Tribe by the United States.

**Sec. 2.26.** “Revenue Sharing Trust Fund” means a fund created by the Legislature and administered by the State Gaming Agency that, as limited trustee, is not a trustee subject to the duties and liabilities contained in the California Probate Code, similar state or federal statutes, rules or regulations, or under state or federal common law or equitable principles, and has no duties, responsibilities, or obligations hereunder except for the receipt, deposit, and distribution of monies paid by gaming tribes for the benefit of Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes.

**Sec. 2.27.** “Significant Effect(s) on the Off-Reservation Environment” is the same as “Significant Effect(s) on the Environment” and occur(s) if any of the following conditions exist:

- (a) A proposed Project has the potential to degrade the quality of the off-reservation environment, curtail the range of the environment, water resources, air quality, traffic or public services.
- (b) The possible effects of a Project on the off-reservation environment are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. As used herein, “cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of an individual Project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the Tribe’s past projects, the effects of

other current tribal projects, and the effects of probable future tribal projects. Tribal projects that do not involve Gaming Activities need not be analyzed for cumulative impacts.

- (c) The off-reservation environmental effects of a Project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

For purposes of this definition, “reservation” refers to the Tribe’s Indian lands within the meaning of IGRA or lands otherwise held in trust for the Tribe by the United States.

**Sec. 2.28.** “State” means the State of California or an authorized official or agency thereof designated by this Compact or by the Governor.

**Sec. 2.29.** “State Designated Agency” means the entity or entities designated or to be designated by the Governor to exercise rights and fulfill responsibilities established by this Compact.

**Sec. 2.30.** “State Gaming Agency” means the entities authorized to investigate, approve, regulate and license gaming pursuant to the Gambling Control Act (chapter 5 (commencing with section 19800) of division 8 of the California Business and Professions Code), or any successor statutory scheme, and any entity or entities in which that authority may hereafter be vested.

**Sec. 2.31.** “TEIR” means a Tribal Environmental Impact Report prepared in connection with a Project as required by section 11 of this Compact, and addressing the issues set forth on the Environmental Checklist affixed to this Compact as Appendix A.

**Sec. 2.32.** “Tribal Chair” or “Tribal Chairperson” means the person duly elected or selected under the Tribe’s governing documents or customs and traditions to perform the duties specified therein, including serving as the Tribe’s official representative.

**Sec. 2.33.** “Tribal Gaming Agency” means the person, agency, board, committee, commission, or council designated under tribal law, including, but not limited to, an intertribal gaming regulatory agency approved to fulfill those functions by the NIGC, primarily responsible for carrying out the Tribe’s regulatory responsibilities under IGRA and the Tribe’s Gaming Ordinance. No

person employed in, or in connection with, the management, supervision, or conduct of any Gaming Activity may be a member or employee of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

**Sec. 2.34.** “Tribal Nation Grant Fund” means a fund created by the Legislature to make discretionary distribution of funds to Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes upon application of such tribes for purposes related to effective self-governance, self-determined community development, and non-gaming economic development. The fiscal operations of the Tribal Nation Grant Fund are administered by the State Gaming Agency, which acts as a limited trustee not subject to the duties and liabilities contained in the California Probate Code, similar state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations, or under state or federal common law or equitable principles, and with no duties or obligations hereunder except for the receipt, deposit, and distribution of monies paid by gaming tribes for the benefit of Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes, as those payments are directed by a State Designated Agency.

**Sec. 2.35.** “Tribe” means the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe listed in the Federal Register, or an authorized official or agency thereof.

### **SECTION 3.0. SCOPE OF CLASS III GAMING AUTHORIZED.**

#### **Sec. 3.1. Authorized Class III Gaming.**

- (a) The Tribe is hereby authorized and permitted to operate only the following Gaming Activities under the terms and conditions set forth in the Compact:
  - (1) Gaming Devices.
  - (2) Any banking or percentage card games.
  - (3) Any devices or games that are authorized under state law to the California State Lottery, provided that the Tribe will not offer such games through use of the Internet unless others in the state are permitted to do so under state and federal law.

- (b) Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the Tribe from offering any form of class II gaming anywhere on the Tribe's Indian lands.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize or permit the operation of any Class III Gaming that the State lacks the power to authorize or permit under article IV, section 19, subdivision (f), or other relevant provision of the California Constitution.
- (d) The Tribe shall not engage in Class III Gaming that is not expressly authorized in this Compact.
- (e) Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the negotiation of a separate compact governing the conduct of off-track wagering at the Tribe's Gaming Facility.

**SECTION 4.0. AUTHORIZED LOCATION OF GAMING FACILITIES, NUMBER OF GAMING DEVICES, COST REIMBURSEMENT, AND MITIGATION.**

**Sec. 4.1. Authorized Number of Gaming Devices.**

The Tribe shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to operate up to and including six thousand (6,000) Gaming Devices. The Tribe's right to operate any Gaming Devices shall be conditioned upon compliance with the conditions set forth in section 3.1 and sections 4.2 through and including section 5.3.

**Sec. 4.2. Authorized Gaming Facilities.**

The Tribe may establish and operate a total of five (5) Gaming Facilities, in only two of which may the Tribe operate more than five-hundred (500) Gaming Devices. The Tribe may engage in Class III Gaming only on the Tribe's eligible Indian lands held in trust for the Tribe located within the boundaries of the Tribe's Reservation and certain trust lands on which Class III Gaming lawfully may be conducted under IGRA, as those boundaries exist as of the execution date of this Compact.

### **Sec. 4.3. Special Distribution Fund.**

The Tribe shall pay to the State on a pro rata basis the State's 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C) reasonable and necessary costs incurred for purposes consistent with IGRA, including the performance of all its duties under this Compact, the administration and implementation of tribal-state Class III Gaming compacts generally, and funding for the Office of Problem Gambling, as determined by the monies appropriated by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act each fiscal year to carry out those purposes (Appropriation). The Appropriation and the maximum number of Gaming Devices operated by all federally recognized tribes in California pursuant to tribal-state Class III Gaming compacts determined to be in operation during the previous State fiscal year shall be reported annually by the State Gaming Agency to the Tribe on or before December 15 of each year. The term "operated" or "operation" as used in this Compact in relation to Gaming Devices describes each and every Gaming Device available to patrons (including slot tournament contestants) for play at any given time. The Tribe's pro rata share of the State's 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C) regulatory costs in any given year this Compact is in effect shall be calculated by the following equation:

The maximum number of Gaming Devices operated in the Gaming Facility for the previous fiscal year as determined by the State Gaming Agency, divided by the maximum number of Gaming Devices operated by all federally recognized tribes in California pursuant to tribal-state Class III gaming compacts and this Compact during the previous fiscal year, multiplied by the Appropriation, equals the Tribe's pro rata share.

- (a) Beginning the first full quarter after Class III Gaming commences under this Compact, the Tribe shall pay its pro rata share to the State Gaming Agency for deposit into the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund established by the Legislature (Special Distribution Fund). The payment shall be made in four (4) equal quarterly installments due on the thirtieth (30th) day following the end of each calendar quarter (i.e., by April 30 for the first quarter, July 30 for the second quarter, October 30 for the third quarter, and January 30 for the fourth quarter); provided, however, that in the event this Compact becomes effective during a calendar quarter, payment shall be prorated for the number of days remaining in that initial quarter, in addition to any remaining full quarters in the first calendar year of operation to obtain a full year of full quarterly payments of the Tribe's pro rata share specified above. A payment year will run from January

through December. If any portion of the Tribe's quarterly pro rata share payment or payment pursuant to section 4.3, subdivision (b) is overdue, the Tribe shall pay to the State for purposes of deposit into the appropriate fund, the amount overdue plus interest accrued thereon at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by state law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less. All quarterly payments shall be accompanied by the report specified in section 4.4.

- (b) If the foregoing payments total less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year, the Tribe will pay into the Special Distribution Fund the difference between such payments and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per year to assist in attaining the solvency of the Special Distribution Fund to carry out the purposes set forth in section 4.3.1 during periods in which the number of tribes making pro rata share payments may be insufficient. In the event the pro rata funding for the Special Distribution Fund statewide has proven sufficient to meet the purposes set forth in section 4.3.1 for three (3) consecutive years, the parties agree to meet and confer for the purpose of negotiating an appropriate reduction in the additional payment described in this subdivision (b).
- (c) If the Tribe objects to the State's determination of the Tribe's pro rata share under section 4.3, or to the amount of the Appropriation as including matters not consistent with IGRA, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0. Any State determination of the Tribe's pro rata share challenged by the Tribe shall govern and shall be paid by the Tribe to the State when due, and the Tribe's payment is a condition precedent to invoking the section 13.0 dispute resolution provisions.
- (d) The Tribe's annual pro rata share payment amount under section 4.3 shall be capped at an amount equal to a five percent (5%) increase from the Appropriation used to determine the Tribe's pro rata share in the immediately preceding year.

### **Sec. 4.3.1. Use of Special Distribution Funds.**

Revenue placed in the Special Distribution Fund shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature for the following purposes:

- (a) California Department of Public Health, Office of Problem Gambling's prevention and treatment programs;
- (b) Grants, including any administrative costs and environmental review costs, for the support of State and/or local government agencies impacted by tribal government gaming;
- (c) Compensation for regulatory costs incurred by the State including, but not limited to: the Commission; the California Department of Justice; the Office of the Governor; the State Controller; the State Department of Human Resources; the Financial Information System for California; and State Designated Agencies in connection with the implementation and administration of Class III Gaming compacts in California;
- (d) Compensation to state and local government agencies for law enforcement, fire, public safety, and other emergency response services provided in response to or arising from any threat to the health, welfare and safety of the Tribe's Gaming Facility patrons, employees, tribal members or the public generally, attributable to, or as a consequence of, disputes arising on the Tribe's Indian lands in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation; and
- (e) Any other purposes specified by the Legislature that are consistent with IGRA, including funds necessary to ensure adequate funding to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.
- (f) The foregoing payments have been negotiated between the parties as a fair and reasonable contribution, based upon the State's reasonable and necessary costs of regulating and mitigating certain impacts of tribal government gaming including problem gambling, as well as the Tribe's market conditions, its circumstances, and the rights afforded and consideration provided by this Compact.

#### **Sec. 4.4. Quarterly Revenue Contribution Report.**

At the time each quarterly payment is due, the Tribe shall submit to the State a report, prepared and certified by an authorized representative of the Gaming Operation or the Tribe, which sets forth the following information:

- (a) The calculation of the maximum number of Gaming Devices in operation for each day during the given quarter.
- (b) The total amount of the quarterly revenue contribution paid to the State under sections 4.3 and 5.1.
- (c) The total amount of the quarterly revenue contribution paid to the Local Community Benefit Fund as defined in section 5.2.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 13.0, any failure of the Tribe to remit the payments referenced in subdivision (b), will entitle the State to immediately seek injunctive relief in state or federal court, to compel the payments, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, or the maximum rate permitted by State law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less; and further, the Tribe expressly consents to be sued in either court and waives its right to assert sovereign immunity against the State in any such proceeding. Failure to make timely payment shall be deemed a material breach of this Compact.
- (e) If any portion of the payments under subdivision (b) of this section is overdue after the State Gaming Agency has provided written notice to the Tribe of the overdue amount with an opportunity to cure of at least fifteen (15) business days, and if more than sixty (60) calendar days have passed from the due date, then unless the State agrees otherwise, the Tribe shall cease operating all of its Gaming Devices until full payment is made.

#### **Sec. 4.5. Effective Date of Revenue Contribution Provisions**

The provisions of this Compact establishing or superseding existing revenue sharing obligations of the Tribe will take effect on the first day of the first month following the effective date of this Compact.

#### **Sec. 4.6. Exclusivity.**

In recognition of the Tribe's agreement to make the payments specified in sections 4.3, 5.1, and 5.2, the Tribe shall have the following rights:

- (a) In the event the exclusive right of Indian tribes to operate Gaming Devices in California is abrogated by the enactment, amendment, or repeal of a State statute or constitutional provision, or the conclusive and dispositive judicial construction of a statute or the State Constitution by a California appellate court after the effective date of this Compact that Gaming Devices may lawfully be operated by another person, organization, or entity (other than an Indian tribe) within California, the Tribe shall have the right to exercise one of the following options:
  - (1) Terminate this Compact, in which case the Tribe will lose the right to operate Gaming Devices and other Class III Gaming authorized by this Compact; or
  - (2) Continue under this Compact with an entitlement to a reduction of the rates specified in sections 5.1 and 5.2 following the conclusion of negotiations, to provide for: (A) compensation to the State for the reasonable costs of regulation, as set forth in section 4.3, but with the understanding that the Tribe would have no obligation to make the payments set forth in section 4.3, subdivision (b); (B) reasonable payments to local governments impacted by tribal government gaming, the amount to be determined based upon any intergovernmental agreement entered into pursuant to section 11.7; (C) grants for programs designed to address and treat gambling addiction; and (D) such assessments as authorized at such time under federal law. The negotiations shall commence within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written request by a party to enter into negotiations, unless both parties agree in writing to an extension of time. If the Tribe and the State fail to reach agreement on the amount of reduction of such payments within sixty (60) days following commencement of the negotiations specified in this section, the amount, and effective date, shall be determined by arbitration pursuant to section 13.2.

- (b) Nothing in this section is intended to preclude the California State Lottery from offering any lottery games or devices that are currently or may hereafter be authorized by state law.

**SECTION 5.0. REVENUE SHARING WITH NON-GAMING AND LIMITED-GAMING TRIBES, AND FOR OTHER MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PURPOSES.**

**Sec. 5.1. Payments to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund.**

- (a) The Tribe shall pay the following amounts annually to the State Gaming Agency for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund:

Maximum # of Gaming Devices	Annual Payment
4,000	\$9,000,000
4,500	\$9,500,000
5,000	\$10,000,000
5,500	\$10,500,000
6,000	\$11,000,000

- (b) The Tribe shall remit the payment(s) referenced in subdivision (a) to the State Gaming Agency in quarterly payments, which payments shall be due thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar quarter (i.e., by April 30 for the first quarter, July 30 for the second quarter, October 30 for the third quarter, and January 30 for the fourth quarter).
- (c) If any portion of the Tribe's payment(s) as required by subdivision (b) is overdue, the Tribe shall pay to the State for purposes of deposit into the appropriate fund, the amount overdue plus interest accrued thereon at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by state law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less.
- (d) All payments made by the Tribe to the State Gaming Agency pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and the Tribal Nation Grant Fund in a proportion to be determined by

the Legislature, provided that if there are insufficient monies in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to pay one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) per year to each eligible Non-Gaming Tribe and Limited-Gaming Tribe, the State Gaming Agency shall deposit the payments into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.

- (e) The State Gaming Agency shall allocate and disburse the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund monies on a quarterly basis as specified by the Legislature. Each eligible Non-Gaming Tribe and Limited-Gaming Tribe in the State shall receive the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) per year from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. In the event there are insufficient monies in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund to pay one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) per year to each eligible Non-Gaming Tribe and Limited-Gaming Tribe, any available monies in that fund shall be distributed to eligible Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes in equal shares. Monies deposited into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund in excess of the amount necessary to distribute one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) to each eligible Non-Gaming Tribe and Limited-Gaming Tribe shall remain in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund available for disbursement in future years, or deposited in the Tribal Nation Grant Fund but shall not be used for purposes other than the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund. In no event shall the State's general fund be obligated to make up any shortfall in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or to pay any unpaid claims connected therewith, and, notwithstanding any provision of law, including any existing provision of law implementing the State Gaming Agency's obligations related to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund under any Class III Gaming compact, Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes are not third-party beneficiaries of this Compact and shall have no right to seek any judicial order compelling disbursement of any Revenue Sharing Trust Fund monies to them.
- (f) The State Gaming Agency shall allocate and disburse the Tribal Nation Grant Fund monies as specified by a State Designated Agency to one (1) or more eligible Non-Gaming and Limited-Gaming Tribes upon a competitive application basis. The State Gaming Agency shall exercise no discretion or control over, nor bear any responsibility arising from, the recipient tribes' use or disbursement of Tribal Nation

Grant Fund monies. The State Designated Agency shall perform any necessary audits to ensure that monies awarded to any tribe are being used in accordance with their disbursement in relation to the purpose of the Tribal Nation Grant Fund. In no event shall the State's general fund be obligated to pay any monies into the Tribal Nation Grant Fund or to pay any unpaid claims connected therewith, and, notwithstanding any provision of law, including any existing provision of law implementing the State's obligations related to the Tribal Nation Grant Fund or the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund under any Class III Gaming compact, Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes are not third-party beneficiaries of this Compact and shall have no right to seek any judicial order compelling disbursement of any Tribal Nation Grant Fund monies to them.

**Sec. 5.2. Provision for Local Community Benefit Fund.**

- (a) The "Local Community Benefit Fund" is a fund established and managed by the Tribe to make or provide funding for, or make investments in, the mutually beneficial projects and purposes specified below. The parties agree that the Tribe shall pay into and manage the Local Community Benefit Fund. The Tribe shall make monthly payments into the Local Community Benefit Fund of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000), totaling fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) per year. In addition, if the Tribe does not make a payment of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) into the Rainy Day Fund per section 5.3, subdivision (a)(1)(A) during the first ten (10) months of the calendar year due to the Rainy Day Fund already having one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in Restricted Funds, the Tribe shall make an additional payment of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) into the Local Community Benefit Fund. If the Restricted Funds balance in the Rainy Day Fund drops below one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), the Tribe shall have the right to reduce its annual payments into the Local Community Benefit Fund to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) unless and until the Restricted Funds balance in the Rainy Day Fund exceeds one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000). The Local Community Benefit Fund may be used, as determined by the Tribe, for the following purposes:

- (1) Payments by the Tribe to the County, local jurisdictions and/or the California Department of Transportation operating facilities or providing services within the County for purposes of improved fire, law enforcement, public transit, education, tourism, or non-profit or civic organizations operating facilities or providing services within the County, for cultural programs, emergency and routine medical services, problem gambling assistance programs, youth athletics and other youth programs, and other services and infrastructure improvements that serve off-reservation needs of County residents as well as those of the Tribe, and not otherwise required by section 11.0. Acceptance of such payments shall be subject to approval by the County or local jurisdiction in the County to which payments are proposed to be made;
- (2) The cost of services provided by the Tribe or payments made by the Tribe, to the County, the City of Banning, other local jurisdictions, and State agencies, including the California Department of Transportation, for purposes of financing infrastructure projects, including but not limited to construction, repair, maintenance and improvement of roads, structures and facilities on non-Indian lands in the County that benefit the Tribe's Gaming Operation and the surrounding community and that also may be required mitigation of impacts on the off-Reservation environment as identified by a TEIR prepared by the Tribe pursuant to section 11.0;
- (3) To promote continued economic growth that benefits the Tribe and the surrounding community through investments in facilities, infrastructure, or other projects that generate sustained job creation and ensure the financial longevity of the Tribe, the Tribe may utilize up to twenty percent (20%) of the monies deposited into the Local Community Benefit Fund annually for the purpose of serving any of its debt that is secured, in whole or in part, by the revenues or other assets of the Gaming Operation;
- (4) Investments by the Tribe in, and any funds paid to the State (not including direct or indirect state or federal funding) in water treatment or conservation projects that, in part, serve the

Gaming Facility, or any improvements incorporating water conservation or treatment technology on real property owned by the Tribe;

- (5) Non-gaming related capital investments and economic development projects by the Tribe, on tribal trust lands, that provide mutual benefits to the Tribe and the State because, for instance, they have particular cultural, social, or environmental value, or diversify the sources of revenue for the Tribe's general fund;
- (6) Investments by the Tribe in, and any funds paid to the State, including excise taxes, in connection with renewable energy projects that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility or the Tribe's reservation generally, to include, but not be limited to, facilities that incorporate charging stations for electric or other zero-emission vehicles that are available to tribal members, patrons, and employees of the Gaming Facility or the Tribe. For purposes of this subdivision (a)(6), "renewable energy projects" means projects that utilize a technology other than a conventional power source, as defined in section 2805 of the Public Utilities Code, as may be amended, and instead uses as a power source biomass, geothermal, small hydroelectric, solar, or wind, as those power sources are defined in section 1391, subdivision (c), of title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, as may be amended from time to time; the power source must not utilize more than twenty-five percent (25%) fossil fuel; and facilities shall include but not be limited to, parking areas, parking garages, and refueling stations. To address changes in technology, the State and the Tribe may meet and agree that specified projects and facilities meet the intent of this subdivision (a)(6);
- (7) Payments (not including direct or indirect state or federal funding) to support capital improvements and operating expenses for facilities within California that provide health care services to tribal members, Indians, and non-Indians;
- (8) Grants to Native Americans who are not members of the Tribe, or grants to other federally-recognized tribes, for educational,

cultural, or vocational purposes, or for governmental or general welfare purposes;

- (9) Investments, loans, or other financial obligations including actual payments used to secure loans, to or for the benefit of other California federally recognized tribes; and
  - (10) Costs of recycling programs, and any improvements incorporating recycling technology, that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility, or other on- or off-reservation needs within the County.
- (b) All excess authorized Local Community Benefit Fund monies that cannot be applied in any one (1) year under this section 5.2 may be applied as an annual credit in all following years that this Compact is in effect, until completely exhausted.
  - (c) The Tribe shall provide notice to the State of its intent to exercise any of its options under this section 5.2, including allocating funds for capital-intensive or on-going projects or activities on a multi-year basis. The State shall have the right to review the proposed uses and, in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, object to a proposed use under this section 5.2 within sixty (60) days if it does not meet at least one of the purposes set out above. If the State objects to the exercise of the option after considering the documentation provided, and affording the Tribe's justification with appropriate deference in light of the language and intent of the compact provisions, the Tribe shall make a good-faith effort to address the State's concerns, but if the State does not withdraw its objection, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0.
  - (d) On or before January 31, or other date as otherwise may be agreed to by the parties, of each year, the Tribe shall provide to the State a report of annual contributions to and expenditures from the Local Community Benefit Fund. The reporting will include sufficient detail to enable both parties to ensure that the funds are being used in a manner consistent with the purposes set forth in subdivision (a)(1) though (a)(10).

