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Dear Chairman Peyron:

On October 5, 2017, the Department of the Interior (Department) received the Tribal-State Compact (Compact) between the State of California (State) and the Tule River Tribe of the Tule River Reservation (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 IA in California. This exclusivity represents a substantial economic benefit to the Tribe.

The Compact memorializes the exclusivity of Proposition IA 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 an entitlement to a reduction of rates in regulatory costs, payments to local governments, and grants for programs designed to address gambling addictions. Compact § 4.6.

The Compact provides that the Tribe may operate up to 1,500 gaming devices and will pay to the State, on a pro rata basis, the State's regulatory fees based on the number of gaming devices operated by the Tribe. Compact § 4.3. The Compact also provides that 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), of 6% of the Tribe's net win if it operates more than 350 gaming devices but less than 1,200 gaming devices. Compact § 5.2.

Under the terms of the Compact, the Tribe may offset its payment obligations to the RSTF or TNGF with a credit of up to 100% of its obligations for benefits bestowed by the Tribe to help the local community and other tribes and tribal members, including payments made to Tulare County, local jurisdictions, non-profit and civic organizations, or tribal governmental programs that benefit non-members as well as tribal members.<sup>1</sup> Compact § 5.3.

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>2</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 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>3</sup>

The State's voters approved Proposition IA 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

<sup>1</sup> The credits available to the Tribe drop to 80% of its obligation to the RSTF or TNGF if the Tribe operates more than 1200 and up to 1500 gaming devices. Compact § 5.3.

<sup>2</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).

<sup>3</sup> *Id*

concession of the ability to offer class III gaming exclusive of non-Indian operators 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. IGRA is specific in that tribes are the primary beneficiary of the gaming operations. Revenue sharing is only allowable if there is a meaningful concession by a state that provides a substantial economic benefit to the tribe. Revenue sharing without any meaningful concession by the state violates IGRA. If the state's meaningful concession is removed, the tribe's revenue sharing contribution should cease. Additionally, IGRA prohibits the state from imposing any tax, fee, charge, or other assessment or refusing to enter into compact negotiations. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(4).

Here, the Tribe's financial projections reasonably conclude that the Tribe will generate substantial revenues over the life of the Compact and will pay less in revenue sharing than in its previous compact, which will allow the Tribe to pay its debts, develop its economy and strengthen its government. This means that the State's concession of offering class III gaming exclusive of non-tribal operators has substantial economic value to the Tribe.

*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>4</sup> Congress also sought to establish "boundaries to restrain aggression by powerful states."<sup>5</sup> The legislative history of IGRA indicates that "compacts [should not] be used as subterfuge for imposing state jurisdiction on tribal lands."<sup>6</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.

<sup>4</sup> 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C).

<sup>5</sup> *Rincon* at 1027 (citing S. Rep. No. 100-446, at 33 (1988) (statement of Sen. John McCain)).

<sup>6</sup> See S. Rep. No. 100-446 at 14.

The definition of "Gaming Facility" encompasses any building in which gaming activities or gambling operations 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§ 2.12. 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. Such activities may include access roads, water supply systems, and utility systems. *Id.* 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. Compact§ 2.25.

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 with its 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 should not apply to businesses or amenities that are ancillary to gaming activities. In sum, activities that are only indirectly related to gaming activities are not proper subjects for tribal-gaming 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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Enclosure

TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT  
BETWEEN  
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
AND THE  
TULE RIVER INDIAN  
TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

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**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE  
TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA**

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

**PREAMBLE**

The Tribe historically inhabited lands in central California occupying the territory along the rivers and creeks flowing from the Sierras and around Tulare Lake. The Tribe's reservation was established in 1873 and encompasses over 90 square miles of land (Reservation). Today the Tribe has 1,866 members; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the Tribe and the State entered into the "Tribal-State Compact. Between the State of California and the Tule River Tribe" (2000 Compact), which enabled the Tribe, through revenues generated by its Gaming Operation, to improve the governance, environment, education, health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens, and to promote a strong tribal government, self-sufficiency, and to provide essential government services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is committed to improving the environment, education status, and the health, safety and general welfare of its members and local residents; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe recognize that the exclusive rights that the Tribe will enjoy under this Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Tule River Tribe (Compact) create a unique opportunity for the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility in an economic environment free of competition from the operation of Gaming Devices on non-Indian lands in California and that this unique economic environment is of great value to the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the exclusive rights enjoyed by the Tribe to engage in the Gaming Activities and to operate the number of Gaming Devices specified herein, and the other meaningful concessions offered by the State in good faith negotiations, and pursuant to IGRA, the Tribe reaffirms its commitment, *inter alia*, to provide to the State, on a sovereign-to-sovereign basis, and to local

jurisdictions, fair cost reimbursement and mitigation from revenues from the Gaming Devices operated pursuant to this Compact on a payment schedule; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the State share an interest in mitigating the off-reservation impacts of the Gaming Facility, affording meaningful consumer and employee protections in connection with the operations of the Gaming Facility, 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 Gaming Facility recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary, is one of the largest employers in Tulare County, and contributes revenue to fund critical tribal government services including healthcare, education, public safety, public works, social services, cultural, elder, youth and veteran's programs; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe have therefore concluded that this Compact protects the interests of the Tribe and its members, the surrounding community, and the California public, and will promote and secure long-term stability, mutual respect, and mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe agree that all terms of this Compact are intended to be binding and enforceable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tribe and the State 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.
- (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, energy, 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 the 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 Tule River Indian Tribe of California.

**Sec. 2.7.** "County" means the County of Tulare, California, a political subdivision of the State.

**Sec. 2.8.** "Financial Source" means any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, extends financing to the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation.

**Sec. 2.9.** "Gaming Activity" or "Gaming Activities" means the Class III Gaming activities authorized under this Compact.

**Sec. 2.10.** "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. 2.11.** "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 access to areas of the Gaming Facility in which any activities related to Gaming Activities are conducted, such as Gaming Device storage and repair areas, count rooms, vaults, cages, change booths, change banks/cabinets, security offices and surveillance rooms, revenue accounting offices, and rooms containing



information systems that monitor or control Gaming Activities (or, as may be agreed to by the State Gaming Agency, and the Tribal Gaming Office in a separate agreement delineating such secure areas of the Gaming Facility).

**Sec. 2.12.** "Gaming Facility" or "Facility" means any building in which Gaming Activities or any Gaming Operations occur, or 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, a principal purpose of which is to serve the activities of the Gaming Operation rather than providing that operation with an incidental benefit, provided that nothing herein prevents the conduct of class II gaming (as defined under IGRA) therein. Nothing herein shall be construed to apply in a manner that does not directly relate to the operation of Gaming Activities.

**Sec. 2.13.** "Gaming Operation" means the business enterprise that offers and operates Gaming Activities, whether exclusively or otherwise.

**Sec. 2.14.** "Gaming Ordinance" means a tribal ordinance or resolution duly authorizing the conduct of Gaming Activities on the Tribe's Indian lands in California and approved under IGRA.

**Sec. 2.15.** "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. 2.16.** "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. 2.17.** "IGRA" means the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (P.L. 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.