- (e) Any failure to make payment into the Local Community Benefit Fund as required by this section 5.2, except as excused pursuant to section 4.6, subdivision (a)(2), shall be deemed a material breach of this Compact.

### **Sec. 5.3. Tribal “Rainy Day” Fund.**

- (a) Because the operation of Gaming Activities is, and for the foreseeable future will continue to be, the primary source of the revenues with which the Tribe’s government provides vital services and programs to its citizens, other Reservation residents and visitors that are not generally available from other sources, because the Tribe has incurred and in the future will incur significant financing and other costs associated with the ongoing maintenance and improvement of its existing Gaming Facilities and other Reservation infrastructure, and because a significant impairment of the Tribe’s continuing ability to provide such services and programs would be detrimental not only to the Tribe’s government and citizens, but also to the surrounding non-tribal community and the State, the Tribe agrees to establish a “Rainy Day Fund” to serve as a buffer against either or both periodic adverse fluctuations in tribal revenues or severe long-term reductions in tribal revenues due to changes in the law or market conditions, in accordance with the following:
  - (1) The Tribe shall establish an expendable trust fund as defined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) that shall be known as the “Rainy Day Fund”:
    - (A) The Tribe, from the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa (MCRS), shall, in each of the first ten (10) months of each calendar year, until such time as one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) has been contributed, contribute one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Rainy Day Fund.
    - (B) Funds contributed to the Rainy Day Fund shall be “Restricted Funds” as defined by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, and may not be distributed other than as in subdivision (a)(1)(D) of this section.

- (C) The contributions in subdivision (a)(1)(A) need not be made for any month in which the MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue from Gaming Devices for the trailing twelve (12) months is less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the average of the MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the preceding five (5) calendar years.
- (D) After notification to the State and State Gaming Agency, and provided that the total MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the immediately preceding calendar year was less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the average MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the preceding five (5) calendar years, the Tribe may authorize Restricted Funds to be distributed to the Tribe's general fund in an amount not to exceed the difference between the amount distributed from the MCRS to the Tribe's general fund pursuant to the Tribe's approved Revenue Allocation Plan for the immediately preceding calendar year and the average amount distributed from the MCRS to the Tribe's general fund pursuant to the Tribe's approved Revenue Allocation Plan for the preceding five (5) calendar years.

If Restricted Funds are distributed under subdivision (a)(1)(D), contributions as described in subdivision (a)(1)(A) shall resume at such time as the average MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the trailing twelve (12) months exceeds the average annual MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the preceding five (5) calendar years, and shall continue until the Rainy Day Fund again contains one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) of Restricted Funds.

- (2) The Accumulated Change in Net Position of the Rainy Day Fund, as defined by GASB Statement No. 63, shall be accounted for separately from the Restricted Funds in the same Trust Fund and shall include the previous years' Change in Net Position not distributed pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(D).
  - (A) Each year, once the audit of the Rainy Day Fund is complete and presented to the Tribal Membership at a

regularly scheduled tribal membership meeting, the Tribe may authorize distribution of up to fifty percent (50%) of the Rainy Day Fund's immediately preceding year's Change in Net Position to the Tribe's general fund.

- (B) In addition to the distribution as in subdivision (a)(1)(D), the Tribe may distribute to the Tribe's general fund any remaining Accumulated Change in Net Position, other than Restricted Funds, if, and only if, the Change in Net Position of the MCRS for the immediately preceding calendar year was less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the annual average of the MCRS Gross Gaming Revenue for the preceding five (5) calendar years.
- (3) The Rainy Day Fund shall be managed by a Registered Investment Advisor as defined in California Probate Code section 16045, et seq., and can only be invested in accordance with the Tribe's investment policy guidelines in a manner consistent with the "prudent investor rule" as defined in California Probate Code section 16045, et seq.
- (4) The Rainy Day Fund shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in the State of California.
- (5) If requested by the Governor or the State-Designated Agency, the Audited Financial Statements of the Rainy Day Fund shall be provided to the Governor or his/her designee within ninety (90) days after completion of each annual audit.

## **SECTION 6.0. LICENSING.**

### **Sec. 6.1. Gaming Ordinance and Regulations.**

- (a) All Gaming Activities conducted under this Compact shall, at a minimum, comply (i) with a Gaming Ordinance duly adopted by the Tribe and approved in accordance with IGRA, (ii) with all applicable rules, regulations, procedures, specifications, and standards duly adopted by the NIGC, the Tribal Gaming Agency, and the State Gaming Agency, and (iii) with the provisions of this Compact.

- (b) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit a copy of the Gaming Ordinance, and all of its rules, regulations, procedures, specifications, ordinances, or standards applicable to the Gaming Activities and Gaming Operation, excluding the Tribal Gaming Agency's internal policies and procedures, to the State Gaming Agency within twenty (20) days following the effective date of this Compact, or within twenty (20) days following their adoption or amendment, whichever is later.
- (c) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall make available to Gaming Operation patrons or their legal representatives, through electronic means or otherwise in its discretion: the Gaming Ordinance; the rules of each Class III Gaming game operated by the Tribe, to the extent that such rules are not available for display on the Gaming Device or table on which the game is played; rules governing promotions, points and the player's club program (including rules regarding confidentiality of player information, if any); the Tort Liability Ordinance specified in section 12.4, subdivision (b); the rules of practice of the tribal court, or if there is no tribal court, the rules of the tribal claims commission; tribal law, to the extent it directly impacts the operation of Gaming Activities; and the regulations promulgated by the Tribal Gaming Agency concerning patron disputes pursuant to section 10.0. To the extent that any of the foregoing are available to the public on a website maintained by an agency of the State of California or the federal government, or by the Tribe or the Gaming Operation, the Tribal Gaming Agency may refer requesters to such website(s) for the requested information.

**Sec. 6.2. Tribal Ownership, Management, and Control of Gaming Operation.**

The Gaming Operation authorized under this Compact shall be owned solely by the Tribe.

**Sec. 6.3. Prohibitions Regarding Minors.**

- (a) The Tribe shall prohibit persons under the age of eighteen (18) years from being present in any room or area in which Gaming Activities are being conducted unless the person is en route to a non-gaming area of the Gaming Facility.

- (b) If the Tribe permits the consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years from purchasing, consuming, or possessing alcoholic beverages. The Tribe shall also prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one (21) years from being present in any room or area in which alcoholic beverages may be consumed, except to the extent permitted by the terms of the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license(s) applicable to the Gaming Facility.

#### **Sec. 6.4. Licensing Requirements and Procedures.**

##### **Sec. 6.4.1. Summary of Licensing Principles.**

All persons in any way connected with the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility who are required to be licensed or to submit to a background investigation under IGRA, and any others required to be licensed under this Compact, including, without limitation, all Gaming Employees, Gaming Resource Suppliers, Financial Sources, and any individual having a significant influence over the Gaming Operation, or unescorted access to areas of the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility not open to the public, must be licensed or otherwise be found suitable for licensure by the Tribal Gaming Agency and, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, cannot have had any determination of suitability denied or revoked by the State Gaming Agency. The parties intend that the licensing process provided for in this Compact shall involve joint cooperation between the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency, as more particularly described herein. Nothing in this section creates any cause of action for money damages against the Tribal Gaming Agency or any member or employee thereof based upon the grant or denial of a license or determination of suitability.

##### **Sec. 6.4.2. Gaming Facility.**

- (a) The Gaming Facility authorized by this Compact shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency in conformity with the requirements of this Compact, the Gaming Ordinance, IGRA, and any applicable regulations adopted by the NIGC. The license shall be reviewed and renewed every two (2) years thereafter. Verification that this requirement has been met shall be provided by the Tribe to the State by sending a copy of the initial license and each renewal license to the State Gaming Agency within twenty (20) days after issuance of the

license or renewal. The Tribal Gaming Agency's certification that the Gaming Facility is being operated in conformity with these requirements shall be posted in a conspicuous and public place in the Gaming Facility at all times.

- (b) To assure the protection of the health and safety of all Gaming Facility patrons, guests, and employees, the Tribe shall adopt, or has already adopted, and shall maintain throughout the term of this Compact, an ordinance that requires any Gaming Facility construction to meet or exceed the standards in the Applicable Codes. The Gaming Facility and construction, expansion, improvement, modification, or renovation will also comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, P.L. 101-336, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tribe need not comply with any standard that specifically applies in name or in fact only to tribal facilities. Without limiting the rights of the State under this section, reference to Applicable Codes is not intended to confer code enforcement jurisdiction upon the State or its political subdivisions. For purposes of this section, the terms "building official" and "code enforcement agency" as used in titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations mean the Tribal Gaming Agency or such other tribal government agency or official as may be designated by the Tribe's law. The "building official" and "code enforcement agency" designated by the Tribe's law may exercise authority granted to such individuals and entities as specified within the Applicable Codes with regard to the Gaming Facility.
- (c) To assure compliance with the Applicable Codes, the Tribe shall require inspections and, in connection therewith, employ qualified plan checkers or review firms. To be qualified as a plan checker or review firm for purposes of this Compact, plan checkers or review firms must be either California licensed architects or engineers with relevant experience, or California licensed architects or engineers on the list, if any, of approved plan checkers or review firms provided by the city or County in which the Gaming Facility is located. The Tribe shall also employ qualified project inspectors. To be qualified as a project inspector for purposes of this Compact, project inspectors must possess the same qualifications and certifications as project inspectors utilized by the County in which the Gaming Facility is located. The same persons or firms may serve as both plan

checkers/reviewers and project inspectors. The plan checkers, review firms, and project inspectors shall hereinafter be referred to as "Inspector(s)." The Tribe shall require the Inspectors to report to the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency, in writing and within thirty (30) days after the discovery thereof, any failure to comply with the Applicable Codes. The Tribe agrees to correct any Gaming Facility condition noted in the inspections that does not meet the Applicable Codes (hereinafter "deficiency").

- (d) The Tribe shall cause the design and construction calculations, and plans and specifications that form the basis for the construction (the "Design and Building Plans") to be available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its request.
- (e) In the event that material changes to a structural detail of the Design and Building Plans will result from contract change orders or any other changes in the Design and Building Plans, such changes shall be reviewed by the qualified plan checker or review firm and field verified by the Inspectors for compliance with the Applicable Codes.
- (f) The Tribe shall maintain during construction all structural contract change orders for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its request.
- (g) The Tribe shall maintain the Design and Building Plans depicting the as-built Gaming Facility, unless and until superseded by subsequent as-built Design and Building Plans upon which the superseding construction was based, and shall make the same available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its request, for the term of this Compact.
- (h) Upon final certification by the Inspectors that the Gaming Facility meets the Applicable Codes, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall forward the Inspectors' certification to the State Gaming Agency within ten (10) days of issuance. If the State Gaming Agency objects to that certification, the Tribe shall make a good faith effort to address the State's concerns, but if the State Gaming Agency does not withdraw its objection, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0.

- (i) Any failure to remedy within a reasonable period of time any material and timely raised deficiency shall be deemed a violation of this Compact, and furthermore, any deficiency that poses a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupant shall be grounds for the State Gaming Agency, pursuant to court order, to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility until the deficiency is corrected. The Tribe shall not allow occupancy of any portion of the Gaming Facility that is constructed or maintained in a manner that endangers the health or safety of the occupants.
  
- (j) The Tribe shall also take all necessary steps to reasonably ensure the ongoing availability of sufficient and qualified fire suppression services to the Gaming Facility, and to reasonably ensure that the Gaming Facility satisfies all requirements of titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations applicable to similar facilities in the County as set forth below:
  - (1) Not less than thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Gaming Activities, and not less than biennially thereafter, and upon at least ten (10) days' notice to the State Gaming Agency, the Gaming Facility shall be inspected, at the Tribe's expense, by an independent fire inspector certified by the International Code Council or the National Fire Protection Association for purposes of certifying that the Gaming Facility meets a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety.
  
  - (2) The State Gaming Agency shall be entitled to designate and have a qualified representative or representatives, which may include local fire suppression entities, present during the inspection. During such inspection, the State Gaming Agency's representative(s) shall specify to the independent fire inspector any condition that the representative(s) reasonably believes would preclude certification of the Gaming Facility as meeting a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety.
  
  - (3) The independent fire inspector shall issue to the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency a report on the inspection within fifteen (15) days after its completion, or within thirty (30) days after commencement of the inspection,

whichever first occurs, identifying any deficiency in fire safety or life safety at the Gaming Facility or in the ability of the Tribe to meet reasonably expected fire suppression needs of the Gaming Facility.

- (4) Within twenty-one (21) days after the issuance of the report, the independent fire inspector shall also require and approve a specific plan for correcting deficiencies, whether in fire safety or life safety, at the Gaming Facility or in the Tribe's ability to meet the reasonably expected fire suppression needs of the Gaming Facility, including deficiencies identified by the State Gaming Agency's representatives. A copy of the report and plan of correction shall be delivered to the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency. If the independent fire inspector disagrees with an allegation of deficiency by the State Gaming Agency's representative, the Tribe may take the matter to dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0.
- (5) Immediately upon correction of all deficiencies identified in the report and plan of correction, the independent fire inspector shall certify in writing to the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency that all deficiencies have been corrected.
- (6) Any failure to correct all deficiencies identified in the report and plan of correction within a reasonable period of time shall be a violation of this Compact, and any failure to promptly correct those deficiencies that pose a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants shall be a violation of this Compact and grounds for the State Gaming Agency to prohibit, pursuant to court order, occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility until the deficiency is corrected.
- (7) Consistent with its obligation to ensure the safety of those within the Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall promptly notify the State Gaming Agency of circumstances that it reasonably believes pose a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants, and take prompt action to correct such circumstances. Any failure to remedy within a reasonable period of time any serious or significant risk to health or safety shall be deemed a violation of this Compact, and furthermore,

any circumstance that poses a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants shall be grounds for the State Gaming Agency to seek a court order prohibiting occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility until the deficiency is corrected.

- (k) Notwithstanding anything in section 6.4.2 or elsewhere in this Compact, any construction of any Project that has taken place or has commenced prior to the effective date of this Compact shall be subject to the facility license rules in section 6.4.2 of the 2006 Amendment, provided that the Project was previously approved under section 6.4.2 of that compact.

### **Sec. 6.4.3. Gaming Employees.**

- (a) Every Gaming Employee shall obtain, and thereafter maintain current, a valid tribal gaming license, and except as provided in subdivision (b), shall obtain, and thereafter maintain current, a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability, which license and determination shall be subject to biennial renewal; provided that in accordance with section 6.4.9, those persons may be employed on a temporary or conditional basis pending completion of the licensing process and the State Gaming Agency determination of suitability.
- (b) A Gaming Employee who is required to obtain and maintain current a valid tribal gaming license under subdivision (a) is not required to obtain or maintain a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability if any of the following applies:
  - (1) The Gaming Employee is subject to the licensing requirement of subdivision (a) solely because he or she is a person who conducts, operates, maintains, repairs, or assists in Gaming Activities, provided that this exception shall not apply if he or she supervises Gaming Activities or persons who conduct, operate, maintain, repair, assist, account for or supervise any such Gaming Activity, and is empowered to make discretionary decisions affecting the conduct of the Gaming Activities.
  - (2) The Gaming Employee is subject to the licensing requirement of subdivision (a) solely because he or she is a person whose

employment duties require or authorize access to areas of the Gaming Facility that are not open to the public, provided that this exception shall not apply if he or she supervises Gaming Activities or persons who conduct, operate, maintain, repair, assist, account for or supervise any such Gaming Activity, and is empowered to make discretionary decisions affecting the conduct of the Gaming Activities.

- (3) The State Gaming Agency, in consultation with the Tribal Gaming Agency, exempts the Gaming Employee from the requirement to obtain or maintain current a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), where the State Gaming Agency determines it is reasonably necessary, the State Gaming Agency is authorized to review the tribal license application, and all materials and information received by the Tribal Gaming Agency in connection therewith, for any person whom the Tribal Gaming Agency has licensed, or proposes to license, as a Gaming Employee. If the State Gaming Agency determines that the person would be unsuitable for issuance of a license or permit for a similar level of employment in a gambling establishment subject to the jurisdiction of the State, it shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency of its determination and the reasons supporting its determination. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall thereafter conduct a hearing, in accordance with section 6.5.5, to reconsider issuance of the tribal gaming license and shall immediately notify the State Gaming Agency of its determination after the hearing, which shall be final unless made the subject of dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0 within thirty (30) days of such notification.
  - (d) The Tribe shall not employ, or continue to employ, any person whose application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability or for a renewal of such a determination has been denied, or whose determination of suitability has expired without renewal.
  - (e) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the Tribe may retain in its employ a person whose application for a determination of suitability, or for a renewal of such a determination, has been denied by the State Gaming Agency, if: (i) the person holds a valid and current license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency that must be renewed at least

biennially; (ii) the denial of the application by the State Gaming Agency is based solely on activities, conduct, or associations that antedate by at least ten (10) years the filing of the person's initial application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability; (iii) the person is not an employee or agent of any other gaming operation; and (iv) the person has been in the continuous employ of the Tribe for at least three (3) years prior to the effective date of this Compact.

- (f) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the Tribe may employ or retain in its employ a person whose application for a determination of suitability, or for a renewal of such a determination, has been denied by the State Gaming Agency, if the person is an enrolled member of the Tribe, as defined in this subdivision, and if (i) the person holds a valid and current license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency that must be renewed at least biennially; (ii) the denial of the application by the State Gaming Agency is based solely on activities, conduct, or associations that antedate by at least five years the filing of the person's initial application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability; and (iii) the person is not an employee or agent of any other gaming operation.
  - (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "enrolled member" means a person who is certified by the Tribe to be an enrolled member meeting the Tribe's qualifications for membership as set forth in its enrollment ordinance.
- (g) This section shall not apply to members of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

**Sec. 6.4.4. Gaming Resource Suppliers.**

- (a) Every Gaming Resource Supplier shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to the sale, lease, or distribution, or further sale, lease, or distribution, of any Gaming Resources to or in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility. Unless the Tribal Gaming Agency licenses the Gaming Resource Supplier pursuant to subdivision (d), the Gaming Resource Supplier shall also apply to, and the Tribe shall require it to apply to, the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability at least thirty (30) days prior to the sale,

lease, or distribution, or further sale, lease, or distribution, of any Gaming Resources to or in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility, except that for Gaming Devices the period specified under section 7.1, subdivision (a)(1), shall govern. The period during which a determination of suitability as a Gaming Resource Supplier is valid expires on the earlier of (i) the date two (2) years following the date on which the determination is issued, unless a different expiration date is specified by the State Gaming Agency, or (ii) the date of its revocation by the State Gaming Agency. If the State Gaming Agency denies or revokes a determination of suitability, the State Gaming Agency shall promptly notify the Tribal Gaming Agency, and the Gaming Resource Supplier shall no longer be authorized to perform any work within or provide any goods or services to, in support of, or in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility as of the effective date of the State Gaming Agency's decision. The license and determination of suitability shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance. For purposes of section 6.5.2, such a review shall be deemed to constitute an application for renewal. In connection with such a review, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Gaming Resource Supplier to update all information provided in the previous application.

- (b) Any agreement between the Tribe and a Gaming Resource Supplier shall include and shall be deemed to include a provision for its termination without further liability on the part of the Tribe, except for the bona fide payment of all outstanding sums (exclusive of interest) owed as of, or payment for services or materials received up to, the date of termination, upon revocation or non-renewal of the Gaming Resource Supplier's license by the Tribal Gaming Agency based on a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency. Except as set forth above, the Tribe shall not enter into, or continue to make payments to a Gaming Resource Supplier pursuant to, any contract or agreement for the provision of Gaming Resources with any person or entity whose application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability has been denied or revoked or whose determination of suitability has expired without renewal.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the Tribal Gaming Agency may license a Management Contractor for a period of no more than seven

(7) years, but the Management Contractor must still apply for renewal of a determination of suitability by the State Gaming Agency at least every two (2) years, and where the State Gaming Agency denies or revokes a determination of suitability, the State Gaming Agency promptly notify the Tribal Gaming Agency, and the Management Contractor shall no longer be authorized to perform any work within or provide any goods or services to, in support of, or in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation as of the effective date of the State Gaming Agency's decision. Except where the State Gaming Agency has denied or revoked its determination of suitability, nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to bar the Tribal Gaming Agency from issuing additional new licenses to the same Management Contractor following the expiration of a seven (7) year license.

- (d) The Tribal Gaming Agency may elect to license a person or entity as a Gaming Resource Supplier without requiring it to apply to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability under subdivision (a) if the Gaming Resource Supplier has already been issued a determination of suitability that is then valid. In that case, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall promptly notify the State Gaming Agency of its licensure of the person or entity as a Gaming Resource Supplier, and shall identify in its notification the State Gaming Agency determination of suitability on which the Tribal Gaming Agency has relied in proceeding under this subdivision (d). Subject to the Tribal Gaming Agency's compliance with the requirements of this subdivision, a Gaming Resource Supplier licensed under this subdivision may, during and only during the period in which the determination of suitability remains valid, engage in the sale, lease, or distribution of Gaming Resources to or in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility, without applying to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability. The issuance of a license under this subdivision is in all cases subject to any later determination by the State Gaming Agency that the Gaming Resource Supplier is not suitable or to a tribal gaming license suspension or revocation pursuant to section 6.5.1, and does not extend the time during which the determination of suitability relied on by the Tribal Gaming Agency is valid. A license issued under this subdivision expires upon the revocation or expiration of the determination of suitability relied on by the Tribal Gaming Agency. Nothing in this subdivision affects the obligations of the Tribal Gaming Agency, or of the Gaming

Resource Supplier, under section 6.5.2 and section 6.5.6 of this Compact.

- (e) Except where subdivision (d) applies, within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of a license to a Gaming Resource Supplier, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit to the State Gaming Agency a copy of the license and summary reports, including any derogatory information, of the background investigations conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency and written statements by the Applicant.

**Sec. 6.4.5. Financial Sources.**

- (a) Subject to subdivision (e) of this section 6.4.5, every Financial Source shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to extending any financing in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility. Except as provided in subdivision (e)(5) or section 6.5.6, subdivision (i), every Financial Source shall also apply to, and the Tribe shall require it to apply to, the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability pursuant to the following timetable: (i) at least ninety (90) days prior to extending any financing in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility, provided that any Financial Source that applies for such a determination within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Compact is not in violation of this section; and (ii) in the event of a purchase or acceptance of an assignment or participation interest in any financing in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility, at least five (5) days prior to the Financial Source's purchase or acceptance of the assignment or participation interest. Where the State Gaming Agency denies the determination of suitability, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall immediately deny or revoke the license. In each instance where licensure or an application for a determination of suitability is required as set forth above, the license and determination of suitability shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance. For purposes of section 6.5.2, such a review shall be deemed to constitute an application for renewal. In connection with such a review, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Financial Source to update all information provided in the previous application.
- (b) Any agreement between the Tribe and a Financial Source shall include a provision for its termination without further liability on the

part of the Tribe, except for the payment of all bona fide obligations which remain unpaid as of the date of termination, upon revocation or non-renewal of the Financial Source's license by the Tribal Gaming Agency based on a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency. Except as provided above, the Tribe shall not enter into, or continue to make payments to a Financial Source pursuant to, any contract or agreement for the provision of financing with any person whose application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability has been denied or revoked or whose determination of suitability has expired without renewal.

- (c) A Gaming Resource Supplier who provides financing exclusively in connection with the provision, sale, or lease of Gaming Resources obtained from that Gaming Resource Supplier may be licensed solely in accordance with the licensing procedures applicable, if at all, to Gaming Resource Suppliers, and need not be separately licensed as a Financial Source under this section.
- (d) Within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of a license to a Financial Source, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit to the State Gaming Agency a copy of the license.
- (e) (1) The Tribal Gaming Agency may, at its discretion, exclude from the licensing requirements of this section the following Financial Sources under the circumstances stated:
  - (A) Any federally-regulated or state-regulated bank, savings and loan association, or other federally- or state-regulated lender and any fund or other investment vehicle which is administered or managed by any such entity.
  - (B) Any entity described in the Commission's Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulation CGCC-2, subdivision (f) (as in effect on the date the parties execute this Compact), when that entity is a Financial Source solely by reason of being (i) a purchaser or a holder of debt securities or other forms of indebtedness issued directly or indirectly by the Tribe for a Gaming Facility or for the Gaming Operation or (ii) the owner of a participation interest in any amount of indebtedness for which a Financial Source

described in subdivision (e)(1)(A), or any fund or other investment vehicle which is administered or managed by any such Financial Source, is the creditor.

- (C) Any investor who, alone or together with any person(s) controlling, controlled by or under common control with such investor, holds less than ten percent (10%) of all outstanding debt securities issued directly or indirectly by the Tribe for a Gaming Facility or for the Gaming Operation.
  - (D) Any agency of the federal or a tribal, state or local government providing financing, together with any person purchasing any debt securities or other forms of indebtedness of the agency to provide such financing.
  - (E) A real estate investment trust (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 856(a)) which is publicly traded on a stock exchange, registered with the Securities Exchange Commission, and subject to the regulatory oversight of the Securities Exchange Commission.
  - (F) An entity or category of entities that the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency jointly determine can be excluded from the licensing requirements of this section without posing a threat to the public interest or the integrity of the Gaming Operation.
- (2) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(5), the Tribal Gaming Agency's exclusion of any Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section does not relieve the Financial Source from the requirement of applying to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (3) In any case where the Tribal Gaming Agency elects to exclude a Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall give notice thereof to the State Gaming Agency within seven business days of its decision, shall give reasonable advance notice of any extension

of financing by the Financial Source in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility, and upon request of the State Gaming Agency, shall provide it with documentation supporting the Tribal Gaming Agency's exclusion of the Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section.

- (4) The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall work collaboratively to resolve any concerns regarding the ongoing excludability of an individual or entity as a Financial Source. Any dispute pertaining to the excludability of an individual or entity as a Financial Source shall be resolved by the Dispute Resolution provisions in section 13.0.
- (5) (A) Where the Tribal Gaming Agency elects to exclude a Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section, that Financial Source need not apply to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability if:
  - (i) It is a Financial Source specified in subdivision (e)(1)(A), or
  - (ii) It is a Financial Source specified in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (f) of the Commission's Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulation CGCC-2, which falls within the description of subdivision (e)(1)(B), and the Commission has by resolution found that the interest of the State does not require an application for a determination of suitability to be made by such Financial Source prior to the extension of financing covered by subdivision (e)(1)(B).
- (B) Notwithstanding subdivision (e)(5)(A), the State Gaming Agency continues to have the right to find the Financial Source unsuitable, and if the State Gaming Agency finds that an investigation of any Financial Source is warranted, the Financial Source shall be required to submit an application for a determination of suitability to the State Gaming Agency and shall pay the costs and

charges incurred in the investigation and processing of the application, in accordance with the provisions set forth in California Business and Professions Code sections 19867 and 19951.

- (6) In the event that any Financial Source excluded from the licensing requirements of this section is found unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe must not enter into, or continue to make payments (except for payment of all bona fide obligations which remain unpaid as of the date of the finding of unsuitability) to the Financial Source pursuant to, any contract or agreement for the provision of financing.
- (7) The following are not Financial Sources for purposes of this section.
  - (A) An entity identified by the Commission's Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulation CGCC-2, subdivision (h) (as in effect on the date the parties execute this Compact).
  - (B) A person or entity whose sole connection with a provision or extension of financing to the Tribe is to provide loan brokerage or debt servicing for a Financial Source at no cost to the Tribe or the Gaming Operation, provided that no portion of any financing provided is an extension of credit to the Tribe or the Gaming Operation by that person or entity.
  - (C) A person or entity that the State Gaming Agency has determined does not require licensure pursuant to any process the State Gaming Agency deems necessary due to the nature of financing services provided, the existence of current and effective federal or state agency oversight or licensure, attenuated interests of the person or entity as passive investors without the ability to exert significant influence over the Gaming Operation, or other grounds which the State Gaming Agency determines appropriate, subject to its responsibilities under state law that alleviate the need for licensure.

#### **Sec. 6.4.6. Processing Tribal Gaming License Applications.**

- (a) Each Applicant for a tribal gaming license shall submit the completed application along with the required information and an application fee, if required, to the Tribal Gaming Agency in accordance with the rules and regulations of that agency.
- (b) At a minimum, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require submission and consideration of all information required under IGRA, including part 556.4 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, for licensing primary management officials and key employees.
- (c) For Applicants that are business entities, these licensing provisions shall apply to the entity as well as: (i) each of its officers, members, and directors; (ii) each of its principal management employees, including any chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, and general manager; (iii) each of its owners or partners, if an unincorporated business; (iv) each of its shareholders who owns more than ten percent (10%) of the shares of the corporation, if a corporation, or who has a direct controlling interest in the Applicant; and (v) each person or entity (other than a Financial Source that the Tribal Gaming Agency has determined does not require a license under section 6.4.5) that, alone or in combination with others, has provided financing in connection with any Gaming Operation or Class III Gaming authorized under this Compact, if that person or entity provided more than ten percent (10%) of either the start-up capital or the operating capital, or of a combination thereof, over a twelve (12)-month period. For purposes of this subdivision, where there is any commonality of the characteristics identified in this section 6.4.6, subdivisions (c)(i) through (c)(v), inclusive, between any two (2) or more entities, those entities may be deemed to be a single entity. For purposes of this subdivision, a direct controlling interest in the Applicant referred to in subdivision (c)(iv) excludes any passive investor or anyone who has an indirect or only a financial interest and does not have the ability to control, manage, or direct the management decisions of the Applicant.
- (d) Nothing herein precludes the Tribe or Tribal Gaming Agency from requiring more stringent licensing requirements.

#### **Sec. 6.4.7. Suitability Standard Regarding Gaming Licenses.**

- (a) In reviewing an application for a tribal gaming license, and in addition to any standards set forth in the Gaming Ordinance, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall consider whether issuance of the license is inimical to public health, safety, or welfare, and whether issuance of the license will undermine public trust that the Tribe's Gaming Operation is free from criminal and dishonest elements and would be conducted honestly.
- (b) A license may not be issued unless, based on all information and documents submitted, the Applicant, and in the case of an entity, each individual identified in section 6.4.6, meets all of the following requirements:
  - (1) The person is of good character, honesty, and integrity.
  - (2) The person's prior activities, criminal record (if any), reputation, habits, and associations do not pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods, or activities in the conduct of gaming, or in the carrying on of business and financial arrangements incidental thereto.
  - (3) The person is in all other respects qualified to be licensed as provided, and meets the criteria established in this Compact, IGRA, NIGC regulations, the Gaming Ordinance, and any other criteria adopted by the Tribal Gaming Agency or the Tribe; provided, however, an Applicant shall not be found to be unsuitable solely on the ground that the Applicant was an employee of a tribal gaming operation in California that was conducted prior to May 16, 2000.

#### **Sec. 6.4.8. Background Investigations of Applicants.**

- (a) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall conduct or cause to be conducted all necessary background investigations reasonably required to determine that the Applicant is qualified for a gaming license under the standards set forth in section 6.4.7, and to fulfill all requirements for

licensing under IGRA, NIGC regulations, the Gaming Ordinance, and this Compact. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall not issue a gaming license, other than a temporary license pursuant to section 6.4.9, until a determination is made that those qualifications have been met.

- (b) In lieu of completing its own background investigation, and to the extent that doing so does not conflict with or violate IGRA or the Gaming Ordinance, the Tribal Gaming Agency may contract with the State Gaming Agency for the conduct of background investigations, may rely on a State determination of suitability previously issued under a Class III Gaming compact involving another tribe and the State, or may rely on a State Gaming Agency license previously issued to the Applicant, to fulfill some or all of the Tribal Gaming Agency's background investigation obligations.
- (c) If the Tribal Gaming Agency contracts with the State Gaming Agency for the conduct of background investigations, then an Applicant for a tribal gaming license shall be required to provide releases to the State Gaming Agency to make available to the Tribal Gaming Agency background information regarding the Applicant. The State Gaming Agency shall cooperate in furnishing to the Tribal Gaming Agency that information, unless doing so would violate state or federal law, would violate any agreement the State Gaming Agency has with a source of the information other than the Applicant, or would impair or impede a criminal investigation, or unless the Tribal Gaming Agency cannot provide sufficient safeguards to assure the State Gaming Agency that the information will remain confidential.
- (d) In lieu of obtaining summary criminal history information from the NIGC, the Tribal Gaming Agency may, pursuant to the provisions in subdivisions (d) through (i), obtain such information from the California Department of Justice. If the Tribe adopts an ordinance confirming that article 6 (commencing with section 11140) of chapter 1 of title 1 of part 4 of the California Penal Code is applicable to members, investigators, and staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency, and those members, investigators, and staff thereafter comply with that ordinance, then, for purposes of carrying out its obligations under this section, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall be eligible to be considered an entity entitled to request and receive state summary criminal

history information, within the meaning of subdivision (b)(13) of section 11105 of the California Penal Code.

- (e) The information received shall be used by the requesting agency solely for the purpose for which it was requested and shall not be reproduced for secondary dissemination to any other employment or licensing agency. Additionally, any person intentionally disclosing information obtained from personal or confidential records maintained by a state agency or from records within a system of records maintained by a government agency may be subject to prosecution.
- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall submit to the California Department of Justice fingerprint images and related information required by the California Department of Justice of all Gaming Employees, as defined by section 2.12, for the purposes of obtaining information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal convictions and state or federal arrests and also information as to the existence and content of a record of state or federal arrests for which the Department of Justice establishes that the person is free on bail or on his or her recognizance pending trial or appeal.
- (g) When received, the California Department of Justice shall forward to the Federal Bureau of Investigation requests for federal summary criminal history information received pursuant to this section. The California Department of Justice shall review the information returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and compile and disseminate a response to the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (h) The California Department of Justice shall provide a state or federal level response to the Tribal Gaming Agency pursuant to Penal Code section 11105, subdivision (p)(1).
- (i) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall request from the California Department of Justice subsequent notification service, as provided pursuant to section 11105.2 of the Penal Code, for persons described in subdivision (f) above.
- (j) The Department of Justice shall charge a fee sufficient to cover the cost of processing the request described in this section.

#### **Sec. 6.4.9. Temporary Licensing of Gaming Employees.**

- (a) If the Applicant has completed a license application in a manner satisfactory to the Tribal Gaming Agency, and that agency has conducted a preliminary background investigation, and the investigation or other information held by that agency does not indicate that the Applicant has a criminal history or other information in his or her background that would either automatically disqualify the Applicant from obtaining a tribal gaming license or cause a reasonable person to investigate further before issuing a license, or that the Applicant is otherwise unsuitable for licensing, the Tribal Gaming Agency may issue a temporary tribal gaming license and may impose such specific conditions thereon pending completion of the Applicant's background investigation, as the Tribal Gaming Agency in its sole discretion shall determine.
- (b) Special fees may be required by the Tribal Gaming Agency to issue or maintain a temporary tribal gaming license.
- (c) A temporary tribal gaming license shall remain in effect until suspended or revoked, or a final determination is made on the application, or for a period of up to one (1) year, whichever comes first.
- (d) At any time after issuance of a temporary tribal gaming license, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall or may, as the case may be, suspend or revoke it in accordance with the provisions of section 6.5.1 or section 6.5.5, and the State Gaming Agency may request suspension or revocation before making a determination of unsuitability.
- (e) Nothing herein shall be construed to relieve the Tribe of any obligation under part 558 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

#### **Sec. 6.5.0. Tribal Gaming License Issuance.**

Upon completion of the necessary background investigation, the Tribal Gaming Agency may issue a tribal gaming license on a conditional or unconditional basis. Nothing herein shall create a property or other right of an Applicant in an opportunity to be licensed, or in a tribal gaming license itself, both

of which shall be considered to be privileges granted to the Applicant in the sole discretion of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

**Sec. 6.5.1. Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Licenses.**

- (a) Any Applicant's application for a tribal gaming license may be denied, and any license issued may be revoked, if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the application is incomplete or deficient, or if the Applicant is determined to be unsuitable or otherwise unqualified for a tribal gaming license.
- (b) Pending consideration of revocation, the Tribal Gaming Agency may suspend a tribal gaming license in accordance with section 6.5.5.
- (c) All rights to notice and hearing shall be governed by tribal law and comport with federal procedural due process by, for instance, providing the employee with notice reasonably calculated to apprise the employee of the pendency of the determination, an opportunity to review materials upon which the charge is based in such a manner that does not compromise security or regulation of the Gaming Operation, and an opportunity to be heard. The Applicant shall be notified in writing of the hearing and given notice of any intent to suspend or revoke the tribal gaming license.
- (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, upon receipt of notice that the State Gaming Agency has determined that a person would be unsuitable for licensure in a gambling establishment subject to the jurisdiction of the State Gaming Agency, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deny that person a tribal gaming license, or immediately suspend that person's or entity's license, as applicable. Any right to notice or hearing regarding such action shall be governed by tribal law. Thereafter, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall revoke any tribal gaming license that has theretofore been issued to that person or entity; provided that the Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its discretion, reissue a tribal gaming license to the person following entry of a final judgment reversing the determination of the State Gaming Agency in a proceeding in state court conducted pursuant to section 1085 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

- (2) Notwithstanding a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency, the Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its discretion, decline to revoke a tribal gaming license issued to a person employed by the Tribe pursuant to section 6.4.3, subdivision (e) or section 6.4.4, subdivision (f).