**Sec. 2.18.** "Interested Persons" means (a) 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, (b) any incorporated city within ten (10) miles of the Project, and (c) 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. 2.19.** "Limited Gaming Tribe" is 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. 2.20.** "Local Jurisdiction" means any city in Tulare County within twenty (20) miles of the Project.

**Sec. 2.21.** "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. 2.22.** "Net Win" means drop from Gaming Devices, plus the redemption value of expired tickets, less fills, less payouts, less that portion of the Gaming Operation's payments to a third-party wide-area progressive jackpot system provider that is contributed only to the progressive jackpot amount.

**Sec. 2.23.** "NIGC" means the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**Sec. 2.24.** "Non-Gaming Tribe" is a federally-recognized tribe in California, with or without a Class III Gaming compact with the State, 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 (i) the construction of a proposed Gaming Facility, (ii) any renovation, expansion or modification of an existing Gaming Facility, a principal purpose of which is to serve the Gaming Facility rather than provide that Facility with an incidental benefit, and which may cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment, or (iii) any other activity occurring on the reservation, the principal purpose of which is to serve the Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation, rather than provide the Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation with an incidental benefit, and which may cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment. This definition shall be understood to include the addition of Gaming Devices within an existing Gaming Facility, if such additional Gaming Devices may cause either a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the off-reservation environment. "Project" does not include an activity that has been both described and the impacts of which have been previously addressed in a tribal environmental impact report prepared in accordance with section 11.0, or an environmental impact report, statement, or assessment under the Tribe's 2000 Compact. 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" is 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" 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, or achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals.
- (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 past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
- (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.** "Tribal Chair" or "Tribal Chairperson" means the person duly elected or selected under the Tribe's constitution or governing documents to

perform the duties specified therein, including serving as the Tribe's official representative.

**Sec. 2.32.** "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. 2.33.** "Tribal Nation Grant Fund" is 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, and economic development.

**Sec. 2.34.** "Tribe" means the Tule River Indian Tribe of California, 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 not affiliated with or licensed by the California State Lottery are permitted to do so under state and federal law.

- (b) Nothing herein shall be construed to preclude the Tribe from offering class II gaming or preclude the negotiation of a separate compact governing the conduct of off-track wagering at the Tribe's Gaming Facility.
- (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), of the California Constitution.
- (d) The Tribe shall not engage in Class III Gaming that is not expressly authorized in this Compact.

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

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

The Tribe is entitled to operate up to a total of one thousand five hundred (1,500) Gaming Devices pursuant to 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 not more than two Gaming Facilities and engage in Class III Gaming only on lands that are, as of the execution date of this Compact, in trust and eligible for gaming under IGRA. If the Tribe chooses to operate more than one (1) Gaming Facility then one (1) of the two (2) Gaming Facilities shall have no more than three hundred (300) Gaming Devices and shall have a primary purpose other than gaming authorized under IGRA. If additional land is placed in trust for the Tribe pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2719(b)(1)(A), the Tribe may request and the State shall agree to enter into negotiations to allow the Tribe to operate a Gaming Facility on that trust land.

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

- (a) The Tribe shall pay to the State on a pro rata basis the State's 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C) costs incurred for purposes consistent with

IGRA, including the performance of all its duties under this Compact, the administration and implementation of tribal-state gaming compacts, and funding for the Office of Problem Gambling, as determined by the monies appropriated 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. 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. For purposes of this section 4.3 "tribal-state gaming compacts" refers to tribal-state Class III Gaming compacts under IGRA and procedures prescribed by the Secretary pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) of IGRA for which the State has assumed regulatory responsibilities for the conduct of Class III Gaming. 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, provided that the Tribe's annual pro rata share payment amount in a year shall be capped at an amount equal to a five (5) percent increase from the Tribe's pro rata share calculated in the immediately preceding year:

The maximum number of Gaming Devices operated in the Tribe's Gaming Facility during the previous State 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 during the previous State fiscal year, multiplied by the Appropriation, equals the Tribe's pro rata share.

- (1) 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 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 ( 1.0%) 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.

- (2) If the Tribe objects to the State's determination of the Tribe's pro rata share, 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 must 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.
- (3) The foregoing payments have been negotiated between the parties as a fair and reasonable contribution, based upon the State's costs of regulating and mitigating certain impacts of tribal Class III Gaming Activities, including problem gambling, as well as the Tribe's market conditions, its circumstances, and the rights afforded and consideration provided by this Compact.

#### **Sec. 4.3.1. 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) Grants, including any administrative costs, for programs designed to address and treat gambling addiction;
- (b) Grants, including any administrative costs and environmental review costs, for the support of State and local government agencies impacted by tribal government gaming;
- (c) Compensation for regulatory costs incurred by the State including, but not limited to, the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, the Office of Problem Gambling, and State Designated Agencies in connection with the implementation and administration of Class III Gaming compacts;
- (d) Compensation to state and local government 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 Gaming Facility patrons, employees, tribal members or the public generally, attributable to, or as a consequence of, intra-tribal government disputes; 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 as that term is defined in this Compact.

#### **Sec. 4.4. Quarterly Payments and Quarterly Contribution Report.**

- (a) (1) The Tribe shall remit quarterly to the State Gaming Agency (i) the payments described in section 4.3, for deposit into the Special Distribution Fund and (ii) the payments described in section 5.2, for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund.
- (2) If the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact commence during a calendar quarter, the first payment shall be due on the thirtieth (30th) day following the end of the first full calendar quarter of the Gaming Activities and shall cover the period

from the commencement of the Gaming Activities to the end of the first full calendar quarter.

- (3) All quarterly payments shall be accompanied by the certification specified in subdivision (b).
- (b) At the time each quarterly payment is due, regardless of whether any monies are owed, the Tribe shall submit to the State Gaming Agency a certification (the "Quarterly Contribution Report") that specifies the following:
  - (1) calculation of the maximum number of Gaming Devices operated in the Gaming Facility for each day during the given quarter;
  - (2) the Net Win calculation reflecting the quarterly Net Win from the operation of all Gaming Devices in the Gaming Facility;
  - (3) the amount due pursuant to section 4.3;
  - (4) calculation of the amount due pursuant to section 5.2; and
  - (5) the total amount of the quarterly payment paid to the State.

The Quarterly Contribution Report shall be prepared by the chief financial officer of the Gaming Operation.

- (c) (1) At any time after the fourth quarter, but in no event later than April 30 of the following calendar year, the Tribe shall provide to the State Gaming Agency an audited annual certification of its Net Win calculation from the operation of Gaming Devices. The audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, as applied to audits for the gaming industry, by an independent certified public accountant who is not employed by the Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Agency, the Management Contractor, or the Gaming Operation, is only otherwise retained by any of these entities to conduct regulatory audits or independent audits of the Gaming Operation, and has no financial interest in any of these entities. The auditor used

by the Tribe for this purpose shall hold a valid license issued by the California Accountancy Board.

- (2) If the audit shows that the Tribe made an overpayment from its Net Win to the State during the year covered by the audit, the Tribe's next quarterly payment may be reduced by the amount of the overage. If the audit shows that the Tribe made an underpayment to the State during the year covered by the audit, the Tribe's next quarterly payment shall be increased by the amount of the underpayment.
- (3) The State Gaming Agency shall be authorized to confer with the auditor at the conclusion of the audit process and to review all of the independent certified public accountant's final work papers and documentation relating to the audit. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall be notified of and provided the opportunity to participate in and attend any such conference or document review.
- (d) The State Gaming Agency may audit the calculations in subdivision (b) and Net Win calculations specified in the audit provided pursuant to subdivision (c). The State Gaming Agency shall have access to all records deemed necessary by the State Gaming Agency to verify the calculations in subdivision (b) and Net Win calculations, including access to the Gaming Device accounting systems and server-based systems and software, and to the data contained therein on a read only basis. If the State Gaming Agency determines that the Net Win is understated or the deductions overstated, it will promptly notify the Tribe and provide a copy of the audit. The Tribe within twenty (20) days will either accept the difference or provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency. If the Tribe accepts the difference or does not provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe must immediately pay the amount of the resulting deficiency, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by state law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less. If the Tribe does not accept the difference but does not provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe, once payment is made, may commence dispute resolution under

section 13.0. The parties expressly acknowledge that the certifications provided for in subdivision (b) are subject to section 8.4, subdivision (h).

- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 13.0, any failure of the Tribe to remit the payments required under section 4.3 referenced in subdivision (a), will entitle the State to immediately seek injunctive relief in federal or state court, at the State's election, to compel the payments, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of one percent (1.0%) 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.
- (f) If any portion of the payments required under section 4.3, as referenced in subdivision (a), 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 the Tribe shall cease operating all of its Gaming Devices until full payment is made.
- (g) Any failure of the Tribe to remit the payments required under section 5.2 referenced in this subdivision (a), will entitle the State to immediately seek injunctive relief in federal or state court to compel the payments, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of one percent (1.0%) per month, or the maximum rate permitted by State law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section 4.4, subdivision (g), the State shall not be entitled to bring a claim under this section 4.4, subdivision (g) if the Tribe commences dispute resolution under section 13.0.
- (h) If any portion of the payments required under section 5.2, as referenced in this subdivision (a), 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 the Tribe shall cease operating all of its Gaming Devices until full payment is made unless the Tribe commences dispute resolution under section 13.0.

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

In recognition of the Tribe's agreement to make the payments specified in sections 4.3 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 section 5.2 following the conclusion of negotiations, to provide for: (A) compensation to the State for the costs of regulation, as set forth in section 4.3; (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 or permitted at such time under federal law. Such negotiations shall commence within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written request by a party to enter into the 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 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**

### **Sec. 5.1. Administration of the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and the Tribal Nations Grant Fund.**

- (a) 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 be deposited in the Tribal Nation Grant Fund, but shall not be diverted to any non-Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or any non-Tribal Nation Grant Fund use or purpose. 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.

- (b) 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. 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. Payments to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund.**

- (a) If the Tribe operates more than three hundred fifty (350) Gaming Devices at any time in a given calendar year, it shall thereafter including in that calendar year, pay to the State Gaming Agency, for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation

Grant Fund, six percent (6.0%) of its Net Win from its operation of Gaming Devices in excess of three hundred fifty (350).

- (b) The Tribe shall remit the payments 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). While the confidentiality provisions of section 8.4 apply to the individual amount of the Tribe's payments the State Gaming Agency may as necessary report the amount in the aggregate combined with contributions of other compact tribes.
- (c) The quarterly payments referenced in subdivision (b) required by subdivision (a) and (b), as appropriate, shall be determined by first determining the total number of all Gaming Devices operated by the Tribe during a given quarter (Quarterly Device Base). The Quarterly Device Base is equal to the sum of the maximum number of Gaming Devices in operation for each day of the calendar quarter divided by the number of days in the calendar quarter that the Gaming Operation operates any Gaming Devices during the given calendar quarter.
- (d) If any portion of the Tribe's payment(s) under subdivision (a) and (b), as appropriate, 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 (1.0%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by state law for delinquent payments owed to the State; whichever is less.
- (e) All payments made by the Tribe to the State Gaming Agency pursuant to subdivision (b) 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 all payments into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.



- (f) Either party may request a reopening of negotiations, limited exclusively to section 5.2, subdivision (a), if the balance of funds within the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund either exceeds or falls short of the amount reasonably required to meet the long-term obligations of either fund. Neither party is obligated to accept a request to reopen negotiations under this subdivision and either party may decline the request for any reason.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Compact, in no event shall the State's general fund be obligated to make up any shortfall in the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund or to pay any unpaid claims connected therewith. 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 or the Tribal Nation Grant 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 negotiation under subdivision (t) or disbursement of any Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or Tribal Nation Grant Fund monies to them.

**Sec. 5.3. Provision for Credits Related to Payments Due Under Section 5.2.**

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Compact, the State agrees to provide the Tribe with: (1) annual credits for up to one hundred percent (100%) of the payments required by section 5.2, subdivision (a), if the Tribe operates greater than or equal to three hundred and fifty (350) and less than or equal to twelve hundred (1200) Gaming Devices; or (2) annual credits for up to eighty percent (80%) of the payments required by section 5.2, subdivision (a), if the Tribe operates greater than twelve hundred (1200) and less than or equal to fifteen hundred (1500) Gaming Devices, for the following:
  - (1) Annual payments made by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) that (i) are made to Tulare County, Local Jurisdictions, or non-profit and civic organizations operating facilities or providing services within the County for purposes of improved fire, law enforcement,

public transit, education, tourism, and other services and infrastructure improvements that serve off-reservation needs of County or Local Jurisdiction residents and of the Tribe, provided that such payments are approved by the County or Local Jurisdiction and are not required by section 11.0, or

(ii) support those governmental programs of the Tribe that serve both the Tribe and any members of the local community who are not enrolled members of the Tribe. At least twenty percent (20%) of the annual credits authorized by this section 5.3 shall be utilized for the purposes described in this subdivision (a)(1);

- (2) Payments made by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) pursuant to agreements with Tulare County or Local Jurisdictions for reimbursement for any loss of property tax revenues, sales tax revenues that would otherwise be due for retail sales at the Tribe's Gaming Facility, or transient occupancy tax at the Tribe's hotel, if one exists, if it were not located on Indian lands;
- (3) Payments made by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) to support operating expenses and capital improvements for non-tribal governmental agencies or facilities operating within Tulare County or Local Jurisdictions;
- (4) Payments made by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) for non-gaming related capital investments and economic development projects by the Tribe that provide mutual benefits to the Tribe and the State, Tulare County, or Local Jurisdictions because, for instance, they have particular cultural, social or environmental value, or diversify the sources of revenue for the Tribe's general fund;
- (5) Investments and any funds (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) paid by the Tribe to the State, including excise taxes, in connection with renewable energy projects that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility, to include facilities that incorporate charging stations for electric or other zero-emission vehicles that are available to patrons and

employees of the Gaming Facility. For purposes of this subdivision (a)(5), "renewable energy project" means a project that utilizes a technology other than a conventional power source, as defined in section 2805 of the Public Utilities Code, as it 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 they may be amended. 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.