**Sec. 6.5.2. Renewal of Licenses; Extensions; Further Investigation.**

- (a) The term of a tribal gaming license shall not exceed two (2) years, and application for renewal of a license must be made prior to its expiration. Applicants for renewal of a license shall provide updated material, as requested, on the appropriate renewal forms, but, at the discretion of the Tribal Gaming Agency, may not be required to resubmit historical data previously submitted or which is otherwise available to the Tribal Gaming Agency. At the discretion of the Tribal Gaming Agency, an additional background investigation may be required at any time if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines the need for further information concerning the Applicant's continuing suitability or eligibility for a license.
- (b) Prior to renewing a license for a Gaming Employee requiring a State determination of suitability, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deliver to the State Gaming Agency copies of all information and documents received in connection with the application for renewal of the tribal gaming license, which is not otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure under applicable federal law or regulation, for purposes of the State Gaming Agency's consideration of renewal of its determination of suitability. This subsection shall not apply to a person employed by the Tribe pursuant to sections 6.4.3, subdivisions (e) or (f).
- (c) At the discretion of the State Gaming Agency, an additional background investigation may be required if the State Gaming Agency determines the need for further information concerning the Applicant's continuing suitability for a license.

### **Sec. 6.5.3. Identification Cards.**

- (a) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall require that all persons who are required to be licensed wear, in plain view at all times while in the Gaming Facility, identification badges issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (b) Identification badges must display information, including, but not limited to, a photograph and the person's name or identification number adequate to enable patrons and agents of the Tribal Gaming Agency to readily identify the person, and adequate to enable agents of the Tribal Gaming Agency to determine the validity and date of expiration of his or her license.
- (c) Upon request by the State Gaming Agency, made no more than twice during a calendar year, the Tribe shall provide the State Gaming Agency with the name, badge identification number (if any), and job title of all Gaming Employees.

### **Sec. 6.5.4. Fees for Tribal Gaming License.**

The fees for all tribal gaming licenses shall be set by the Tribal Gaming Agency.

### **Sec. 6.5.5. Suspension of Tribal Gaming License.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall summarily suspend the tribal gaming license of any employee if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the continued licensing of the person could constitute a threat to the public health or safety or may summarily suspend the license of any employee if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the continued licensing of the person may violate the Tribal Gaming Agency's licensing or other standards. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall notify the State Gaming Agency within seven (7) days of any such determination. Any right to notice or hearing in regard thereto shall be governed by tribal law and comport with federal due process.

### **Sec. 6.5.6. State Determination of Suitability Process.**

- (a) Except for an Applicant for licensing as a Gaming Employee for whom a State determination of suitability is not required pursuant to

section 6.4.3, subdivision (b), a Gaming Employee shall also file an application with the State Gaming Agency, prior to issuance of a temporary or permanent tribal gaming license, for a determination of suitability for licensure under the California Gambling Control Act; provided that in accordance with section 6.4.9, those persons may be employed on a temporary or conditional basis pending completion of the tribal licensing process.

- (b) Upon receipt of an Applicant's completed license application and a determination to issue either a temporary or permanent license, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit within twenty-one (21) days to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability for licensure under the California Gambling Control Act a notice of intent to license the Applicant, together with all of the following:
  - (1) A copy of all tribal license application materials and information received by the Tribal Gaming Agency from the Applicant which is not otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure under applicable federal law or regulation.
  - (2) An original complete set of fingerprint impressions, rolled by a state-certified fingerprint roller, or by a person exempt from state certification pursuant to Penal Code section 11102.1, subdivision (a)(2), and which may be on a fingerprint card or obtained and transmitted electronically.
  - (3) A current photograph.
  - (4) Except to the extent waived by the State Gaming Agency, such releases of information, waivers, and other completed and executed forms as have been obtained by the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (c) Upon receipt of a written request from a Gaming Resource Supplier or a Financial Source for a determination of suitability, the State Gaming Agency shall transmit an application package to the Applicant to be completed and returned to the State Gaming Agency for purposes of allowing it to make a determination of suitability for licensure.

- (d) Investigation and disposition of applications for a determination of suitability shall be governed entirely by State law, and the State Gaming Agency shall determine whether the Applicant would be found suitable for licensure in a gambling establishment subject to the State Gaming Agency's jurisdiction. Additional information may be required by the State Gaming Agency to assist it in its background investigation, to the extent permitted under State law for licensure in a gambling establishment subject to the State Gaming Agency's jurisdiction.
- (e) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall require a licensee to apply for renewal of a determination of suitability by the State Gaming Agency at such time as the licensee applies for renewal of a tribal gaming license.
- (f) Upon receipt of completed license or license renewal application information from the Tribal Gaming Agency, the State Gaming Agency may conduct a background investigation pursuant to state law to determine whether the Applicant is suitable to be licensed for association with Class III Gaming operations. While the Tribal Gaming Agency shall ordinarily be the primary source of application information, the State Gaming Agency is authorized to directly seek application information from the Applicant. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide to the State Gaming Agency summary reports of the background investigations conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency, written statements by the applicant, and related applications, if any, for Gaming Employees, Gaming Resource Suppliers, and Financial Sources. If further investigation is required to supplement the investigation conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency, the Applicant will be required to pay the application fee charged by the State Gaming Agency pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 19951, subdivision (a), but any deposit requested by the State Gaming Agency pursuant to section 19867 of that Code shall take into account reports of the background investigation already conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the NIGC, if any. Failure to provide information reasonably required by the State Gaming Agency to complete its investigation under State law or failure to pay the application fee or deposit can constitute grounds for denial of the application by the State Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency and Tribal Gaming Agency shall cooperate in

sharing as much background information as possible, both to maximize investigative efficiency and thoroughness, and to minimize investigative costs.

- (g) Upon completion of the necessary background investigation or other verification of suitability, the State Gaming Agency shall issue a notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency certifying that the State has determined that the Applicant is suitable, or that the Applicant is unsuitable, for licensure in a Gaming Operation and, if unsuitable, stating the reasons therefor. Issuance of a determination of suitability does not preclude the State Gaming Agency from a subsequent determination based on newly discovered information that a person or entity is unsuitable for the purpose for which the person or entity is licensed. Upon receipt of notice that the State Gaming Agency has determined that a person or entity is or would be unsuitable for licensure, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deny that person or entity a license or, as applicable, immediately suspend that person's or entity's license and promptly, and in no event more than forty-five (45) days from the issuance of the State Gaming Agency notification, revoke any tribal gaming license that has theretofore been issued to that person or entity; provided that the Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its discretion, reissue a tribal gaming license to the person or entity following entry of a final judgment reversing the determination of the State Gaming Agency in a proceeding in state court conducted pursuant to section 1085 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. Any right to notice or hearing regarding denial, suspension or revocation of any license shall be governed by tribal law.
- (h) Prior to denying an application for a determination of suitability, or to issuing notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency that a person or entity previously determined to be suitable had been determined unsuitable for licensure, the State Gaming Agency shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency and afford the Tribe an opportunity to be heard. If the State Gaming Agency denies an application for a determination of suitability, or issues notice that a person or entity previously determined suitable has been determined unsuitable for licensure, the State Gaming Agency shall provide that person or entity with written notice of all appeal rights available under state law.

- (i) The Commission, or its successor, shall maintain a roster of Gaming Resource Suppliers and Financial Sources that it has determined to be suitable pursuant to the provisions of this section, or through separate procedures to be adopted by the Commission. Upon application to the Tribal Gaming Agency for a tribal gaming license, a Gaming Resource Supplier or Financial Source that appears on the Commission's suitability roster may be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency in the same manner as a Gaming Resource Supplier under subdivision (d) of section 6.4.4, subject to any later determination by the State Gaming Agency that the Gaming Resource Supplier or Financial Source is not suitable or to a tribal gaming license suspension or revocation pursuant to section 6.5.1; provided that nothing in this subdivision exempts the Gaming Resource Supplier or Financial Source from applying for a renewal of a State determination of suitability.

#### **Sec. 6.6. Submission of New Application.**

Nothing in section 6.0 shall be construed to preclude an Applicant who has been determined to be unsuitable for licensure by the State Gaming Agency, or the Tribe on behalf of such Applicant, from submitting a new application for a determination of suitability by the State Gaming Agency in accordance with section 6.0.

### **SECTION 7.0. APPROVAL AND TESTING OF GAMING DEVICES.**

#### **Sec. 7.1. Gaming Device Approval.**

- (a) No Gaming Device may be offered for play unless all of the following occurs:
  - (1) The manufacturer or distributor that sells, leases, or distributes such Gaming Device (i) has applied for a determination of suitability by the State Gaming Agency at least fifteen (15) days before it is offered for play, (ii) has not been found to be unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, and (iii) has been licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency;
  - (2) The software for the game authorized for play on the Gaming Device has been tested, approved and certified by an

- independent gaming test laboratory or state or national governmental gaming test laboratory (Gaming Test Laboratory) as operating in accordance with technical standards that meet or exceed industry standards;
- (3) A copy of the certification by the Gaming Test Laboratory, specified in subdivision (a)(2), is provided to the State Gaming Agency by electronic transmission or by mail, unless the State Gaming Agency waives receipt of copies of the certification;
  - (4) The software for the game authorized for play on the Gaming Device is tested by the Tribal Gaming Agency to ensure each game authorized for play on the Gaming Device has the correct electronic signature prior to insertion into the Gaming Device, or if the software is to be installed on a server to which one or more Gaming Devices will be connected, prior to the connection of Gaming Devices to the server.
  - (5) The hardware and associated equipment for each type of Gaming Device has been tested by the Gaming Test Laboratory prior to operation by the public to ensure operation in accordance with the standards established by the Tribal Gaming Agency that meet or exceed industry standards; and
  - (6) The hardware and associated equipment for the Gaming Device has been tested by the Tribal Gaming Agency to confirm operation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- (b) If either the Tribal Gaming Agency or the State Gaming Agency requests new standards for testing, approval, and certification of the software for the game authorized for play on the Gaming Device pursuant to subdivision (a)(2), the party requesting the new standards shall provide the other party with a detailed explanation of the reason(s) for the request. If the party to which the request is made disagrees with the request, the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency shall meet and confer in a good-faith effort to resolve the disagreement, which meeting and conferring shall include consultation with an independent Gaming Test Laboratory. If the disagreement is not resolved within one hundred twenty (120) days after the initial meeting between the regulators to discuss the matter,

either party may submit the matter to dispute resolution under section 13.1 of this Compact.

**Sec. 7.2. Gaming Test Laboratory Selection.**

- (a) The Gaming Test Laboratory shall be an independent commercial gaming test laboratory that is (1) recognized in the gaming industry as competent and qualified to conduct scientific tests and evaluations of Gaming Devices, and (2) licensed or approved by any state or tribal government within the jurisdiction of which the operation of Gaming Devices is authorized. At least thirty (30) days before the commencement of Gaming Activities pursuant to this Compact, or if such use follows the commencement of Gaming Activities, at least fifteen (15) days prior to reliance thereon, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall submit to the State Gaming Agency documentation that demonstrates the Gaming Test Laboratory satisfies (1) and (2) herein. If, at any time, the Gaming Test Laboratory license and/or approval required by (2) herein is suspended or revoked by any of those jurisdictions or the Gaming Test Laboratory is found unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, then the State Gaming Agency may reject the use of that Gaming Test Laboratory, and upon such rejection, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure that the Gaming Test Laboratory discontinues its responsibilities under this section. Any such suspension, revocation, or determination of unsuitability shall not affect the Tribe's right to continue operating Gaming Devices that had been tested and evaluated by such Gaming Test Laboratory, but Gaming Devices tested, evaluated and approved by such Gaming Test Laboratory shall be re-tested, re-evaluated and re-approved by a substitute Gaming Test Laboratory within sixty (60) days from the date on which the Tribal Gaming Agency is notified of the suspension, revocation, or determination of unsuitability, or if circumstances require, any other reasonable timeframe as may be mutually agreed to by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency.
  
- (b) The Tribe and the State Gaming Agency shall inform the Gaming Test Laboratory in writing that irrespective of the source of payment of its fees, the Gaming Test Laboratory's duty of loyalty runs equally to the State and the Tribe; provided, that if the State Gaming Agency requests that the Gaming Test Laboratory perform additional work,

the State Gaming Agency shall be solely responsible for the cost of such additional work.

**Sec. 7.3. Maintenance of Records of Testing Compliance.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall prepare and maintain records of its compliance with section 7.1 while any Gaming Device is on the gaming floor and for a period of one (1) year after the Gaming Device is removed from the gaming floor, and shall make those records available for inspection by the State Gaming Agency upon request.

**Sec. 7.4. State Gaming Agency Inspections.**

- (a) The State Gaming Agency, utilizing such consultants, if any, it deems appropriate and binds to the confidentiality requirements of this Compact, may inspect the Gaming Devices in operation at a Gaming Facility on a random basis not to exceed four (4) times annually to confirm that they operate and play properly pursuant to applicable technical standards. The inspections may be conducted onsite or remotely as a desk audit and include all Gaming Device software, hardware, associated equipment, software maintenance records, and components critical to the operation of the Gaming Device. The State Gaming Agency shall make a good-faith effort to work with the Tribal Gaming Agency to minimize unnecessary disruption to the Gaming Operation including, where appropriate, performing desk audits rather than onsite physical inspections. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall cooperate with the State Gaming Agency's reasonable efforts to obtain information that facilitates the conduct of remote but effective inspections that minimize disruption to Gaming Activities. If the State Gaming Agency determines that more than one (1) annual onsite inspection is necessary or appropriate, it will provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with the basis for its determination that additional onsite inspections are justified. If the State Gaming Agency requires more than one (1) annual onsite inspection in successive years, the State and Tribe may meet and confer to discuss the basis for such determinations. During each random inspection, the State Gaming Agency may not remove from play more than five percent (5%) of the Gaming Devices in operation at the Gaming Facility, and may not remove a Gaming Device from play, except during inspection or testing, or from the Gaming Facility at any time, unless it obtains the

concurrence of the Tribal Gaming Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The five percent (5%) limitation on removal from play shall not apply if a Gaming Device's connection to other Gaming Devices, a progressive controller or similar linked system makes limiting removal from play of no more than five percent (5%) infeasible or impossible. Whenever practicable, the State Gaming Agency shall not require removal from play any Gaming Device that the State Gaming Agency determines may be fully and adequately tested while still in play. The State Gaming Agency shall return any Gaming Device removed from a Gaming Facility to the Gaming Facility as soon as reasonably possible. The inspections may include all Gaming Device software, hardware, associated equipment, software and hardware maintenance and testing records, and components critical to the operation of the Gaming Device. The random inspections conducted pursuant to this section shall occur during normal business hours outside of weekends and holidays.

- (b) To minimize unnecessary disruption to the Gaming Operation, rather than conducting on-site inspections, the State Gaming Agency may perform "desk audits" of the Tribe's Gaming Devices currently in operation. Upon receipt of notice from the State Gaming Agency of the intent to conduct a desk audit, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide the State Gaming Agency with a list of all of the Tribe's Gaming Devices currently in operation, together with the information for each such Gaming Device that supports a desk audit. This information includes: 1) Manufacturer; 2) Game Name/Theme; 3) Serial Number; 4) Machine/Asset Number; 5) Manufacturer; 6) Location; 7) Denomination; 8) Slot Type (*e.g.*, video, reel); 9) Progressive Type (*e.g.*, stand alone, linked, WAP); 10) Software ID number for all certified software in the Gaming Device, including Game, Base/System, Boot Chips and Communication Chip; and 11) any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the State Gaming Agency and Tribal Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency promptly shall consult with the Tribal Gaming Agency concerning any material discrepancies noted and whether those discrepancies continue to exist.
- (c) The State Gaming Agency shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency of its intent to conduct any on-site Gaming Device inspection with prior notice sufficient to afford the presence of proper staffing and, where

applicable, manufacturer's representatives, to ensure the overall efficiency of the inspection process. The inspection shall not be unreasonably delayed and must take place within thirty (30) days of notification unless the Tribal Gaming Agency and State Gaming Agency agree otherwise.

- (d) The State Gaming Agency may retain and use qualified consultants to perform the functions authorized or specified herein but any such consultants shall be bound by the confidentiality and information use and disclosure provisions applicable to the State Gaming Agency and its employees. The State Gaming Agency shall ensure that any consultants retained by it have met the standards and requirements, including any background investigations, established by applicable regulations governing contract employees prior to participating in any matter under this Compact. The State Gaming Agency shall also take all reasonable steps to ensure that consultants are free from conflicting interests in the conduct of their duties under this Compact. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member or staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency or a representative of the State Gaming Agency to accompany any consultant at all times that the consultant is in a non-public area of the Gaming Facility.

#### **Sec. 7.5. Technical Standards.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide to the State Gaming Agency copies of its regulations for technical standards applicable to the Tribe's Gaming Devices at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Gaming Operation or within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Compact, whichever is later, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of any revisions to the regulations, unless exigent circumstances require that any revisions to the regulations take effect sooner in order to ensure game integrity or otherwise to protect the public or the Gaming Operation, in which event the revisions to the regulations shall be provided to the State Gaming Agency as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### **Sec. 7.6. Transportation of Gaming Devices.**

- (a) Subject to the provisions of subdivision (b), the Tribal Gaming Agency shall not permit any Gaming Device to be transported to or from the Tribe's Indian lands except in accordance with procedures

established by agreement between the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency and upon at least ten (10) days' notice to the Sheriff's Department for the County in which the land is located.

- (b) Transportation of a Gaming Device from a Gaming Facility within California is permissible only if:
  - (1) The final destination of the Gaming Device is a gaming facility of any tribe in California that has a compact with the State or Class III Procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior which makes lawful the operation of Gaming Devices;
  - (2) The final destination of the Gaming Device is any other state in which possession of the Gaming Device is made lawful by state law, tribal-state compact or Class III Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior;
  - (3) The final destination of the Gaming Device is another country, or any state or province of another country, wherein possession of Gaming Devices is lawful; or
  - (4) The final destination is a location within California for testing, repair, maintenance, or storage by a person or entity that has been licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency and has been found suitable for licensure by the State Gaming Agency.
- (c) Any Gaming Device transported from or to the Tribe's Indian lands in violation of this section 7.6 or in violation of any permit issued pursuant thereto, is subject to summary seizure by California peace officers in accordance with California law.

## **SECTION 8.0. INSPECTIONS.**

### **Sec. 8.1. Investigation and Sanctions.**

- (a) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall investigate any reported violation of this Compact and shall require the Gaming Operation to correct the violation upon such terms and conditions as the Tribal Gaming Agency determines are necessary.

- (b) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall be empowered by the Gaming Ordinance to impose fines or other sanctions within the jurisdiction of the Tribe against gaming licensees and other persons or entities who interfere with or violate the Tribe's gaming regulatory requirements and obligations under IGRA, applicable NIGC gaming regulations, the Gaming Ordinance, or this Compact, consistent with applicable tribal and federal law.
- (c) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall report violations of this Compact that pose a substantial threat to gaming integrity, public health and safety or the off-Reservation environment, or continued violations that, if isolated might not require reporting, but over time and if not promptly cured cumulatively would pose a threat to gaming integrity, public health and safety or the off-Reservation environment, and any failures timely to comply with the Tribal Gaming Agency's orders, to the State Gaming Agency within ten (10) days of discovery.

**Sec. 8.2. Assistance by State Gaming Agency.**

The Tribe may request the assistance of the State Gaming Agency whenever the Tribe reasonably determines that such assistance may be necessary to carry out the purposes described in section 8.1, or otherwise to protect public health, safety, or welfare.