- (6) Payments by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) that (i) are made to Tulare County, Local Jurisdictions, or water districts for infrastructure projects in furtherance of making potable water, water treatment, sewer, or conservation services available to the Tribe and the local community, or (ii) are in furtherance of potable water, water treatment, sewer or conservation projects that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility or the local community;
- (7) Payments made by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) to support capital improvements and operating expenses for facilities within California that provide health care services to tribal members, Indians, and non-Indians;
- (8) Payments to Indians who are not members of the Tribe, for educational, cultural or vocational purposes, or to other federally-recognized tribes for governmental or general welfare purposes (but not including direct or indirect state or federal funding);
- (9) Payments by the Tribe to reimburse Tulare County or City of Porterville for any loss of property tax revenues by virtue of the loss of taxing authority over land subject to a federal trust acquisition, the existence of any tribal operations on federal trust land held for the benefit of the Tribe, sales tax revenues to

Tulare County or the City of Porterville that would otherwise be due for retail sales at the Tribe's Gaming Facility or related business operations, transient occupancy tax at the Tribe's hotel if it were not located on Indian lands, or utility users tax.

- (b) On or before January 1 of each year, the Tribe shall provide to the State its annual budget for items eligible for credits under this section 5.3. Upon receipt, the State shall have ninety (90) days within which to review the items proposed and object if they do not meet the purposes set out in this section. If the State does not object to the items proposed within the ninety (90) days, the State shall not later seek to disallow those credits except as provided below. During the year, the Tribe shall take such credits during the first three (3) quarters in prorated amounts based on the annual budget, but during the fourth quarter shall take an adjusted amount based on actual amounts spent. At the end of each year, the Tribe shall submit to the State a budget reconciliation, reflecting the actual amounts expended compared to the budgeted numbers. The State shall have the right to review the credits taken and, if necessary, request additional information from the Tribe. If the State determines that the information provided does not substantiate the amount of credits taken, the State may reduce or disallow such credits. Any disputes shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 13.0 of this Compact. All excess credits that cannot be applied in any one (1) year shall carry-forward to all following years until completely exhausted. If in any year during the term of this Compact, the Tribe is unable to take the full one hundred percent (100%) credit and all carry-forward credits have been exhausted, the Tribe may request, and the State shall agree to, a reopening of negotiations, limited to section 5.2, subdivision (a).
- (c) 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 Gaming Agency a report of annual credits taken and contributions made pursuant to sections 5.2 and 5.3. 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 above.

## **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 make available for inspection by the State Gaming Agency upon request 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, but excluding the Tribal Gaming Agency's internal policies and procedures.
- (c) Within five (5) calendar days of a written request therefor, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall make the following documents 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 the table on which the game is played; rules governing promotions; rules governing points and the player's club program, including rules regarding confidentiality of the player information, if any; the tort liability ordinance specified in section 12.5, subdivision (b); 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 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, or is employed at the Gaming Facility in a capacity other than as a Gaming Employee.
- (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 State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for other commercial establishments serving alcoholic beverages.

## **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, an gaming Employees, Gaming Resource Suppliers, Financial Sources not otherwise exempt from licensing requirements, and any other person having a significant influence over the Gaming Operation, must be licensed by or receive a work permit from the Tribal Gaming Agency and, except as otherwise provided, 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,

### **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 Tribal Gaming Agency to the State by sending a copy of the initial license, either electronically or by hard copy, and each renewal license to the State Gaming Agency within thirty (30) 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 Applicable Codes. The Gaming Facility and any construction, expansion, improvement, modification, or renovation thereto will also comply with the 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 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 government agency or official as may be designated by the Tribe's law.
- (c) To assure compliance with the Applicable Codes, in all cases where the Applicable Codes would otherwise require a permit, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require inspections and, in connection therewith, shall employ for any Gaming Facility construction, 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 Tribal Gaming Agency 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. The plan checkers, review firms, and project Inspectors shall hereinafter be referred to as "Inspector(s)." The Tribe shall require the Inspectors to maintain: contemporaneous records of all inspections and report in writing any failure to comply with the Applicable Codes to the Tribe and the Tribal Gaming Agency and, if the failure is not remedied within thirty (30) days after giving notice of the failure to comply, shall give notice to the State Gaming Agency.

- (d) Upon reasonable request, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall cause the design and construction calculations, and plans and specifications that form the basis for the planned construction (the "Design and Building Plans") to be: available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying as soon as practicable.
- (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 and field verified by the Inspectors for compliance with the Applicable Codes.
- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall maintain during construction all other contract change orders for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon reasonable request and as soon as is practicable.
- (g) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall maintain the Design and Building Plans depicting the as-built Gaming Facility, which shall be available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying upon its reasonable 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 to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility pursuant to a court order 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.
- G) 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:
  - (I) Not less than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Compact, and not less than biennially thereafter, and upon at least ten (10) days' notice to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe shall ensure the Gaming Facility is inspected, at the Tribe's expense, by a qualified tribal inspection official, if any, who is responsible for fire protection on the Tribe's lands, or by an independent expert 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's representative(s) shall specify to the tribal inspection official or independent expert any condition which the representative(s) reasonably believes would preclude certification of the Gaming Facility as meeting a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety. The State's representative shall not unreasonably delay the inspections.

- (3) The tribal inspection official or independent expert 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 thirty (30) days after the issuance of the report, the tribal inspection official or the independent expert 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 those identified by the State Gaming Agency's representatives. A copy of the report shall be delivered to the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (5) Immediately upon correction of all deficiencies identified in the report, the tribal inspection official or the independent expert 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 within a reasonable period of time shall be deemed 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

occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility pursuant to court order until the deficiency is corrected,

- (7) Consistent with its obligation to ensure the safety of those within the Gaming Facility, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall promptly notify the State Gaming Agency of any circumstances that pose a serious and significant risk to the health or safety of occupants and take prompt action to correct such circumstances. Any failure to remedy within a reasonable period of time any serious and significant risk to public safety shall be deemed a violation of this Compact, and any circumstance that poses a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupant shall be grounds for the State Gaming Agency to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility pursuant to a court order until the deficiency is corrected.
- (k) Notwithstanding anything in section 6.4, 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 2000 Compact, 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) The State Gaming Agency will consult with the Tribal Gaming Agency to identify those Gaming Employees who, in addition to a tribal gaming license, must also apply for, obtain, and maintain, a finding of suitability from the State Gaming Agency. Gaming

Employees who must obtain and maintain a finding of suitability from the State Gaming Agency may be referred to as "Compact Key Employees" and are identified by position on the "Compact Key Employee Position List." The general principles governing those Gaming Employees who must have both a tribal gaming license and a finding of suitability from the State Gaming Agency are set forth below. These principles are consistent with agreements between the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency identifying Gaming Employees who are not required to have a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability, as provided in section 6.5.6, subdivision (a) of the 2000 Compact and are referred to therein as "non-key Gaming Employee[s]" and that are in effect at the time of execution of this Compact and any such agreements shall remain in effect unless and until they are updated or amended through consultations between the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency. 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 supervises 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 Gaming Employee is subject to the licensing requirement of subdivision (a) solely because he or she is a Tribal Gaming Agency employee with access to confidential information.
  - (4) 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 tribal law to reconsider issuance of the tribal gaming license and shall immediately notify the State Gaming Agency of its determination within seven (7) business days 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. In reaching a determination the arbitrator may consider the length of time that the Licensee held the position and the Licensee's job performance while awaiting a determination from the State Gaming Agency.
- (d) Except as provided in subdivisions (e) and (f), 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 (d), 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:

- (1) The person holds a valid and current license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency that must be renewed at least biennially;
  - (2) The denial of the application by the State Gaming Agency is based solely on activities, conduct, or associations that antedate the filing of the person's initial application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability;
  - (3) The person is not an employee or agent of any other gaming operation; and
  - (4) The person has been in the continuous employ of the Tribe for at least three (3) years prior to the effective date of the Tribe's 2000 Compact.
- (f) Notwithstanding subdivision (d), 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, and if:
- (1) The person holds a valid and current license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency that must be renewed at least biennially;
  - (2) 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; and
  - (3) The person is not an employee or agent of any other gaming operation.