**Sec. 8.3. Access to Premises by State Gaming Agency; Notification; Inspections.**

- (a) Notwithstanding that the Tribe and its Tribal Gaming Agency have the primary responsibility to administer and enforce the regulatory requirements of this Compact, the State Gaming Agency, including but not limited to any consultants retained by it, shall have the right to inspect a Gaming Facility, and all Gaming Operation or Facility records relating to Class III Gaming as is reasonably necessary to ensure Compact compliance, including such records located in off-site facilities dedicated to their storage subject to the conditions in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d). The State Gaming Agency shall ensure that any consultants retained by it have met the standards and requirements, including any background investigations, if required, established by applicable State Gaming Agency regulations governing contract employees. Consultants may not participate in any matter

under this Compact unless the consultant has been found to be qualified to perform the task(s) for which the consultant is being retained, and the consultant has been determined not to have an actual conflict of interest that would compromise the confidentiality of the Tribe's proprietary information. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member or staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency or a representative of the State Gaming Agency to accompany any consultant at all times that the consultant is in a non-public area of the Gaming Facility. If the Tribal Gaming Agency imposes such a requirement, it shall require a representative to be available at all times for those purposes and shall ensure that the representative has the ability to gain immediate access to all non-public areas of the Gaming Facility that the State Gaming Agency desires to inspect.

- (b) Except as provided in section 7.4, the State Gaming Agency may inspect public areas of a Gaming Facility at any time without prior notice during normal Gaming Facility business hours; provided, that the State Gaming Agency shall inform the Tribal Gaming Agency orally or in writing about the identity of each State Gaming Agency representative inspecting such public areas immediately upon the arrival of the representative(s) at a Gaming Facility, and shall provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with a copy of any written report of each such inspection promptly after completion of each such report.
- (c) Inspection of areas of a Gaming Facility not normally accessible to the public may be made at any time the Gaming Facility is open to the public, immediately after the State Gaming Agency's authorized inspector notifies the Tribal Gaming Agency of his or her presence on the premises, presents proper identification, and requests access to the non-public areas of the Gaming Facility. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a representative of the Tribal Gaming Agency to accompany the State Gaming Agency inspector at all times that the State Gaming Agency inspector is in a non-public area of the Gaming Facility. If the Tribal Gaming Agency imposes such a requirement, it shall require a representative to be available at all times for those purposes and shall ensure that the representative has the ability to gain immediate access to all non-public areas of the Gaming Facility that the State Gaming Agency inspector desires to inspect. The State Gaming Agency shall provide the Tribal Gaming

Agency with a copy of any written report of each such inspection promptly after completion of each such report.

- (d) Nothing in this Compact shall be construed to limit the State Gaming Agency to one inspector during inspections.

**Sec. 8.4. Inspection, Copying and Confidentiality of Documents.**

- (a) State Gaming Agency inspection and copying of Gaming Operation papers, books, and records that the State Gaming Agency deems necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Compact may occur at any time during the normal hours of the Gaming Facility's business office and after the State Gaming Agency gives notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency, provided that the State inspectors cannot require copies of papers, books or records in such manner or quantity that it unreasonably interferes with the normal functioning of the Gaming Facility or the Tribal Gaming Agency. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its discretion, may require that a representative of the Tribal Gaming Agency accompany the State inspector at all times during such inspection and copying. If the Tribal Gaming Agency imposes such a requirement, it shall require a representative to be available at all times for those purposes. If requested by the Tribal Gaming Agency either before or after the copying of Gaming Operation papers, books, and records, the State Gaming Agency shall provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with a current copy of its records retention and destruction policy.
- (b) In lieu of onsite inspection and copying of Gaming Operation papers, books, and records by its inspectors, the State Gaming Agency may request in writing that the Tribal Gaming Agency provide copies of such papers, books, and records as the State Gaming Agency deems necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Compact. The State Gaming Agency's written request shall describe those papers, books, and records requested to be copied with sufficient specificity to reasonably identify the requested documents. Within ten (10) days after it receives the request, or such other time as the State Gaming Agency may agree in writing, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide one (1) copy of the requested papers, books, and records to the requesting State Gaming Agency. An electronic version of the requested papers, books, and records may be submitted to the State

Gaming Agency in lieu of a paper copy so long as the software required to access the electronic version is reasonably available to the State Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency does not object. To the extent that any papers, books and records requested by the State Gaming Agency are available on a website or other source to which the State Gaming Agency has or can be given access, the Tribal Gaming Agency may satisfy its obligations hereunder by providing the State Gaming Agency with the information needed to access the information from that website or other source. If the Tribal Gaming Agency objects that the manner or volume of information requested is unreasonable, it shall notify the State Gaming Agency, and the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency shall meet and confer to reach agreement about the quantity of information to be provided and the manner in which it will be provided, and if no agreement can be reached within a reasonable time after the Tribal Gaming Agency notifies the State Gaming Agency of its objection, the dispute shall be resolved through the process set forth in section 13.0 of this Compact. Nothing herein shall preclude the State Gaming Agency from conducting an on-site inspection of requested information.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of California law, any confidential information and records, as defined in subdivision (d), that the State Gaming Agency obtains or copies pursuant to this Compact shall be, and remain, the property solely of the Tribe; provided that such confidential information and records and copies may be retained by the State Gaming Agency as is reasonably necessary to assure the Tribe's compliance with this Compact or to conduct or complete any investigation of suspected criminal activity; and provided further that the State Gaming Agency may provide such confidential information and records and copies on a confidential basis to federal law enforcement and other state agencies or consultants that the State deems reasonably necessary in order to assure the Tribe's compliance with this Compact, in order to renegotiate any provision thereof, or in order to conduct or complete any investigation of suspected criminal activity in connection with the Gaming Activities or the operation of the Gaming Facility or the Gaming Operation.
- (d) For purposes of this section 8.4, "confidential information and records" means any and all information and records received from the

Tribe pursuant to the Compact, except for information and records that are in the public domain.

- (e) The State Gaming Agency and all other state agencies and consultants to which it provides information and records obtained pursuant to subdivisions (a) or (b) of this section, which are confidential pursuant to subdivision (d), will exercise the utmost care in the preservation of the confidentiality of such information and records and will apply the highest standards of confidentiality provided under California state law to preserve such information and records from disclosure until such time as the information or record is no longer confidential or disclosure is authorized by the Tribe, by mutual agreement of the Tribe and the State, or pursuant to the arbitration procedures under section 13.2. The State Gaming Agency and all other state agencies and consultants may disclose confidential information or records as necessary to fully adjudicate or resolve a dispute arising pursuant to the Compact, in which case the State Gaming Agency and all other state agencies and consultants agree to preserve confidentiality to the greatest extent feasible and available. Before the State Gaming Agency provides confidential information and records to a consultant as authorized under subdivision (c), it shall enter into a confidentiality agreement with that consultant that meets the standards of this subdivision.
- (f) The Tribe may avail itself of any and all remedies under State law for the improper disclosure of confidential information and records. In the case of any disclosure of confidential information and records compelled by judicial process, the State Gaming Agency will endeavor to give the Tribe prompt notice of the order compelling disclosure and a reasonable opportunity to interpose an objection thereto with the court.
- (g) The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall confer regarding protocols for the release to law enforcement agencies of information obtained during the course of background investigations.
- (h) Confidential information and records received by the State Gaming Agency from the Tribe in compliance with this Compact, or information compiled by the State Gaming Agency from those

confidential records, shall be exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, the State Gaming Agency shall not be denied access to papers, books, records, equipment, or places where such access is reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with this Compact or to conduct or complete an investigation of suspected criminal activity in connection with the Gaming Activities or the operation of the Gaming Facility or the Gaming Operation.

**Sec. 8.5. Cooperation Between State Gaming Agency and Tribal Gaming Agency.**

The State Gaming Agency shall meet periodically with the Tribal Gaming Agency and both shall cooperate in all matters relating to the enforcement of the provisions of this Compact and its Appendices.

**Sec. 8.6. Compact Compliance Review.**

The State Gaming Agency is authorized to conduct an annual Compact compliance review of the Tribe's Gaming Operation and Gaming Facilities to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Compact and any appendices hereto. Upon the discovery of an irregularity that the State Gaming Agency reasonably determines may be a threat to gaming integrity or public safety, and after consultation with the Tribal Gaming Agency, the State Gaming Agency may conduct additional periodic reviews and site visits of any part of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, and Gaming Activities subject to this Compact in order to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Compact and its appendices. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any other audits, inspections, investigations, and monitoring authorized by this Compact; provided, that the State Gaming Agency shall make a good-faith effort to avoid duplication of effort in connection with such reviews and site visits.

**Sec. 8.7. Waiver of Materials.**

The State Gaming Agency shall retain the discretion to waive, in whole or in part, receipt of materials otherwise required by this Compact to be provided to the State Gaming Agency by the Tribal Gaming Agency or the Tribe; provided that any such waiver shall be in writing.

**SECTION 9.0. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GAMING OPERATION AND FACILITY.**

**Sec. 9.1. Adoption of Regulations for Operation and Management; Minimum Standards.**

It is the responsibility of the Tribal Gaming Agency to conduct on-site gaming regulation and control in order to enforce the terms of this Compact, IGRA, applicable NIGC gaming regulations, applicable State Gaming Agency regulations, the Gaming Ordinance and the Tribal Gaming Agency's own regulations, to protect the integrity of the Gaming Activities and the Gaming Operation for honesty and fairness, and to maintain the confidence of patrons that tribal governmental gaming in California meets the highest standards of fairness and internal controls. To meet those responsibilities, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall be vested with the authority to promulgate, and shall promulgate, and enforce rules, regulations, procedures and practices as set forth herein.

- (a) The enforcement of all relevant laws and rules with respect to the Gaming Activities, Gaming Operation and Gaming Facility, and the conduct of investigations and hearings with respect thereto, and to any other subject within its jurisdiction.
- (b) The physical safety of Gaming Facility patrons and employees, and any other person while in the Gaming Facility. Except as may be required by this Compact or applicable federal law, nothing herein shall be construed, to make applicable to the Tribe any State laws, regulations, or standards governing the use of tobacco.
- (c) The physical safeguarding of assets transported to, within, and from the Gaming Facility.
- (d) The prevention of illegal activity within the Gaming Facility or with regard to the Gaming Operation or Gaming Activities, including, but not limited to, the maintenance of employee procedures designed to permit detection of any irregularities, theft, cheating, fraud, or the like, consistent with industry practice and a surveillance system as provided in subdivision (e).

- (e) Maintenance of a closed-circuit television surveillance system consistent with industry standards for gaming facilities of the type and scale operated by the Tribe, which system shall be approved by, and may not be modified without the approval of, the Tribal Gaming Agency. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall have current copies of the Gaming Facility floor plan and closed-circuit television system at all times.
  
- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the recording of any and all occurrences within the Gaming Facility that deviate from normal operating policies and procedures (hereinafter “incidents”). The Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit copies of incident reports that it reasonably believes concern a significant or continued threat to public safety or gaming integrity to the State Gaming Agency within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed seven (7) days, after the incident. The procedure for recording incidents pursuant to this section 9.1 shall also do all of the following:
  - (1) Specify that security personnel record all incidents, regardless of an employee’s determination that the incident may be immaterial (all incidents shall be identified in writing).
  - (2) Require the assignment of a sequential number to each report.
  - (3) Provide for permanent reporting in indelible ink in a bound notebook from which pages cannot be removed and in which entries are made on each side of each page and/or in electronic form, provided the information is recorded in a manner so that, once the information is entered, it cannot be deleted or altered and is available to the State Gaming Agency pursuant to section 7.4 and section 8.4.
  - (4) Require that each report include, at a minimum, all of the following:
    - (A) The record number.
    - (B) The date.
    - (C) The time.

- (D) The location of the incident.
  - (E) A detailed description of the incident.
  - (F) The persons involved in the incident.
  - (G) The security department employee assigned to the incident.
- (g) Maintenance of a list of persons permanently excluded from the Gaming Facility who, because of their past behavior, criminal history, or association with persons or organizations, pose a threat to the integrity of the Gaming Activities of the Tribe or to the integrity of regulated gaming within the State. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit a copy of the list to the State Gaming Agency quarterly and shall make a copy of the current list available to the State Gaming Agency upon request. Notwithstanding anything in this Compact to the contrary, at its discretion, the Tribal Gaming Agency is authorized to make the copies of the list available to other tribal gaming agencies, gambling establishments licensed by the Commission, the California Horse Racing Board, and other law enforcement agencies.
- (h) The conduct of an audit, not less than annually and at the Tribe's expense, of the annual financial statements of the Gaming Operation by an independent certified public accountant, in accordance with industry standards.
- (i) Submission to, and prior approval by, the Tribal Gaming Agency of the rules and regulations of each Class III Gaming game to be operated by the Tribe, and of any changes in those rules and regulations. No Class III Gaming game may be played that has not received Tribal Gaming Agency approval.
- (j) The obligation of the Gaming Facility and the Gaming Operation to maintain a copy of the rules, regulations, and procedures for each game as played, including, but not limited to, the method of play and the odds and method of determining amounts paid to winners.

- (k) Specifications and standards to ensure that information regarding the method of play, odds, and payoff determinations is visibly displayed or otherwise available to patrons in written form in the Gaming Facility and to ensure that betting limits applicable to any gaming station are displayed at that gaming station.
- (l) Maintenance of a cashier's cage in accordance with industry standards for such facilities.
- (m) Specification of minimum staff and supervisory requirements for each Gaming Activity to be conducted.
- (n) Technical standards and specifications in conformity with the requirements of this Compact for the operation of Gaming Devices and other games authorized herein to be conducted by the Tribe.

**Sec. 9.1.1. Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS).**

- (a) The Tribe shall conduct its Gaming Activities pursuant to an internal control system that implements minimum internal control standards for Class III Gaming that are no less stringent than those contained in the Minimum Internal Control Standards of the NIGC (25 C.F.R. § 542), as they existed on October 10, 2008, and as they may be amended from time to time, without regard to the NIGC's authority to promulgate, enforce, or audit the standards. These standards are posted on the State Gaming Agency website(s) and are referred to herein as the "Compact MICS." This requirement is met through compliance with the provisions set forth in this section and in section 9.1 or in the alternative by compliance with the state-wide uniform regulation CGCC-8, as it may be amended from time to time.
- (b) Before commencement of Gaming Operations under this Compact, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall, in accordance with the Gaming Ordinance, establish written internal control standards for the Gaming Facility that shall: (i) provide a level of control that equals or exceeds the minimum internal control standards set forth in the Compact MICS, as they exist currently and as it may be revised; (ii) contain standards for currency transaction reporting that comply with title 31 Code of Federal Regulations part 103, as it exists currently and as it may be amended; (iii) satisfy the requirements of section 9.1; (iv) be

consistent with this Compact; and (v) require the Gaming Operation to comply with the internal control standards.

- (c) The Gaming Operation shall operate the Gaming Facility pursuant to a written internal control system. The internal control system shall comply with and implement the internal control standards established by the Tribal Gaming Agency pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section 9.1.1. The internal control system, and any proposed changes to the system, must be approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to implementation. The internal control system shall be designed to reasonably assure that: (i) assets are safeguarded and accountability over assets is maintained; (ii) liabilities are properly recorded and contingent liabilities are properly disclosed; (iii) financial records including records relating to revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and equity/fund balances are accurate and reliable; (iv) transactions are performed in accordance with the Tribal Gaming Agency's general or specific authorization; (v) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with the Tribal Gaming Agency's approved procedures; (vi) recorded accountability for assets is compared with actual assets at frequent intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any discrepancies; and (vii) functions, duties and responsibilities are appropriately segregated and performed in accordance with sound practices by qualified personnel.
- (d) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide a copy of its written internal control standards and any changes to those control standards to the State Gaming Agency within thirty (30) days of approval by the Tribal Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency will review and submit to the Tribal Gaming Agency written comments or objections, if any, to the internal control standards and any changes to the standards, within thirty (30) days of receiving them, or by another date agreed upon by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency's review shall be for the purpose of determining whether the internal control standards and any changes to the standards provide a level of control which equals or exceeds the level of control required by the minimum internal control standards set forth in the Compact MICS, as they exist currently and as it may be revised, and are consistent with this Compact.

- (e) The minimum internal control standards set forth in the Compact MICS shall apply to all Gaming Activities, Gaming Facilities and the Gaming Operation; however, the Compact MICS are not applicable to any activities not expressly permitted in this Compact. Should the terms in the Compact MICS be inconsistent with this Compact, the terms in this Compact shall prevail.
- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency or the State Gaming Agency may, at any time, propose that the Gaming Regulators' Association undertake to amend the Compact MICS to continue efficient regulation, foster statewide uniformity of regulation of Class III Gaming operations, and address future circumstances, including, without limitation, technological advancements and changes in industry standards. Such revisions to the Compact MICS shall not be considered to be an amendment to this Compact.
- (g) The Tribe shall cause, at its own expense and not less than annually at the Tribe's fiscal year end, an independent auditor to be engaged to perform "Agreed-Upon Procedures" to verify that the Gaming Operation is in compliance with the internal control standards at the Gaming Facility. For purposes of this section, an independent auditor shall be a certified public accountant who is licensed in the state of California to practice as an independent certified public accountant or who holds a California practice privilege, as provided in the California Accountancy Act, California Business and Professions Code, section 5000 et seq., who is not employed by the Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Agency, the Management Contractor, or the Gaming Operation, has no financial interest in any of these entities, and is only otherwise retained by any of these entities to conduct regulatory audits, independent audits of the Gaming Operation, or audits under this section. The independent auditor shall perform the Agreed-Upon Procedures in accordance with part 542.3, subdivision (f), of the Compact MICS, as it may be revised. The independent auditor shall issue a report of its findings to the Tribal Gaming Agency within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Gaming Operation's fiscal year end. Promptly upon receipt of the Agreed-Upon Procedures report, and in no event later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of the report, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide a complete copy of the Agreed-Upon Procedures report to the State Gaming Agency, along with a copy of any supporting reports or documents the independent

auditor has prepared, and any replies the Tribe has prepared in response to the independent certified public accountant's report.

**Sec. 9.2. Program to Mitigate Problem Gambling.**

The Gaming Operation shall establish a program, approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency, to mitigate pathological and problem gambling by implementing the following measures:

- (a) It shall train Gaming Facility supervisors and gaming floor employees on responsible gaming and to identify and manage problem gambling.
- (b) It shall make available to patrons at conspicuous locations and ATMs in the Gaming Facility educational and informational materials which aim at the prevention of problem gambling and that specify where to find assistance, and shall display at conspicuous locations and at ATMs within the Gaming Facility signage bearing a toll-free help line number where patrons may obtain assistance for gambling problems.
- (c) It shall establish self-exclusion programs whereby a self-identified problem gambler may request the halt of promotional mailings, the revocation of privileges for casino services, the denial or restraint on the issuance of credit and check cashing services, and exclusion from the Gaming Facility.
- (d) It shall establish an involuntary exclusion program that allows the Gaming Operation to halt promotional mailings, deny or restrain the issuance of credit and cash checking services, and deny access to the Gaming Facility to patrons who have exhibited signs of problem gambling.
- (e) It shall make diligent efforts to prevent underage individuals from loitering in the area of the Gaming Facility where the Gaming Activities take place.
- (f) It shall assure that advertising and marketing of the Gaming Activities at the Gaming Facility contain a responsible gambling message and a toll-free help-line number for problem gamblers, where practical, and that it make no false or misleading claims.

Nothing herein is intended to grant any third party the right to sue based on an alleged violation of these standards, nor may any alleged deficiency in the effectiveness of these standards serve as the basis for the State to contend that the Tribe has committed a material breach of this Compact.