For purposes of this subdivision, "enrolled member of the Tribe" means a person who is a member of the Tribe as determined by the Tribe's law.

- (g) At any time after five (5) years following the effective date of this Compact, either party to this Compact may request renegotiation of the scope of coverage of subdivision (b) or (c).
- (h) The Tribal Gaming Agency has the authority to issue tribal work permits to employees of the Gaming Operation that are not otherwise required to be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency or receive a suitability determination by the State Gaming Agency. The employees of the Gaming Operation that do not meet the definition of Gaming Employee shall register for and receive a tribal work permit from the Tribal Gaming Agency as a condition of their employment with the Gaming Operation, under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Tribal Gaming Agency. The Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its sole discretion, require that any tribal work permittee submit a completed application along with the required information and an application fee.

#### **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 Gaming 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, as of the effective date of the State Gaming Agency's decision, 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 Gaming Operation or Facility. The license and determination of suitability shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance. In connection with that review, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Gaming Resource Supplier to update all information provided in the previous application. For purposes of section 6.5.2, such a review shall be deemed to constitute an application for renewal.

- (b) Any agreement between the Tribe and a Gaming Resource Supplier shall include and 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 shall promptly notify the Tribal Gaming Agency and, as of the effective date of the State Gaming Agency's decision, 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 Gaming Operation or Facility. Except where the State Gaming Agency has determined a Management Contractor to be unsuitable, 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, within seven (7) days of the issuance of the license, 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. In the event the State Gaming Agency later revokes the determination of suitability relied on by the Tribal Gaming Agency, the State Gaming Agency shall promptly notify the Tribal Gaming Agency of such revocation, 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.
- (di) 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 provide to the State Gaming Agency a copy of the license, and a copy of 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 (g) of this section 6.4.5, each Financial Source shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to the Financial Source extending any financing in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility.
- (b) Every Financial Source required to be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency shall, contemporaneously with the filing of its tribal license application, apply to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability. In the event the State Gaming Agency denies the determination of suitability, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deny or revoke the Financial Source's license within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of denial from the State Gaming Agency.
- (c) A license issued under this section 6.4.5 shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance. In connection with that review, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Financial Source to update all information provided in the Financial Source's previous application. For purposes of section 6.5.2, that review shall be deemed to constitute an application for renewal.
- (d) Any agreement between the Tribe and a Financial Source 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 repayment of all outstanding sums (exclusive of interest) owed 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. 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 whose determination of suitability has been revoked or has expired without renewal.

- (e) 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. Any entity that is permitted to be excluded from the licensing requirements of this section 6.4.5 under subdivision (g), may be also excluded from the licensing requirements of a Gaming Resource Supplier with respect to providing to the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation services generally referred to as treasury management services (including, but not limited to, check cashing, vault services, ATMs, interest rate hedging, and receivables and payables services, whether or not a financing is extended in connection therewith).
- (f) 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. Upon issuance of a license, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall direct the Financial Source licensee to transmit to the State Gaming Agency within twenty-one (21) days a copy of all license application materials and information submitted to the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (g) (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 (g)(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) An agency of the federal, the 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 and Exchange Commission, and subject to regulatory oversight by the Securities and 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) 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 prompt notice thereof to the State Gaming Agency, 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 all documentation supporting the Tribal Gaming Agency's exclusion of the Financial Source from the licensing

requirements of this section 6.4.5. The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall confer and make good faith efforts to promptly resolve any dispute regarding the Tribal Gaming Agency's decision to exclude a Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section. Any dispute regarding a decision to exclude a Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section that cannot be promptly resolved by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall be resolved through the dispute resolution provisions in section 13.0.

- (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (g)(1), the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall work collaboratively to resolve any reasonable concerns regarding the ongoing excludability of an individual or entity as a Financial Source. Any dispute between the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency pertaining to the excludability of an individual or entity as a Financial Source shall be resolved through the dispute resolution provisions in section 13.0.

- (4) 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 effective date of 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.

(h) In recognition of changing financial circumstances, this section shall be subject to good faith renegotiation upon request of either party commencing five (5) years from the effective date of this Compact; provided that such renegotiation shall not retroactively affect

transactions that have already taken place where the Financial Source has been excluded or exempted from licensing requirements.

#### **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, limited liability company 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.
  - (e) In the event an Institutional Investor as defined in subdivision (e)(2)(A), directly or indirectly holds shares of a corporation or membership interests in an Applicant or licensee or parent company of an Applicant or licensee through its Affiliates, as defined in subdivision (e)(2)(B), then the Tribal Gaming Agency may excuse such Institutional Investor from the licensing requirements under section 6.0 to provide an application and submit to a background investigation, unless such Institutional Investor indirectly holds, through its Affiliates, more than fifteen (15%) of the issued and outstanding shares or membership interests of an Applicant or licensee, or parent company of an Applicant or licensee.
- (1) In any case where the Tribal Gaming Agency elects to excuse an Institutional Investor from the licensing requirements of section 6.0, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide the State Gaming Agency with the documentation supporting the Tribal Gaming Agency's determination that the person or entity qualifies as an Institutional Investor and that excusing the entity from the licensing requirements of section 6.0 is in furtherance of the public interest. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Institutional Investor to submit to the State Gaming Agency documentation identifying the persons and entities involved and the facts supporting the determination that the persons or entities qualify as an Institutional Investor, and agreeing to be bound by this Compact, the laws of the Tribe and the California Gambling Control Act. The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall confer and make good-faith efforts to promptly resolve any dispute regarding the Tribal Gaming Agency's decision to exclude an Institutional Investor from the licensing requirements of this section. Any dispute regarding a decision to exclude an Institutional Investor from the licensing requirements of this section that cannot be promptly resolved by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall be resolved through the dispute resolution provisions in section 13.0.

(2) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- (A) "Institutional Investor" means any: (i) bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Federal Securities Exchange Act; (ii) banking, chartered, or licensed lending institution; (iii) insurance company as defined in section 2(a)(17) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; (iv) chartered or licensed life insurance company or property and casualty insurance company; (v) investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; (vi) investment advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, as amended; (vii) collective trust funds as defined in section 3(c)(11) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended; (viii) closed end investment trust; (ix) employee benefit plan or pension fund that is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended; (x) a state or federal government pension plan; or (xi) such other person that the Commission determines is an Institutional Investor that acquires voting or nonvoting units in the ordinary course of its investment business and holds those units for investment purposes only and not for the purpose of causing, directly or indirectly, the election of a majority of the board of directors or any change in the corporate charter, bylaws, management, policies, or operations of the business entity in which it holds those securities; and
- (B) "Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified person or entity, whether a natural person, trustee, or corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, the state, business association, commission, instrumentality, firm, joint venture governmental authority or otherwise (collectively, "Person"), any other Person that directly or indirectly, through one (1) or more intermediaries, controls, is or becomes controlled by, or is or comes



under common control with the specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or other interests, by contract, governmental authority or otherwise.