### **Sec. 9.3. Enforcement of Regulations.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure the enforcement of the rules, regulations, and specifications promulgated under this Compact, including under section 9.1.

### **Sec. 9.4. State Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction.**

Nothing in this Compact affects the civil or criminal jurisdiction of the State, local law enforcement agencies and state courts under Public Law 280 (18 U.S.C. § 1162; 28 U.S.C. § 1360) or IGRA, to the extent applicable. Criminal jurisdiction to enforce state gambling laws is hereby voluntarily transferred by the Tribe to the State pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1166(d), provided that no Gaming Activity conducted by the Tribe pursuant to this Compact may be deemed to be a civil or criminal violation of any law of the State.

### **Sec. 9.5. Tribal Gaming Agency Members.**

- (a) The Tribe shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that members of the Tribal Gaming Agency are free from corruption, undue influence, compromise, and conflicting interests in the conduct of their duties under this Compact; shall adopt a conflict-of-interest code to that end and shall ensure its enforcement; and shall ensure the prompt removal of any member of the Tribal Gaming Agency who is found to have acted in a corrupt or compromised manner or to have a conflict of interest.
- (b) The Tribe shall conduct a background investigation on each prospective member of the Tribal Gaming Agency, who shall meet the background requirements of a management contractor under IGRA; provided that if such member is elected through a tribal election process, that member may not participate in any Tribal Gaming Agency matters under this Compact unless a background investigation has been concluded and the member has been found to be suitable. If requested by the Tribe or the Tribal Gaming Agency, the State

Gaming Agency may assist in the conduct of such a background investigation and may assist in the investigation of any possible corruption or compromise of a member of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

**Sec. 9.6. Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulations.**

- (a) Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulations CGCC-1, CGCC-2, CGCC-7, and CGCC-8 (as in effect on the date the parties execute this Compact), adopted by the State Gaming Agency and approved by the Association, shall apply to the Gaming Operation until amended or repealed, without further action by the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Agency or the Association.
- (b) Any subsequent Uniform Tribal Gaming Regulations adopted by the State Gaming Agency and approved by the Association shall apply to the Gaming Operation until amended or repealed.
- (c) Except as provided in subdivision (f), no State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 shall be effective with respect to the Tribe's Gaming Operation unless it has first been approved by the Association and the Tribe has had an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed regulation.
- (d) Every State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 that is intended to apply to the Tribe (other than a regulation proposed or previously approved by the Association) shall be submitted to the Association for consideration prior to submission of the regulation to the Tribe for comment as provided in subdivision (c). A regulation adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 that is disapproved by the Association shall not be submitted to the Tribe for comment unless it is re-adopted by the State Gaming Agency as a proposed regulation, in its original or amended form, with a detailed, written response to the Association's objections.
- (e) Except as provided in subdivision (f), no regulation of the State Gaming Agency adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 shall be adopted as a final regulation in respect to the Tribe's Gaming Operation before the expiration of 30 (thirty) days after submission of the proposed regulation to the Tribe for comment as a proposed regulation, and after consideration of the Tribe's comments, if any.

- (f) In exigent circumstances (e.g., imminent threat to public health and safety), the State Gaming Agency may adopt a regulation that becomes effective immediately. Any such regulation shall be accompanied by a detailed, written description of the exigent circumstances, and shall be submitted immediately to the Association for consideration. If the regulation is disapproved by the Association, it shall cease to be effective, but may be re-adopted by the State Gaming Agency as a proposed regulation, in its original or amended form, with a detailed, written response to the Association's objections, and thereafter submitted to the Tribe for comment as provided in subdivision (c).
- (g) The Tribe may object to a State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 on the ground that it is unnecessary, unduly burdensome, or unfairly discriminatory, and may seek repeal or amendment of the regulation through the dispute resolution process of section 13.0.

#### **SECTION 10.0. PATRON DISPUTES.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall promulgate regulations consistent with fairness and prevailing industry standards governing patron disputes over the play or operation of any game, including any refusal to pay to a patron any alleged winnings from any Gaming Activities. The regulations shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) A patron who makes a written complaint to personnel of the Gaming Operation over the play or operation of any game within three (3) days of the play or operation at issue shall be notified in writing of the patron's right to request in writing, within fifteen (15) days of the Gaming Operation's written notification to the patron of that right, resolution of the dispute by the Tribal Gaming Agency, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, to seek resolution in either the Tribe's tribal court or, if no tribal court exists, through a three-member tribal claims commission pursuant to the terms and provisions in subdivision (c). The tribal claims commission shall consist of at least one (1) representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) commissioner who is not a member of the Tribe. No member of the tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or

Gaming Operation. If the patron is not provided with the aforesaid notification within thirty (30) days of the patron's complaint, the deadlines herein shall be removed, leaving only the relevant statutes of limitations under California law that would otherwise apply.

- (b) Upon receipt of the patron's written request for a resolution of the patron's complaint pursuant to subdivision (a), the Tribal Gaming Agency shall conduct an appropriate investigation, shall provide to the patron a copy of its regulations concerning patron complaints, and shall render a decision in accordance with industry practice. The decision shall be issued within sixty (60) days of the patron's request, shall be in writing, shall be based on the facts surrounding the dispute, and shall set forth the reasons for the decision.
- (c) If the patron is dissatisfied with the decision of the Tribal Gaming Agency issued pursuant to subdivision (b), or if no decision is issued within the sixty (60)-day period, the dispute shall be resolved in the Tribe's tribal court, or in the event there is no available tribal court, by a tribal claims commission. The tribal court or tribal claims commission must afford the patron with a dispute resolution process that incorporates the essential elements of fairness and due process. No member of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the tribal court or tribal claims commission shall be at no cost to the claimant (excluding claimant's attorney's fees). Tribal court or tribal claims commission review shall not be a *de novo* review, but shall be based solely upon the record developed before the Tribal Gaming Agency. The tribal court or tribal claims commission shall review all determinations of the Tribal Gaming Agency on matters of law, but shall not set aside any factual determinations of the tribal court or tribal claims commission if such determination is supported by substantial evidence. If there is a conflict in the evidence and a reasonable fact-finder could have found for either party, the decision of the Tribal Gaming Agency shall be affirmed.
- (d) Upon a dispute being heard pursuant to subdivision (c), the Tribe and its Gaming Operation shall consent to tribal court adjudication or, if applicable, the tribal claims commission, and discovery shall be governed by procedures comparable to section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. The Tribe and its Gaming

Operation agree to abide by the decision of the tribal court or the tribal claims commission; provided, however, that if any claimed winnings are found to be a result of a mechanical, electronic or electromechanical failure and not due to the intentional acts or gross negligence of the Gaming Operation or its agents, the tribal court or tribal claims commissioner shall deny the patron's claim for the winnings but shall award reimbursement of the amount wagered by the patron that was lost as a result of any said failure.

- (e) To effectuate its consent to the jurisdiction of the tribal court or, if applicable, the tribal claims commission in this section 10.0, the Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, waives its sovereign immunity and its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection with the tribal court's or tribal claims commission's jurisdiction and in any action, for the sole and limited purposes, to (i) enforce an obligation provided in this section 10.0, or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon an award, provided that any judgment based upon an award, regardless of the amount of the judgment, may be executed against, and satisfied from, only the Gaming Operation's accounts, and not the Tribe's governmental accounts.
- (f) Any tribal administrative or judicial proceedings shall take place on the Reservation unless otherwise agreed by the Tribe.

## **SECTION 11.0. OFF-RESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS.**

### **Sec. 11.1. Tribal Environmental Impact Report.**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in section 11.1, subdivision (c) or section 11.9 of this Compact, before the commencement of a Project as defined in section 2.25, the Tribe shall cause to be prepared a comprehensive and adequate tribal environmental impact report (TEIR) analyzing the potentially significant off-reservation environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the process set forth in this section 11.0; provided, however, that information or data that is relevant to the TEIR and is a matter of public record or is generally available to the public need not be repeated in its entirety in the TEIR, but may be specifically cited as the source for conclusions stated therein; and provided further that such information or data shall be

briefly described, that its relationship to the TEIR shall be indicated, and that the source thereof shall be reasonably available for inspection at a public place or public building. The TEIR shall provide detailed information about the Significant Effect(s) on the Environment that the Project is likely to have, including each of the matters set forth in Appendix A, shall list ways in which the Significant Effects on the Environment might be minimized, and shall include a detailed statement setting forth all of the following:

- (1) A description of the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Project (the environmental setting and existing baseline conditions), as they exist at the time the notice of preparation is issued;
- (2) All Significant Effects on the Environment of the proposed Project;
- (3) In a separate section:
  - (A) Any Significant Effect on the Environment that cannot be avoided if the Project is implemented;
  - (B) Any Significant Effect on the Environment that would be irreversible if the Project is implemented;
- (4) Mitigation measures proposed to minimize Significant Effects on the Environment, including, but not limited to, measures to reduce the wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary consumption of energy;
- (5) Alternatives to the Project; provided that the Tribe need not address alternatives if the impacts, if any, on the Off-Reservation environment of the Tribe's preferred alternative would not be significant, or feasibly could be mitigated to insignificance, or that would cause it to forgo its right to engage in the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands;
- (6) Whether any proposed mitigation would be feasible;

- (7) Any direct growth-inducing impacts of the Project; and
  - (8) Whether the proposed mitigation would be effective to substantially reduce the potential Significant Effects on the Environment.
- (b) In addition to the information required pursuant to subdivision (a), the TEIR shall also contain a statement indicating the reasons for determining that various effects of the Project on the off-reservation environment are not significant and consequently have not been discussed in detail in the TEIR. In the TEIR, the direct and indirect Significant Effects on the Environment, including each of the items on Appendix A shall be clearly identified and described, giving due consideration to both the short-term and long-term effects. The discussion of mitigation measures shall describe feasible measures that could minimize significant adverse effects, and shall distinguish between the measures that are proposed by the Tribe and other measures proposed by others. Where several measures are available to mitigate an effect, each should be discussed and the basis for selecting a particular measure should be identified. Formulation of mitigation measures should not be deferred until some future time. The TEIR shall also describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the Project or to the location of the Project, which would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the Project and which would avoid or substantially lessen any of the Significant Effects on the Environment, and evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives; provided that the Tribe need not address alternatives unless the Tribe's preferred Project or preferred location for its Project would have Significant Impacts on the Off-Reservation Environment that cannot feasibly be mitigated, or that would cause it to forgo its right to engage in the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands. The TEIR must include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison. The TEIR shall also contain an index or table of contents and a summary, which shall identify each Significant Effect on the Environment with proposed measures and alternatives that would reduce or avoid that effect, and issues to be resolved, including the choice among alternatives and whether and how to mitigate the Significant Effects on the Environment. Previously approved land use documents,

including, but not limited to, general plans, and specific plans may be used in the cumulative impact analysis.

- (c) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing subdivisions (a) and (b), prior to the preparation of a TEIR, the Tribe may determine whether the proposed activity falls within a categorical exemption under CEQA or a categorical exclusion under NEPA, that would be applicable to a similar project if located off tribal lands, in which case the proposed Project would be exempt from the requirements of this section 11.0. The Tribe shall notify the State in writing of any such determination, and the basis therefor, within thirty (30) days after the determination is made. If the State disputes the propriety of the categorical exclusion or exemption, the dispute shall be resolved using the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 13.0.
  
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing subdivisions (a) and (b), the Tribe may determine, in the exercise of its sovereign authority and pursuant to a duly enacted tribal environmental policy ordinance, (i) that a particular activity may not cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment, or (ii), that any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment can and will be mitigated to less than significant and the Tribe offers to enter into a binding agreement with the State or such of its subdivisions as may be necessary to implement the requisite mitigation measures. The Tribe shall provide written notice to the State that it has adopted a tribal environmental policy ordinance, along with a copy of the ordinance, before commencing any new activity that might be subject to this section 11.0. The Tribe shall notify the State within thirty (30) days of any determination made pursuant to its tribal environmental policy ordinance that a particular activity is not a Project within the meaning of this Compact, or of the specific mitigation measures necessary to mitigate any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment to less than significant. The State shall inform the Tribe of an objection to the determination and the basis upon which it objects within thirty (30) days after receipt of adequate information regarding that determination. If the State objects to the Tribe's determination, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0.

- (e) To the extent any terms in this section 11.0 are not defined in this Compact, they will be defined as in, or consistent with, the California Environmental Quality Act and its regulations, as construed by the California courts.

**Sec. 11.2. Notice of Preparation of Draft TEIR.**

- (a) Upon commencing the preparation of the draft TEIR, the Tribe shall issue a Notice of Preparation (Notice) to the State Clearinghouse in the State Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse) and to the County for distribution to the public. The Notice shall provide all Interested Persons with information describing the Project and its potential Significant Effects on the Environment sufficient to enable Interested Persons to make a meaningful response or comment. At a minimum, the Notice shall include all of the following information:
  - (1) A description of the Project;
  - (2) The location of the Project shown on a detailed map, preferably topographical, and on a regional map; and
  - (3) The probable off-reservation environmental effects of the Project.
- (b) The Notice shall also inform Interested Persons of the preparation of the draft TEIR and shall inform them of the opportunity to provide comments to the Tribe within thirty (30) days of the date of the receipt of the Notice by the State Clearinghouse and the County. The Notice shall also request Interested Persons to identify in their comments the off-reservation environmental issues and reasonable mitigation measures that the Tribe will need to have explored in the draft TEIR.

**Sec. 11.3. Notice of Completion of Draft TEIR.**

- (a) The Tribe shall file a copy of the draft TEIR and a Notice of Completion with the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the County, and the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. The Tribe shall also post the Notice of Completion and a copy of the draft TEIR on its website. The Notice of Completion shall include all of the following information:

- (1) A brief description of the Project;
  - (2) The proposed location of the Project;
  - (3) An address where copies of the draft TEIR are available; and
  - (4) Notice of a period of forty-five (45) days during which the Tribe will receive comments on the draft TEIR.
- (b) The Tribe will submit ten (10) copies each of the draft TEIR and the Notice of Completion to the County, which will be asked to post public notice of the draft TEIR at the office of the County Board of Supervisors and to furnish the public notice to the public libraries serving the County. The County shall also be asked to serve in a timely manner the Notice of Completion to all Interested Persons, which Interested Persons shall be identified by the Tribe for the County, to the extent it can identify them. In addition, the Tribe will provide public notice by at least one (1) of the procedures specified below:
- (1) Publication at least one time by the Tribe in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Project. If more than one area is affected, the notice shall be published in the newspaper of largest circulation from among the newspapers of general circulation in those areas; or
  - (2) Direct mailing by the Tribe to the owners of property adjacent to, but outside, the Indian lands on which the Project is to be located. Owners of such property shall be identified as shown on the latest equalization assessment roll.

#### **Sec. 11.4. Issuance of Final TEIR.**

The Tribe shall prepare, certify and make available to the County, the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, and the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, at least fifty-five (55) days before the completion of negotiations pursuant to section 11.7 a Final TEIR, which shall consist of:

- (a) The draft TEIR or a revision of the draft;
- (b) Comments and recommendations received on the draft TEIR either verbatim or in summary;
- (c) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the draft TEIR;
- (d) The responses, which shall include good faith, reasoned analyses, of the Tribe to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and
- (e) Any other information added by the Tribe.

**Sec. 11.5. Cost Reimbursement to County.**

The Tribe shall reimburse the County for copying and mailing costs resulting from making the Notice of Preparation, Notice of Completion, and draft TEIR available to the public under this section 11.0.

**Sec. 11.6. Failure to Prepare Adequate TEIR.**

The Tribe's failure to prepare an adequate TEIR when required shall be deemed a breach of this Compact and furthermore shall be grounds for issuance of an injunction or other appropriate equitable relief.

**Sec. 11.7. Intergovernmental Agreement.**

- (a) Before the commencement of a Project, and no later than the issuance of the Final TEIR to the County, the Tribe shall offer to commence negotiations with the County, and upon the County's acceptance of the Tribe's offer, shall negotiate with the County and shall enter into enforceable written agreements (hereinafter "intergovernmental agreements") with the County with respect to the matters set forth below:
  - (1) The timely mitigation of any Significant Effect on the Environment (which effects may include, but are not limited to, aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological

resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, water resources, land use, mineral resources, traffic, noise, utilities and service systems, and cumulative effects), where such effect is attributable, in whole or in part, to the Project unless the parties agree that the particular mitigation is infeasible, taking into account economic, environmental, social, technological, or other considerations. The Tribe claims federally-reserved water rights. This Compact does not affect such claims, and the Tribe's Compact obligation to identify and implement reasonable and feasible mitigation, including mitigation of any Significant Impact on the Off-Reservation Environment attributable to the Project's use of water, does not impair, restrict or otherwise limit the Tribe's federally-reserved water rights.

- (2) Compensation for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services, to the extent such services are to be provided by the County and its special districts to the Tribe for the purposes of the Gaming Operation, including the Gaming Facility, as a consequence of the Project.
  - (3) Mitigation of any effect on public safety attributable to the Project, including any compensation to the County as a consequence thereof, to the extent such effects are not mitigated pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) above.
- (b) The Tribe shall not commence a Project until the intergovernmental agreements with the County specified in subdivision (a) are executed by the parties or are effectuated pursuant to section 11.8.
  - (c) If the Final TEIR identifies traffic impacts to the state highway system or facilities that are directly attributable in whole or in part to the Project, then before the commencement of the Project, the Tribe shall negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the California Department of Transportation that provides for timely mitigation of all traffic impacts on the state highway system and facilities directly attributable to the Project, and payment of the Tribe's fair share of the costs to mitigate any cumulative impacts, which fair share calculation is based on the incremental increase in traffic attributable to the

Tribe's Project. Alternatively, the California Department of Transportation may agree in writing that the Tribe may negotiate and conclude, prior to commencement of the Project, an intergovernmental agreement with the County that mitigates the traffic impacts to the state highway system or facilities.

- (d) Nothing in this section 11.7 requires the Tribe to enter into any other intergovernmental agreements with a local governmental entity other than as set forth in subdivisions (a) and (c).

### **Sec. 11.8. Arbitration.**

To foster good government-to-government relationships and to assure that the Tribe is not unreasonably prevented from commencing a Project and benefiting therefrom, if an intergovernmental agreement with the County, or the California Department of Transportation if required by section 11.7, subdivision (c), is not entered within seventy-five (75) days of the submission of the Final TEIR, or such further time as the Tribe and the County, or the Tribe and the California Department of Transportation if required by section 11.7, subdivision (c) (for purposes of this section the "parties") may agree in writing, any party may demand binding arbitration before a JAMS arbitrator pursuant to JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration with respect to any remaining disputes arising from, connected with, or related to the negotiation:

- (a) The arbitration shall be conducted as follows: Each party shall exchange with each other within five (5) days of the demand for arbitration its last, best written offer made during the negotiation pursuant to section 11.7. The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing to be heard within thirty (30) days of his or her appointment unless the parties agree to a longer period. The arbitrator shall be limited to awarding only one (1) of the offers submitted, without modification, based upon that proposal which best provides feasible mitigation of Significant Effects on the Environment and on public safety and most reasonably compensates for public services pursuant to section 11.7, without unduly interfering with the principal objectives of the Project or imposing environmental mitigation measures which are different in nature or scale from the type of measures that have been required to mitigate impacts of a similar scale of other projects in the surrounding area, to the extent there are such other projects. The arbitrator shall take into consideration whether the Final TEIR provides the data and

information necessary to enable the County, or the California Department of Transportation if required by section 11.7, subdivision (c), to determine both whether the Project may result in a Significant Effect on the Environment and whether the proposed measures in mitigation are sufficient to mitigate any such effect. If the respondent does not participate in the arbitration, the arbitrator shall nonetheless conduct the arbitration and issue an award, and the claimant shall submit such evidence as the arbitrator may require therefore. Review of the resulting arbitration award is waived.

- (b) To effectuate this section 11.8, and in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Tribe expressly waives, and waives its right to assert, sovereign immunity in connection with the arbitrator's jurisdiction and in any action to (i) enforce the other party's obligation to arbitrate, (ii) enforce or confirm any arbitral award rendered in the arbitration, or (iii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award.
- (c) The arbitral award will become part of the intergovernmental agreements with the County required under section 11.7.
- (d) An arbitral award entered pursuant to this section 11.8 as the result of arbitration between the Tribe and the California Department of Transportation, when an intergovernmental agreement is required by section 11.7, subdivision (c), will become the intergovernmental agreement with the California Department of Transportation.

**Sec. 11.9. Alternative Process for Identifying and Providing for Mitigation of Significant Impacts on the Off-Reservation Environment.**

- (a) In consideration of: the Tribe's unique reservation, consisting of more than thirty-six thousand (36,000) mostly contiguous acres, its relatively isolated location, and the unique features of the adjacent off-reservation environment; the Tribe's and the State's mutual desire to effectively and responsibly address the off-reservation impacts of Projects that fall within the scope of the Compact, while also respecting the authority and sovereignty of each government to protect and further the interests of the people it serves; and the genuine desire of the Tribe and the State to work together to find mutually acceptable solutions for those issues that implicate the interests of both sovereigns, the Tribe and the State agree that before

commencing the process specified in section 11.1, subdivisions (a) and (b) and sections 11.2 through 11.8, they may meet and confer, at the Tribe's request, in an effort to resolve any issues related to the Tribe's obligation to mitigate off-reservation impacts of a Project. In preparation for the meeting, the Tribe will provide to the State information and analysis pursuant to its tribal environmental protection ordinance and other applicable tribal law, if any, that defines the scope of the Project; identifies the off-reservation environmental impacts of the Project, if any, and proposes reasonable and feasible mitigation measures to address any significant adverse impacts on the off-reservation environment.

- (b) If the Tribe and the State reach agreement, memorialized in writing, that the proposed activity does not constitute a Project; or that there are no off-reservation impacts; or, that the proposed mitigation adequately mitigates the off-reservation impacts, then, if the Tribe agrees to provide funding or otherwise fulfill its obligations to ensure that the agreed-upon mitigation, if any, is performed in a timely and effective manner, and that a failure to do so will constitute a breach of its Compact obligations, the Tribe need not proceed with the requirements of section 11.1, subdivisions (a) and (b) and sections 11.2 through 11.8. The parties will collaborate on reasonable timelines to ensure that all meetings are productive, but the Tribe may at any time proceed with the process specified in sections 11.2 through 11.8. The State may request that the Tribe provide public notice describing the Project and proposed mitigation measures or otherwise seek inputs from those in the affected jurisdictions prior to resolving the issue through this subsection. The Tribe is not obligated to avail itself of this option. If the parties fail to reach an agreement, the Tribe shall proceed pursuant to sections 11.1 through 11.8.

## **SECTION 12.0. PUBLIC AND WORKPLACE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND LIABILITY.**

### **Sec. 12.1. General Requirements.**

The Tribe shall not conduct Class III Gaming in a manner that endangers the public health, safety, or welfare, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to make applicable to the Tribe any State laws or regulations governing the use of tobacco. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tribe agrees to provide a

non-smoking area in the Gaming Facility and, consistent with the Tribe's commitment to the well-being of its employees and patrons, to incorporate ventilation, filtration, purification or other technologies throughout the Gaming Facility, where reasonable and feasible after consideration of engineering, economic and scientific factors, and further agrees not to offer or sell tobacco to anyone under twenty-one (21) years of age within the Gaming Facility.

### **Sec. 12.2. Health and Safety Standards.**

To protect the health and safety of patrons and employees of the Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall, for the Gaming Facility:

- (a) Adopt and comply with standards no less stringent than State public health standards for food and beverage handling. The Gaming Operation will allow, during normal hours of operation, inspection of food and beverage services in the Gaming Facility by State or County health inspectors, whichever inspector would have jurisdiction but for the Gaming Facility being on Indian lands, to assess compliance with these standards, unless inspections are routinely made by an agency of the United States government to ensure compliance with equivalent standards of the United States Public Health Service. Any report subsequent to an inspection or visit by the State, County, or federal health inspectors shall be transmitted within three (3) business days to the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency. This includes any document that includes a citation or finding. Nothing herein shall be construed as submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of those State or County health inspectors, but any violations of the standards may be the subject of dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0.
- (b) Adopt and comply with federal water quality and safe drinking water standards applicable in California. The Tribe will allow, during normal hours of operation, inspection and testing of water quality at the Gaming Facility by State or County health inspectors, whichever inspector would have jurisdiction but for the Gaming Facility being on Indian lands, to assess compliance with these standards, unless inspections and testing are routinely made by an agency of the United States pursuant to federal law to ensure compliance with federal water quality and safe drinking water standards. Any report or other writings by the State, County, or federal health inspectors shall be

transmitted within three (3) business days to the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency. Nothing herein shall be construed as submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of those State, or County health inspectors, but any violations of the standards may be the subject of dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0.

- (c) Comply with the building and safety standards set forth in section 6.4.2.
- (d) Adopt and comply with federal workplace and occupational health and safety standards. Subsequent to an inspection or enforcement action by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Fed OSHA) or by an agency of the United States pursuant to federal law, the Tribe will provide a copy of the inspector's report or other documentation of the inspection to the State Gaming Agency within ten (10) days of receipt of the report or other documentation of the inspection.
- (e) Adopt and comply with tribal codes to the extent consistent with the provisions of this Compact.
- (f) Adopt and comply with tribal law that is consistent with federal laws forbidding harassment, including sexual harassment, in the workplace, forbidding employers from discrimination in connection with the employment of persons to work or working for the Gaming Operation or in the Gaming Facility on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, marital status, medical condition, sexual orientation, age, or disability, and forbidding employers from retaliation against persons who oppose discrimination or participate in employment discrimination proceedings (hereinafter "harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination" or "Prohibited Acts"); provided that nothing herein shall preclude the Tribe from giving a preference in employment to members of federally recognized Indian tribes pursuant to a duly adopted tribal ordinance, or enforcing compliance with reasonable job-related requirements for uniforms and/or personal appearance.
  - (1) Within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this Compact, the Tribe shall enact a tribal employment claims ordinance (Ordinance) to address claims of Prohibited Acts arising out of

a claimant's employment in, in connection with, or relating to the operation of Gaming Activities. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing or the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission.

(2) The Tribe shall provide written notice of the Ordinance and the procedures for bringing a complaint in its Gaming Operation employee handbook. The Tribe also shall post and keep posted in prominent and accessible places in the Gaming Facility where notices to employees and applicants for employment are customarily posted, a notice setting forth the pertinent provisions of the Ordinance and information pertinent to the filing of a complaint. The Ordinance shall continuously provide at least the following:

(A) That an employee who alleges to have been the victim of a Prohibited Act (Claimant) shall have ninety (90) days from the date that the alleged Prohibited Act occurred or that Claimant reasonably knew or should have known of its occurrence to file a confidential written complaint with the Tribal Gaming Agency or other designated person or entity that he or she has been the object of a Prohibited Act, describing the Prohibited Act and the date(s) of occurrence, and identifying the alleged perpetrator(s), provided, that if, during said ninety (90) days, one or more Prohibited Acts effectively prevented the Claimant from filing the complaint within that time, the Claimant's time to file the complaint shall be extended for an additional ninety (90) days from the date that the Claimant no longer was being prevented from filing the complaint, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the Claimant first became aware that s/he was the object of a Prohibited Act.

(B) That promptly upon receipt by the Tribal Gaming Agency or other designated agent of a complaint from a Claimant under the Ordinance, the Tribal Gaming Agency or other designated agent promptly shall

investigate the complaint to determine whether the Prohibited Act occurred as alleged. The investigation shall be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the complaint, unless circumstances beyond the investigating agency's control prevent completion of the investigation within that period, in which event the investigation shall be completed as soon thereafter as practicable. If the complaint is substantiated, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall, after giving the perpetrator an opportunity to be heard, impose such sanctions as the Tribal Gaming Agency may determine are appropriate to deter future Prohibited Acts and, if appropriate, order the perpetrator, the Tribe, or both, to compensate the Claimant. Sanctions against the perpetrator may include suspension or revocation of a tribal gaming license or work permit and an order to pay compensation to the victim. If the Gaming Operation is determined to have failed to take reasonable measures to train its employees to avoid or prevent Prohibited Acts, or failed to stop Prohibited Acts that it knew or reasonably should have known were occurring, the Gaming Operation shall be ordered to pay compensation to the Claimant, but no punitive damages may be awarded against the Gaming Operation or the Tribe.

- (C) That the Claimant shall be notified in writing by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, of the Tribal Gaming Agency's reasoned decision on the merits of the complaint, together with any sanctions that may be imposed upon the perpetrator and/or financial compensation awarded to the Claimant, and that if the complaint was not substantiated, or if the Claimant is not satisfied with the compensation awarded, that the Claimant may, within sixty (60) days of receipt of the Tribal Gaming Agency's decision, request a hearing before the Tribal Gaming Agency to present any additional evidence that the Claimant alleges either was not adduced during the Tribal Gaming Agency's investigation or addressed in the Tribal Gaming Agency's decision on the complaint. If timely requested,

the Tribal Gaming Agency shall conduct the hearing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, and within thirty (30) days after the close of the hearing record, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall issue and serve on the Claimant a written decision either affirming or modifying its original decision, or vacating its original decision and directing such further investigation as it deems appropriate. All testimony received in hearings conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency pursuant to this section 12.2, subdivision (f) shall be given under oath, recorded, and if requested in connection with an appeal, transcribed, with the cost of transcription borne in the first instance by the person or entity requesting transcription. Discovery in the Tribal Gaming Agency's proceedings shall be governed by procedures comparable to section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

- (D) That if the Claimant is not satisfied with the Tribal Gaming Agency's final decision, the Claimant may file with the tribal court and simultaneously serve on the Tribal Gaming Agency a notice of appeal that specifies those aspects of the decision with which the Claimant disagrees and any further relief sought. If there is no tribal court, the notice of appeal shall be filed with a three-member tribal claims commission. The tribal claims commission shall consist of at least one (1) representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) commissioner who is not a member of the Tribe. No member of the tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the tribal court or tribal claims commission shall be at no cost to the Claimant (excluding Claimant's attorney's fees and any related costs not imposed by the tribal court or tribal claims commission).
- (E) That the tribal court, or if there is no tribal court, a tribal claims commission shall afford the Claimant an independent forum that incorporates the essential

elements of fairness and due process consistent with tribal law and shall be authorized under tribal law to render a final and binding decision, utilizing the same standard of review that a federal Court of Appeals would apply to the review of a decision of a federal district court; i.e., to determine whether the decision is consistent with applicable law and supported by substantial evidence, and either to affirm the decision in whole or in part, or reverse and remand for such further proceedings as the reviewing forum may deem appropriate. If the tribal court or tribal claims commission is not available or ceases to operate, claims under this subdivision (f) will be resolved by an arbitrator appointed through JAMS or another recognized provider of ADR services in Riverside County, California.

- (F) Any party dissatisfied with the award of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may appeal to the Tribe's court of appeals, or if the Tribe does not have an appellate court, invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent). The cost and expenses of the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (hereafter "JAMS appeal"), if applicable, shall be initially borne equally by the Tribe and the claimant (for purposes of this section, the "parties") and both parties shall pay their share of the JAMS appeal costs at the time the JAMS appeal option is elected, but the JAMS arbitrator shall award costs and expenses to the prevailing party (but not attorney's fees).
- (3) The Tribe's harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination standards shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to an employment discrimination complaint ordinance which shall be adopted by the Tribe prior to the effective date of this Compact.
- (4) To effectuate its consent to the tribal court or tribal claims commission, and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure if applicable, in the ordinance the Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, shall expressly waive, and also

waive its right to assert, sovereign immunity in connection with the jurisdiction of the tribal court, tribal claims commission and, if applicable, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.2, or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award of the tribal court, tribal claims commission and, if applicable, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure.

- (g) Adopt and comply with standards that are no less stringent than State laws prohibiting a gambling enterprise from cashing any check drawn against a federal, state, county, or city fund, including but not limited to, Social Security, unemployment insurance, disability payments, or public assistance payments.
- (h) Adopt and comply with standards that are no less stringent than State laws, if any, prohibiting the provision of alcoholic beverages for no charge or at reduced prices as an incentive or enticement.
- (i) Adopt and comply with standards that are no less stringent than State laws, if any, prohibiting extensions of credit in connection with participation in Gaming Activities.
- (j) Comply with provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, P.L. 91-508, October 26, 1970, 31 U.S.C. §§ 5311-5314, as amended, and all reporting requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, insofar as such provisions and reporting requirements are applicable to gambling establishments.
- (k) Adopt and comply with the standards no less stringent than those of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., the United States Department of Labor regulations implementing the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 C.F.R. § 500 et seq., and the State's minimum wage law established pursuant to California Labor Code section 1182.12 and regulations implementing the State's minimum wage law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only the federal minimum wage laws set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., and its implementing regulations, shall apply to tipped employees. Nothing herein shall make applicable state law concerning overtime, or be construed as authorizing or creating any private cause of action

against the Tribe or the Gaming Operation based upon an alleged violation of any of the foregoing standards.

### **Sec. 12.3. Tribal Gaming Facility Standards Ordinance.**

The Tribe shall adopt in the form of an ordinance the standards described in subdivisions (a) through (k) of section 12.2 to which the Gaming Operation is held, and shall transmit the ordinance to the State Gaming Agency not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Compact. In the absence of a promulgated tribal standard in respect to a matter identified in those subdivisions, or the express adoption of an applicable federal and/or California statute or regulation, as the case may be, in respect of any such matter, the otherwise applicable federal statute or regulation shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Tribe as the applicable standard.

### **Sec. 12.4. Insurance Coverage and Claims.**

- (a) The Tribe shall obtain and maintain commercial general liability insurance consistent with industry standards for non-tribal casinos in the United States underwritten by an insurer with an A.M. Best rating of A or higher which provides coverage of no less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities (Policy). To effectuate the insurance coverage, the Tribe expressly waives, and waives its right to assert, sovereign immunity up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the limits of the Policy, in accordance with the tribal ordinance referenced in subdivision (b) below, in connection with any claim for bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage, arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, or the Gaming Activities, including, but not limited to, injuries resulting from entry onto the Tribe's land for purposes of patronizing the Gaming Facility or providing goods or services to the Gaming Facility; provided, that such injury occurs at the Gaming Facility or on a road accessing the Facility exclusively. Nothing herein requires the Tribe to agree to liability for punitive damages or to waive its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection therewith. The Policy shall acknowledge in writing that the Tribe has expressly waived, and waived its right to assert, sovereign immunity for the purpose of adjudication and/or

arbitration of those claims up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the limits of the Policy referred to above and for the purpose of enforcement of any ensuing award or judgment and shall include an endorsement providing that the insurer shall not invoke tribal sovereign immunity up to the limits of the Policy; however, such endorsement or acknowledgement shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise limit the Tribe's sovereign immunity for any portion of the claim that exceeds ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the Policy limits, whichever is greater.

- (b) The Tribe shall adopt, and at all times hereinafter shall maintain in continuous force, an ordinance that provides for all of the following:
  - (1) The ordinance shall provide that the Tribe shall adopt as tribal law, provisions that are the same as California tort law to govern all claims of bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, or the Gaming Activities, including but not limited to injuries resulting from entry onto the Tribe's land for purposes of patronizing the Gaming Facility or providing goods or services to the Gaming Facility, provided that that such injury occurs at the Gaming Facility or on a road accessing the Facility exclusively. California law governing punitive damages need not be a part of the ordinance. Further, the Tribe may include in the ordinance required by this subdivision a requirement that a person with claims for money damages against the Tribe file those claims within the time periods applicable for the filing of claims for money damages against public entities under California Government Code section 810 et seq. Under no circumstances shall there be any awards of attorney's fees or costs to either a claimant or the Tribe.
  - (2) The ordinance shall also expressly provide for waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity and its right to assert sovereign immunity with respect to resolution of such claims in the Tribe's tribal court, if a tribal court with jurisdiction over the subject matter is established, but only up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the limits of the Policy; provided, however, such waiver shall not be deemed to waive

or otherwise limit the Tribe's sovereign immunity for any portion of the claim that exceeds ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the Policy limits, whichever is greater.

- (3) The ordinance shall allow for the claim to be resolved in the Tribe's tribal court, once a tribal court is established, or by a three (3)-member tribal claims commission consisting of at least one (1) representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) commissioner who is not a member of the Tribe. No member of the tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. The Tribe shall not impose any filing fees upon a claimant for recourse to the tribal court or tribal claims commission, and claimant shall be responsible for his/her own attorney fees and other litigation costs.
- (4) The Tribe shall consent to tribal court or tribal claims commission adjudication to the extent of the limits of the Policy, that discovery in tribal court or tribal claims commission proceedings shall be governed by procedures comparable to section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, and that any party dissatisfied with the award of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may appeal to the Tribe's court of appeals, or if the Tribe does not have an appellate court, invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent). If there is no tribal court of appeals, the cost and expenses of the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (hereafter "JAMS appeal") shall be initially borne equally by the Tribe and the claimant (for purposes of this section, the "parties") and both parties shall pay their share of the JAMS appeal costs at the time the JAMS appeal option is elected, but the JAMS arbitrator shall award costs and expenses to the prevailing party (but not attorney's fees). If the Tribe prevails in a JAMS appeal, and the JAMS arbitrator determines that the appeal was without substantial merit, the JAMS arbitrator shall order the Tribe's costs and expenses to be paid by the claimant and claimant's counsel, jointly and severally. A JAMS appeal shall take place in Riverside or San Bernardino County and shall use one (1) arbitrator, agreed upon by the parties, and shall

not be a de novo review, but shall be based solely upon the record developed in the tribal court or tribal claims commission proceeding. The JAMS appeal shall review all determinations of the tribal court or tribal claims commission on matters of law, but shall not set aside any factual determinations of the tribal court or tribal claims commission if such determination is supported by substantial evidence. If there is a conflict in the evidence and a reasonable fact-finder could have found for either party, the decision of the tribal court or tribal claims commission will not be overturned on appeal.

- (5) To effectuate its consent to the tribal court or tribal claims commission, and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure if applicable, in the ordinance the Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, shall expressly waive, and also waive its right to assert, sovereign immunity in connection with the jurisdiction of the tribal court, tribal claims commission and, if applicable, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.4, or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award of the tribal court, tribal claims commission and, if applicable, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure.
- (6) The ordinance may also require that the claimant first exhaust the Tribe's administrative remedies for resolving the claim (hereinafter the "Tribal Dispute Process") in accordance with the following standards: The claimant must bring his or her claim within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of written notice of the Tribal Dispute Process as long as notice thereof is served personally on the claimant or by certified mail with an executed return receipt by the claimant and the one hundred eighty (180)-day limitation period is prominently displayed on the front page of the notice. The ordinance may provide that any other dispute resolution process shall be stayed until the completion of the Tribal Dispute Process or one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the claim is filed in the Tribal Dispute Process, whichever first occurs, unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period.

- (c) Upon written notice that a claimant claims to have suffered an injury or damage covered by this section, the Tribe shall provide notice by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, that the claimant is required within the one hundred eighty (180)-day limitation period to first exhaust the Tribal Dispute Process, if any, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, is entitled to the appeal process described in subdivision (b)(4) above.
- (d) In the event the Tribe fails to adopt the ordinance specified in subdivision (b), such failure shall constitute a breach of this Compact.
- (e) In any proceeding before the Tribe's tribal court, tribal claims commission, or, if applicable, a JAMS arbitrator, the Tribe shall not invoke on behalf of any employee or agent, the Tribe's sovereign immunity in connection with any claim for, or any judgment based on any claim for, intentional injury to persons or property committed by the employee or authorized agent of the Gaming Operation within the course and scope of the authority the Tribe validly could confer. Nothing in this subdivision prevents the Tribe from invoking sovereign immunity on its own behalf or creates a private cause of action against the Tribe or a tribally owned entity in any forum external to the Tribe.