**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 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 Tribal Gaming Agency is satisfied that 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 the 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 applicable 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 in effect that was 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) 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 (j), 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 Tribal Gaming Agency members, investigators, and staff, 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 Tribal Gaming 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. 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 2.11, 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 California 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 California 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 sections 6.5.1 or 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, 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.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, 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 and promptly, and in no event more than thirty (30) days from the State Gaming Agency notification, suspend and initiate revocation of any tribal gaming license that has theretofore been issued to that person;

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 between the Applicant and the State Gaming Agency in state court conducted pursuant to section 1085 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

**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 that 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 tribal gaming license for an Applicant for a position identified on the Compact Key Employee Position List or for any other individual or entity required by this Compact to submit an application for a finding of suitability to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide to the State Gaming Agency copies of summary reports, including any derogatory information, of the background investigations conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency and written statements by the Applicant received in connection with the application for renewal of the tribal gaming license.
- (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. The Tribal Gaming Agency may allow temporary exceptions to this provision for the purposes of authorizing investigators who are actively investigating a matter within the Gaming Facility to monitor Gaming Activities.
- (b) Identification badges must display information, including, but not limited to, a photograph and the person's name, which is adequate to enable members of the public and agents of the Tribal Gaming Agency to readily identify the person and determine the validity and date of expiration of his or her license.
- (c) Upon request, the Tribal Gaming Agency 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. Summary Suspension of Tribal Gaming License.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall summarily suspend the tribal gaming license of any licensee if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the continued licensing of the person or entity could constitute a threat to the public health or safety or may summarily suspend the license of any licensee if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the continued licensing of the person or entity may violate the Tribal Gaming Agency's licensing or other standards. All rights to notice and hearing shall be governed by tribal law, 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.

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

- (a) With respect to Applicants for licensing for a position identified on the Compact Key Employee Position List, the Applicant shall also file an application with the State Gaming Agency, prior to the Tribal Gaming Agency's issuance of a 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 licensing process.
- (b) Upon receipt of an Applicant's completed license application and a determination by the Tribal Gaming Agency 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 California 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, including any derogatory information, of the background investigations conducted by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the NIGC, and 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 therefore. 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 and promptly, and in no event more than thirty (30) 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 between the Applicant and the State Gaming Agency conducted pursuant to section 1085 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- (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 or 6.5.5; provided that nothing in this subdivision exempts the Gaming Resource Supplier or Financial Source from applying for a renewal of a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability.

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

Except as otherwise provided, 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 later submitting a new application for a determination of suitability by the State Gaming Agency in accordance with section 6.0, provided that the Applicant may not commence duties or activities until found suitable by the State Gaming Agency.

### **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 the following occurs:
  - (l) The manufacturer or distributor which 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 the Gaming Test Laboratory, as defined in section 7.2, subdivision (a), as operating in accordance with either the technical standards of Gaming Laboratories International, Inc. known as GLI-11, GLI-12, GLI-13, GLI-21, and GLI-26, or the technical standards approved by the State of Nevada, the State of New Jersey, or such other technical standards as the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency shall agree upon (Technical Standards), which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld;
- (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 operation of the Gaming Device by the public, or if already inserted, tested prior to being made available for patron play on the gaming floor;
- (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 applicable Gaming Test Laboratory standards; and
- (6) The hardware and associated equipment for the Gaming Device has been verified or tested by the Tribal Gaming Agency to ensure operation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

(b) Where 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 ninety (90) days of the request, either party may submit the matter to dispute resolution under section 13.0 of this Compact.

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

- (a) The Gaming Test Laboratory shall be an independent or state governmental gaming test laboratory recognized in the gaming industry which (i) is competent and qualified to conduct scientific tests and evaluations of Gaming Devices, and (ii) is licensed or approved by any of the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, or Wisconsin. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall submit to the State Gaming Agency documentation that demonstrates the Gaming Test Laboratory satisfies (i) and (ii) herein 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 within fifteen (15) days prior to reliance thereon. If, at any time, the Gaming Test Laboratory license and/or approval required by (ii) herein is suspended or revoked by any of those states or the Gaming Test Laboratory is found unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, then the State Gaming Agency may reject the use of such Gaming Test Laboratory, and upon such rejection, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure that such Gaming Test Laboratory discontinues its responsibilities under this Compact.
- (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,

### **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 may inspect the Gaming Devices in operation at the Gaming Facility on a random basis not to exceed four (4) times annually to confirm that the Gaming Devices, their software and the software of associated equipment operate and play properly pursuant to the Technical Standards. The inspections may include all Gaming Device hardware to ensure it operates as designed. 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 on-site physical inspections. The random inspections conducted pursuant to this subdivision shall occur during normal business hours outside of weekends and holidays and shall not remove from play more than five percent (5%) of the Gaming Devices then in operation at the Gaming Facility, provided that the five percent (5%) limitation on removal of Gaming Devices shall not apply where a Gaming Device, including but not limited to a progressive controller, makes limiting removal from play to 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.
- (b) The State Gaming Agency shall provide notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency of such inspection at or prior to the commencement of the random inspection, and the Tribal Gaming Agency may accompany the State Gaming Agency inspector(s).

- (c) The State Gaming Agency may retain and use qualified consultants to perform the functions authorized or specified herein but before any such consultants is provided by the State Gaming Agency with confidential information or records, the State Gaming Agency shall enter into a confidentiality agreement with that consultant that meets the standards of this compact under section 8.4, and shall be bound by the confidentiality and information use and disclosure provisions applicable to the State Gaming Agency and its employees.

#### **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 within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Compact if not previously provided and at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of any material revisions to the regulations.

#### **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.
- (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 which makes lawful the receipt of such Gaming Device;
  - (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 or by tribal-state compact;

- (3) The final destination of the Gaming Device is another country, or any state or province of another country, wherein possession of the Gaming Device 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 who interfere with or violate the Tribe's gaming regulatory requirements and obligations under IGRA, NIGC gaming regulations, the Gaming Ordinance, or this Compact as long as the fines or sanctions comport with federal 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.
- (c) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall report violations of this Compact that on an individual or a continuing basis pose a threat to gaming integrity, public health and safety, or the environment, and any failures to comply with the Tribal Gaming Agency's orders, to the



Commission and the Bureau of Gambling Control in the California Department of Justice 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 it reasonably appears 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 the 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 qualified consultants retained by it, shall have the right to inspect the Tribe's 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), provided that the State Gaming Agency inspections shall not unreasonably interfere with the normal functioning of the Gaming Facility, Gaming Operations or Gaming Activity.
- (b) Except as provided in section 7.4, the State Gaming Agency may inspect public areas of the Gaming Facility at any time without prior notice during normal Gaming Facility business hours.
- (c) Inspection of areas of the 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 documentation establishing his or her authorization to inspect, and requests access to the non-public areas of the Gaming Facility. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member 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 such member to be available at all times for those purposes and shall ensure that the member has the ability to gain immediate access to all non-public areas of the Gaming Facility.