**Sec. 12.5. Participation in State Programs Related to Employment.**

- (a) Subject to subdivision (b) below, the Tribe agrees that it will participate in the State's workers' compensation program with respect to Gaming Employees employed at the Gaming Operation and the Gaming Facility. The workers' compensation program includes, but is not limited to, state laws relating to the securing of payment of compensation through one or more insurers duly authorized to write workers' compensation insurance in this State or through self-insurance as permitted under the State's workers' compensation laws. All disputes arising from the workers' compensation laws shall be heard by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board pursuant to the California Labor Code. Subject to subdivision (b) below, the Tribe hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and the courts of the State of California for purposes of enforcement.

- (b) In lieu of permitting the Gaming Operation to participate in the State's workers' compensation system, the Tribe may create and maintain a system that provides redress for employee work-related injuries through requiring insurance or self-insurance, which system must include a scope of coverage, provision of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in medical treatment for alleged injury until the date that liability for the claim is accepted or rejected, employee choice of physician (either after thirty (30) days from the date of the injury is reported or if a medical provider network has been established, within the medical provider network), quality and timely medical treatment provided comparable to the state's medical treatment utilization schedule, availability of an independent medical examination to resolve disagreements on appropriate treatment (by an Independent Medical Reviewer on the state's approved list, a Qualified Medical Evaluator on the state's approved list, or an Agreed Medical Examiner upon mutual agreement of the employer and employee), the right to notice, hearings before a tribunal independent of Gaming Facility management, a means of enforcement against the employer, and benefits (including, but not limited to, disability, rehabilitation and return to work) comparable to those mandated for comparable employees under state law. Not later than the effective date of this Compact, or sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of Gaming Activities under this Compact, the Tribe will advise the State of its election to participate in the State's workers' compensation system or, alternatively, will forward to the State all relevant ordinances that have been adopted and all other documents establishing the system and demonstrating that the system is fully operational and compliant with the comparability standard set forth above. The parties agree that independent contractors doing business with the Tribe must comply with all state workers' compensation laws and obligations.
- (c) The Tribe agrees that it will participate in the State's program for providing unemployment compensation benefits and unemployment compensation disability benefits with respect to Gaming Employees employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, which participation shall include compliance with the provisions of the California Unemployment Insurance Code, and the Tribe consents to the jurisdiction of the State agencies charged with the enforcement of that Code and of the courts of the State of California for purposes of enforcement.

- (d) As a matter of comity, the Tribe shall, with respect to persons, including nonresidents of California, employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, withhold all amounts due to the State as provided in the California Unemployment Insurance Code and, except for tribal members living on the Tribe's reservation, as provided in the California Revenue and Taxation Code and the regulations thereunder, as may be amended from time to time, and shall forward such amounts to the State. The Tribe shall file with the Franchise Tax Board a copy of any information return filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, as provided in the California Revenue and Taxation Code and the regulations thereunder, except those pertaining to tribal members living on the Tribe's reservation. For purposes of this subdivision, "reservation" refers to the Tribe's Indian lands within the meaning of IGRA or lands otherwise held in trust for the Tribe by the United States, and "tribal members" refers to the enrolled members of the Tribe.

**Sec. 12.6. Emergency Services Accessibility.**

The Tribe shall make reasonable provisions for adequate emergency fire, medical, and related relief and disaster services for patrons and employees of the Gaming Facility.

**Sec. 12.7. Alcoholic Beverage Service.**

The purchase, sale, and service of alcoholic beverages by or to patrons shall be subject to state alcoholic beverage laws.

**Sec. 12.8. Possession of Firearms.**

The possession of firearms by any person in the Gaming Facility is prohibited at all times, except for federal, state, or local law enforcement personnel, or tribal law enforcement or security personnel authorized by tribal law and federal or state law to possess firearms at the Gaming Facility.

### **Sec. 12.9. Labor Relations.**

The Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact may only commence after the Tribe has adopted an ordinance identical to the Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance attached hereto as Appendix B, and the Gaming Activities may only continue as long as the Tribe maintains the ordinance. The Tribe shall provide written notice to the State that it has adopted the ordinance, along with a copy of the ordinance, before the effective date of this Compact.

### **Sec. 12.10. Compliance with Child and Spousal Support Orders.**

As a matter of comity, the Tribe shall, with respect to the earnings of any person employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, require its Gaming Operation employees to comply with all earnings withholding orders for support of a child, or spouse or former spouse, and all other orders by which the earnings of an employee are required to be withheld by an employer pursuant to chapter 5 (commencing with section 706.010) of division 1 of title 9 of part 2 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, and with all earnings assignment orders for support made pursuant to chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of part 5 of division 9 of the California Family Code or section 3088 of the California Probate Code. In the event that any such employee fails to comply with any such order(s), the Tribe shall honor the order(s) on the employee's behalf.

## **SECTION 13.0. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS.**

### **Sec. 13.1. Voluntary Resolution; Reference to other Means of Resolution.**

In recognition of the government-to-government relationship of the Tribe and the State, the parties shall make their best efforts to resolve disputes that arise under this Compact by good faith negotiations whenever possible. Therefore, except for the right of either party to seek injunctive relief against the other when circumstances are deemed to require immediate relief, the Tribe and the State shall seek to resolve disputes by first meeting and conferring in good faith in order to foster a spirit of cooperation and efficiency in the administration and monitoring of the performance and compliance of the terms, provisions, and conditions of this Compact, as follows:

- (a) Either party shall give the other, as soon as possible after the event giving rise to the concern, a written notice setting forth the facts

giving rise to the dispute and with specificity, the issues to be resolved.

- (b) The other party shall respond in writing to the facts and issues set forth in the notice within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notice, unless both parties agree in writing to an extension of time.
- (c) The parties shall meet and confer in good faith by telephone or in person in an attempt to resolve the dispute through negotiation within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice set forth in subdivision (a), unless both parties agree in writing to an extension of time.
- (d) If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the first meeting, either party may seek to have the dispute resolved by an arbitrator in accordance with this section, but neither party shall be required to agree to submit to arbitration.
- (e) Disputes that are not otherwise resolved by meeting and conferring, arbitration or other mutually agreed means as provided in section 13.3 may be resolved in the United States District Court in the judicial district and division where the Tribe's Gaming Facility is located, or if those federal courts lack jurisdiction, in any state court of competent jurisdiction in the County in which the Tribe's Indian lands are located, and related courts of appeal. The disputes to be submitted to court action include, but are not limited to, claims of breach of this Compact, provided that the remedies expressly provided in section 13.4, subdivision (a)(ii) are the sole and exclusive remedies available to either party for issues arising out of this Compact and supersede any remedies otherwise available, whether at law, tort, contract, or in equity and, notwithstanding any other provision of law or this Compact, neither the State nor the Tribe shall be liable for damages or attorney fees in any action based in whole or in part on issues arising out of this Compact, or based in whole or in part on the fact that the parties have either entered into this Compact or have obligations under this Compact. The parties are entitled to all rights of appeal permitted by law in the court in which the action is brought.
- (f) In no event may the Tribe be precluded from pursuing any arbitration or judicial remedy against the State on the grounds that the Tribe has

failed to exhaust its state administrative remedies, and in no event may the State be precluded from pursuing any arbitration or judicial remedy against the Tribe on the ground that the State has failed to exhaust any tribal administrative remedies.

### **Sec. 13.2. Arbitration Rules Between the Tribe and the State.**

Arbitration between the Tribe and the State shall be conducted before a single JAMS arbitrator in accordance with JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules. If, at the time arbitration is requested, JAMS no longer exists, the parties will make efforts to reach agreement on a substitute provider of alternative dispute resolution. Discovery in the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, provided that no discovery authorized by that section may be conducted without leave of the arbitrator. The parties shall equally bear the cost of JAMS and the JAMS arbitrator (or equivalent substitute). Either party dissatisfied with the award of the arbitrator may at the party's election invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent). In any JAMS arbitration under this section 13.2, the parties will bear their own attorney's fees. The arbitration shall take place within seventy-five (75) miles of the Gaming Facility, or as otherwise mutually agreed by the parties and the parties agree that either party may file a state or federal court action to (i) enforce the parties' obligation to arbitrate, (ii) confirm, correct, or vacate the arbitral award rendered in the arbitration in accordance with section 1285 et seq. of the California Code of Civil Procedure, or (iii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award. In any such action brought with respect to the arbitration award, the parties agree that venue is proper in any state court located within the County or in any federal court located in the United States District Court in the judicial district and division where the Tribe's Gaming Facility is located. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and give reasons for the decision. The arbitrator shall have no authority to modify the terms of this Compact, or to render an award that is inconsistent with applicable statutory and decisional law.

### **Sec. 13.3. No Waiver or Preclusion of Other Means of Dispute Resolution.**

This section 13.0 may not be construed to waive, limit, or restrict any remedy to address issues not arising out of this Compact that is otherwise available to either party, nor may this section 13.0 be construed to preclude, limit, or restrict

the ability of the parties to pursue, by mutual agreement, any other method of Compact dispute resolution, including, but not limited to, mediation.

**Sec. 13.4. Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.**

- (a) For the purpose of actions or arbitrations based on disputes between the State and the Tribe that arise under this Compact and the enforcement of any judgment or award resulting therefrom, the State and the Tribe expressly waive their respective rights to assert their sovereign immunity from suit and enforcement of any ensuing judgment or arbitral award and consent to the arbitrator's jurisdiction and further consent to be sued in federal or state court, as the case may be, provided that (i) the dispute is limited solely to issues arising under this Compact, (ii) neither the Tribe nor the State makes any claim for restitution or money damages, except that payment of any money expressly required by the terms of this Compact may be sought, and solely injunctive relief, specific performance (including enforcement of a provision of this Compact expressly requiring the payment of money to one or another of the parties), and declaratory relief (limited to a determination of the respective obligations of the parties under the Compact) may be sought, and (iii) nothing herein shall be construed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of either the Tribe or the State with respect to any third party that is made a party or intervenes as a party to the action.
- (b) In the event that intervention, joinder, or other participation by any additional party in any action between the State and the Tribe would result in the waiver of the Tribe's or the State's sovereign immunity as to that additional party, the waivers of either the Tribe or the State provided herein may be revoked, except where joinder is required, as determined by the court, to preserve the court's jurisdiction, in which case the State and the Tribe may not revoke their waivers of sovereign immunity as to each other, but may assert their respective sovereign immunity as to any other party.
- (c) The waivers and consents to jurisdiction expressly provided for under this section 13.0 and elsewhere in the Compact shall extend to all arbitrations and civil actions authorized by this Compact, including, but not limited to, actions to compel arbitration, any arbitration proceeding herein, any action to confirm, modify, or vacate any

arbitral award or to enforce any judgment, and any appellate proceeding emanating from any such proceedings in which a waiver has been granted.

- (d) Except as stated herein or elsewhere in this Compact, no other waivers or consents to be sued are granted by either party, either express or implied, are granted by either party, whether in state statute or otherwise, including but not limited to Government Code section 98005.

## **SECTION 14.0. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF COMPACT.**

### **Sec. 14.1. Effective Date.**

This Compact shall not be effective unless and until all of the following have occurred:

- (a) The Compact is ratified by the Tribe in accordance with tribal law and ratified by the California Legislature in accordance with State law; and
- (b) Notice of approval or constructive approval is published in the Federal Register as provided in 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B).

### **Sec. 14.2. Term of Compact; Termination.**

- (a) Once effective, this Compact shall be in full force and effect for state law purposes for twenty-five (25) years following the effective date.
- (b) Subsequent to exhausting the section 13.0 dispute resolution provisions unless the circumstances are deemed to require immediate relief, either party may bring an action in federal court, after providing a thirty (30)-day written notice of an opportunity to cure any alleged breach of this Compact, for a declaration that the other party has materially breached this Compact or that a material part of this Compact has been invalidated. If the federal court rules that a party has materially breached this Compact, then the party found to have committed the breach shall have thirty (30) days after a final decision has been issued by the court after any appeals to cure the material breach. If the material breach is not cured within thirty (30) days,

then in addition to a declaration of material breach and the equitable remedies explicitly identified in section 13.0, the non-breaching party may seek, in the same federal court action, termination of the Compact as a further judicially imposed remedy. The court may order termination based on a finding (i) that the respondent party has breached its Compact obligations, (ii) that, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances, the breach was not in good faith, and (iii) that the respondent party failed to cure the material breach within the time allowed, including such additional time and under such conditions as the court may allow for cure of the breach if the material breach cannot be cured within thirty (30) days even in good faith and with due diligence. In the event a federal court determines that it lacks jurisdiction to impose termination, the matter may be brought in the Superior Court for Riverside County, and any finding that termination is warranted shall be effective thirty (30) days after issuance of the termination order by the federal district court or superior court, as the case may be. The parties expressly waive, and also waive their right to assert, sovereign immunity from suit for purposes of an action under this subdivision, subject to the waiver qualifications stated in section 13.4.

- (c) If this Compact does not take effect by December 31, 2018, it shall be deemed null and void unless the Tribe and the State agree in writing to extend the date.

## **SECTION 15.0. AMENDMENTS; RENEGOTIATIONS.**

### **Sec. 15.1. Amendment by Agreement.**

The terms and conditions of this Compact may be amended at any time by the mutual and written agreement of both parties during the term of this Compact set forth in section 14.2, provided that each party voluntarily consents to such negotiations, including the scope of such negotiations, in writing. Any amendments to this Compact shall be deemed to supersede, supplant and extinguish all previous understandings and agreements on the subject.

### **Sec. 15.2. Negotiations for a New Compact.**

No sooner than eighteen (18) months before the expiration date of this Compact set forth in section 14.2, either party may request the other party to enter

into negotiations to extend the term of this Compact or to enter into a new Class III Gaming compact. If the parties have not agreed to extend the term of this Compact or have not entered into a new compact by the expiration date in section 14.2, but the Tribe has requested negotiation of an extension or replacement of this Compact, the term of this Compact shall automatically be extended for two (2) years from the expiration date.

### **Sec. 15.3. Requests to Amend or to Negotiate a New Compact.**

All requests to amend this Compact or to negotiate to extend the term of this Compact or to negotiate for a new Class III Gaming compact shall be in writing, addressed to the Tribal Chair or the Governor, as the case may be, and shall include the activities or circumstances to be negotiated, together with a statement of the basis supporting the request. If the request meets both the requirements of this section and section 15.1 for an amendment to this Compact, or the requirements of this section and section 15.2 for a new Class III Gaming compact, and all parties agree in writing to negotiate, the parties shall confer promptly and determine within forty-five (45) days of the request a schedule for commencing negotiations in accordance with IGRA. The Tribal Chair and the Governor of the State are hereby authorized to designate the person or agency responsible for conducting the negotiations, and shall execute any documents necessary to do so.

### **SECTION 16.0. NOTICES.**

Unless otherwise indicated by this Compact, all notices required or authorized to be served shall be served by first-class mail or facsimile transmission to the following addresses, or to such other address as either party may designate by providing fourteen (14) days' written notice to the other:

Governor  
Governor's Office  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tribal Chairperson  
Morongo Band of Mission Indians  
12700 Pumarra Road  
Banning, CA 92220-2965

### **SECTION 17.0. CHANGES TO IGRA OR OTHER FEDERAL LAWS.**

This Compact is intended to meet the requirements of IGRA as it reads on the effective date of this Compact, and, when reference is made to IGRA or to an implementing regulation thereof, the referenced provision is deemed to have been incorporated into this Compact as if set forth in full. Subsequent changes to IGRA

that diminish the rights of the State or the Tribe may not be applied retroactively to alter the terms of this Compact, except to the extent that federal law validly mandates retroactive application without the State's or the Tribe's respective consent.

## **SECTION 18.0. MISCELLANEOUS.**

### **Sec. 18.1. Third-Party Beneficiaries.**

Notwithstanding any provision of law, this Compact is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create any right on the part of a third party to bring an action to enforce any of its terms.

### **Sec. 18.2. Complete Agreement.**

This Compact, together with all appendices, sets forth the full and complete agreement of the parties and shall replace and supersede any prior compacts, amended compacts, agreements or understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

### **Sec. 18.3. Construction.**

Neither the presence in another tribal-state Class III Gaming compact of language that is not included in this Compact, nor the absence in another tribal-state Class III Gaming compact of language that is present in this Compact shall be a factor in construing the terms of this Compact. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to the language of this Compact or the construction or meaning of any term hereof, this Compact will be deemed to have been drafted by the parties in equal parts so that no presumptions or inferences concerning its terms or interpretation may be construed against any party to this Compact.

### **Sec. 18.4. Successor Provisions.**

Wherever this Compact makes reference to a specific statutory provision, regulation, or set of rules, it also applies to the provision, regulation, or rules, as they may be amended from time to time, and any successor provision, regulation or set of rules.

### **Sec. 18.5. Ordinances and Regulations.**

Whenever the Tribe adopts or amends any ordinance or regulations required to be adopted and/or maintained under this Compact, in addition to any other Compact obligations to provide a copy to others, the Tribe shall provide a copy of such adopted or amended ordinance or regulations to the State Gaming Agency within thirty (30) days of the effective date of such ordinance or regulations.

### **Sec. 18.6. Calculation of Time.**

In computing any period of time prescribed by this Compact, the day of the event from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday under the Tribe's laws, State law, or federal law. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the term "days" shall be construed as calendar days.

### **Sec. 18.7. Force Majeure.**

In the event of a force majeure event, including but not limited to: an act of God; accident; fire; flood; earthquake; or other natural disaster; strike or other labor dispute; riot or civil commotion; act of public enemy; enactment of any rule; order or act of a government or governmental instrumentality; effects of an extended restriction of energy use; and other causes of a similar nature beyond the Tribe's control that causes the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility to be inoperable or operate at significantly less capacity; the parties agree to meet and confer for the purpose of discussing the event and appropriate actions, if any, given the circumstances.

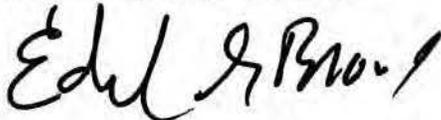
### **Sec. 18.8. Representations.**

- (a) The Tribe expressly represents that as of the date of the undersigned's execution of this Compact, the undersigned has the authority to execute this Compact on behalf of the Tribe, including any waiver of sovereign immunity and the right to assert sovereign immunity therein, and will provide written proof of such authority and of the ratification of this Compact by the tribal governing body to the Governor no later than thirty (30) days after the execution of this Compact by the undersigned.

- (b) The Tribe further represents that it is (i) recognized as eligible by the Secretary of the Interior for special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians, and (ii) recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as possessing powers of self-government.
- (c) In entering into this Compact, the State expressly relies upon the foregoing representations by the Tribe, and the State's entry into the Compact is expressly made contingent upon the truth of those representations as of the date of the Tribe's execution of this Compact through the undersigned. If the Tribe fails to timely provide written proof of the undersigned's aforesaid authority to execute this Compact or written proof of ratification by the Tribe's governing body, the Governor shall have the right to declare this Compact null and void.
- (d) This Compact shall not be presented to the California State Legislature for a ratification vote until the Tribe has provided the written proof required in subdivision (a) to the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned sign this Compact on behalf of the State of California and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



By Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor of the State of California

Executed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August,  
2017, at Sacramento, California

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION  
INDIANS



By Robert Martin  
Chairperson of the Morongo Band of  
Mission Indians

Executed this 6 day of September,  
2017, at Morongo Reservation  
California

ATTEST:



Alex Padilla  
Secretary of State, State of California