- (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) Inspection and copying of Gaming Operation papers, books, and records, that the State Gaming Agency reasonably deems necessary to ensure compliance with the terms of this Compact, may occur at any time, immediately after the State Gaming Agency gives notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency, during normal business hours. The Tribe shall cooperate with the inspection and copying, provided that the State Gaming Agency inspectors cannot require copies of papers, books, or records in such volume that it unreasonably interferes with the normal functioning of the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility.
- (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 reasonably 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.

- (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 to federal law enforcement and other state agencies or qualified 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 the 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 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. NIGC Audit Reports.**

The Tribe shall make available to the State Gaming Agency while the State Gaming Agency is at the Gaming Facility, copies of the audited financial statements of Class III Gaming and management letter(s), if any, provided to the NIGC. Information received by the State Gaming Agency pursuant to this section 8.5 shall be subject to the confidentiality protections and assurances set forth in section 8.4, subdivision (h) of this Compact.

#### **Sec. 8.6. Cooperatfon with Tribal Gaming Agency.**

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

#### **Sec. 8.7. Compact Compliance Review.**

The State Gaming Agency is authorized to conduct an annual comprehensive Compact compliance review of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, and Gaming Activities to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Compact, any appendices hereto, and with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, policies, internal controls, standards, and procedures that are required to be adopted, implemented, or complied with pursuant to this Compact. The compliance review shall be reasonable in scope and duration and the State Gaming Agency shall cooperate with the Tribe to avoid disruption of the Gaming Operation's business as a result of the compliance review. 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 of any part of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, and Gaming Activities and other 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.

#### **Sec. 8.8. 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.

## **SECTION 9.0. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION**

### **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, of IGRA, of NIGC gaming regulations, of State Gaming Agency regulations, and of the Gaming Ordinance, 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, rules and regulations governing, at a minimum, the following subjects pursuant to the standards and conditions set forth therein:

- (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 persons while in the Gaming Facility. Except as provided in section 12.2, nothing herein shall be construed, however, 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 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 recording of any and all occurrences within the Gaming Facility that deviate from normal operating policies and procedures (hereinafter "incidents"). The regulations shall provide that the Tribal Gaming Agency shall promptly notify the State Gaming Agency of incidents that the Tribal Gaming Agency reasonably determines concern a significant or continued threat to public safety or gaming integrity. The procedure for recording incidents pursuant to the regulations 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 sections 8.3 and 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) The establishment of employee procedures designed to permit detection of any irregularities, theft, cheating, fraud, or the like, consistent with industry practice.
- (h) Maintenance of a list of persons permanently excluded from the Gaming Facility who, because of their past behavior, criminal history<sup>1</sup> 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 gambling 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, the State 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. To the extent permissible under law, the State Gaming Agency may share information about individuals permanently excluded from other tribal gaming facilities or other gaming establishments within California with the Tribal Gaming Agency.
- (i) The conduct of an audit, at the Tribe's expense, of the annual financial statements of the Gaming Operation.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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.

- (l) Specifications and standards to ensure that information regarding the method of play, odds, and payoff determinations is visibly displayed or available to patrons in written form in the Gaming Facility and to ensure that betting limits applicable to any gaming station is displayed at that gaming station.
- (m) Maintenance of a cashier's cage in accordance with industry standards for such facilities.
- (n) Specification of minimum staff and supervisory requirements for each Gaming Activity to be conducted.
- (o) 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 thereafter be amended, 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 statewide uniform regulation CGCC-8, as it exists currently and as it may hereafter be amended.
- (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 they 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 hereafter 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 material changes to those control standards to the State Gaming Agency within sixty (60) 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, material 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 material 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 they may be revised, and are consistent with this Compact.

- (e) The Compact MICS shall apply to all Gaming Activities, the 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 shall provide the State Gaming Agency with a copy of the "Agreed-Upon Procedures" report prepared annually pursuant to part 542.3(f) of the Compact MICS, as they may be revised, within sixty (60) days after the Tribal Gaming Agency's receipt of the report. The Agreed-Upon Procedures report shall be prepared by an independent auditor, who for the purposes of this section, 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.

## **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.

- (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 check-cashing services, and deny access to the Gaming Facility to patrons who have exhibited signs of problem gambling.
- (e) It 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.
- (f) It shall make diligent efforts to prevent underage individuals from loitering in the area of the Gaming Facility where the Gaming Activities take place.
- (g) 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 makes no false or misleading claims.
- (h) It shall adopt a code of conduct, derived, *inter alia*, from that of the American Gaming Association, that addresses responsible gambling and responsible advertising.
- (i) Nothing herein is intended to (a) grant any third party the right to sue based on a violation of these standards, or (b) waive the sovereign immunity of the Tribe, or any of its subdivisions, enterprises, agencies, officers, employees or agents with respect to any self-excluded person for any of the activities required of the Tribe under this section 9.2.

### **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 expands, modifies, or impairs, 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. Except as provided below, all State and local law enforcement agencies and state courts shall exercise jurisdiction to enforce the State's criminal laws on the Tribe's Indian lands, including the Gaming Facility and all related structures, in the same manner and to the same extent, and subject to the same restraints and limitations imposed by the laws of the State and the United States, as is exercised by State and local law enforcement agencies and state courts elsewhere in the State. The Tribe hereby consents to such criminal jurisdiction. However, 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. Except for such Gaming Activity conducted pursuant to this Compact, criminal jurisdiction to enforce State gambling laws on the Tribe's Indian lands, and to adjudicate alleged violations thereof, is hereby transferred to the State pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1166(d).

### **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 (d), no State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section 9.6 shall be effective with respect to the Tribe's Gaming Operation unless both of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The Association has approved the proposed regulation through a vote taken pursuant to the Association's protocols; and
  - (2) Following approval by the Association, the State Gaming Agency has submitted the proposed regulation to the Tribe for comment. The State Gaming Agency shall not adopt a proposed regulation as final and effective with respect to the Tribe's Gaming Operation before the expiration of thirty (30) 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.

- (d) 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 to the Association for consideration at the next regularly scheduled Association meeting. If the Association disapproves the regulation at the Association meeting, it shall cease to be effective, but the State Gaming Agency may re-adopt it as a proposed regulation, in its original or amended form, with a detailed, written response to the Association's objections, and, if approved by the Association, thereafter submitted to the Tribe for comment as provided in subdivision (c).
- (e) 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 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, which regulations must meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) A patron who makes an oral or 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 Tribal Gaming Agency's resolution of the dispute, the right to seek resolution in either the Tribe's tribal court system, once a tribal court system is established, or through the tribal claims commission pursuant to the terms and provisions in subdivision (c). 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 written 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 no decision is issued within the sixty (60)-day period, the patron may request that the dispute be resolved either in the Tribe's tribal court system, once a tribal court system is established, or by a three (3)-member tribal claims commission consisting of a representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) commissioner who is not a member of the Tribe. The tribal court system 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 system or tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the tribal court system or tribal claims commission shall be at no cost to the patron (excluding patron's attorney's fees and court filing fees).
- (d) Consistent with industry practice, if any alleged 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 Tribe or its agents, the patron's claim for the winnings shall be denied but the patron shall be awarded reimbursements of the amount wagered by the patron that were lost as a result of any mechanical, electronic or electromechanical failure.
- (e) Any party dissatisfied with the award of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may invoke either the jurisdiction of the applicable tribal appellate court, if one is established, or the JAMS



Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (and if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent).

- (f) If there is no tribal appellate court, the cost and expenses of the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (hereafter also known as the "JAMS appeal") shall be initially borne equally by the Tribe and the paton (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); provided if there is a tribal appellate court, the party making the election of JAMS must bear all costs and expenses of JAMS and the JAMS arbitrators associated with the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure, regardless of the outcome. The JAMS appeal shall take place in Tulare County, California, shall use one (1) arbitrator 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. The JAMS appeal arbitrator 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 system or tribal claims commission if the determination is supported by substantial evidence. The JAMS appeal arbitrator will review the decision of the tribal court system or tribal claims commission under the substantialia) evidence standard. The JAMS appeal arbitrator does not take new evidence but reviews the record of the decision below to make sure there is substantial evidence that reasonably supports that decision. The JAMS appeal arbitrator's appellate function is not to decide whether he or she would have reached the same factual conclusions but to decide whether a reasonable fact-finder could have come to the same conclusion based on the facts in the record. If there is a conflict in the evidence and a reasonable fact-finder could have resolved the conflict either way, the decision of the tribal court system or tribal claims commission will not be overturned on appeal.
- (g) To effectuate its consent to the tribal court, tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (and if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent) in this section 10.0, the Tribe shall, in the exercise of its sovereignty, waive its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection with the

jurisdiction of the tribal court, the tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure, and in any action to (i) enforce the Tribe's or the patron's obligation under this section 10.0, or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award of the tribal court, tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure arbitrator, to the extent of the amount of winnings in controversy.

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

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

- (a) 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 Off-Reservation 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 Effect(s) on the Off-Reservation 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 Off-Reservation Environment of the proposed Project;

- (3) In a separate section:
    - (A) Any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment that cannot be avoided if the Project is implemented;
    - (B) Any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment that would be irreversible if the Project is implemented;
  - (4) Mitigation measures proposed to minimize Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation 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 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 Off-Reservation 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 Off-Reservation 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 Off-Reservation Environment, and evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives; provided that the Tribe need not address alternatives 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 Off-Reservation 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 Off-Reservation Environment. Previously approved land use documents, including, but not limited to, general plans, specific plans, and local coastal plans, may be used in the cumulative impact analysis. The Tribe shall consider any recommendations from the County concerning the person or entity to prepare the TEIR.

- (c) Projects that have commenced prior to the effective date of this Compact will be subject to the relevant terms and conditions of the 2000 Compact. Projects not identified in any TEIR issued before the effective date of this Compact, will be subject to all of the terms and conditions specified herein.
- (d) 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 Tribe shall also post the Notice on its website. The Notice shall provide all interested Persons with information describing the Project and its potential Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation 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) Within no less than thirty (30) days following the receipt of the Notice of Preparation by the State Clearinghouse and the County, 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 (1) time by the Tribe in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Project. If more than one (1) 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 and occupants 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 Tribes offers, 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 Off-Reservation 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.

- (2) Compensation for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services 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) Reasonable compensation for programs designed to address and treat gambling addiction.
  - (4) Mitigation of any effect on public safety attributable to the Project, including any compensation to the County as a consequence thereof
- (b) The Tribe shall not commence a Project until the intergovernmental agreements specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) 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 cumulative traffic impacts. 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 Off-Reservation 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 Off-Reservation

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 agrees to expressly waive, and also to waive 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.

## **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.

### **Sec. 12.2. Tobacco Smoke.**

Notwithstanding section 12.1, the Tribe agrees to provide a non-smoking area in the Gaming Facility and to utilize a ventilation system throughout the Gaming Facility that exhausts tobacco smoke to the extent reasonably feasible

under state-of-the-art technology existing as of the date of the construction or significant renovation of the Gaming Facility. The Tribe further agrees not to offer to sell tobacco products, including but not limited to smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes, to anyone under eighteen (18) years of age in the Gaming Facility.

### **Sec. 12.3. 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, as a matter of tribal law, 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 access 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 seventy-two (72) hours of its receipt by the Tribe 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, as a matter of tribal law, 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 access 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 seventy-two (72).

hours of its receipt by the Tribe 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, as a matter of tribal law, federal workplace and occupational health and safety standards. The Tribe will allow inspection of Gaming Facility workplaces by State inspectors, during normal hours of operation, to assess compliance with these standards; provided that there is no right to inspection by State inspectors where an inspection has been conducted by an agency of the United States pursuant to federal law during the previous calendar quarter and the Tribe has provided a copy of the federal agency's report to the State Gaming Agency within ten ( 10) days of the federal inspection.
  - (e) Adopt and comply with as a matter of tribal law, tribal codes to the extent consistent with the provisions of this Compact and other applicable federal law regarding public health and safety.
  - (f) Adopt and comply with, as a matter of tribal law, federal laws and state 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"); 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.
- (1) The Tribe shall obtain and maintain an employment practices liability insurance policy consistent with industry standards for

non-tribal casinos and underwritten by an insurer with an A.M. Best rating of A or higher which provides coverage of at least three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence for unlawful harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination arising out of the claimant's employment in, in connection with, or relating to the operation of, the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities. To effectuate the insurance coverage, the Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, shall expressly waive, and also waive its right to assert, sovereign immunity and any and all defenses based thereon up to the greater of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) or the limits of the employment practices liability insurance policy, in accordance with the tribal ordinance referenced in subdivision (f)(2) below, in connection with any claim for harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination arising out of the claimant's employment in, in connection with or relating to the operation of, the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities; provided, however, that 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 employment practices liability insurance policy shall acknowledge in writing that the Tribe has expressly waived, and also waived its right to assert, sovereign immunity and any and all defenses based thereon for the purpose of arbitration of those claims for harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination up to the limits of such policy 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 such 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 such policy limits of three million dollars (\$3,000,000), whichever is greater. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to supersede any requirement in the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint ordinance that a claimant must exhaust administrative remedies as a prerequisite to arbitration.

- (2) The Tribe's harassment, retaliation, and employment discrimination standards shall be subject to enforcement

pursuant to an employment discrimination complaint ordinance which shall be adopted by the Tribe as set forth in subdivision (f)(8) below and made available to all employees and their legal representatives. The ordinance shall continuously provide at least the following:

- (A) That tribal law provisions shall be no less stringent than California law and shall govern all claims of harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination arising out of the claimant's employment in, in connection with, or relating to the operation of, the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities; provided that California law governing punitive damages need not be a part of the ordinance. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as a submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing or the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or any successor agencies thereto.
- (B) That a claimant shall have one hundred eighty (180) days from the date that an alleged discriminatory act occurred to file a written notice with the Tribe that he or she has suffered prohibited harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination.
- (C) That, in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Tribe expressly waives, and also waives its right to assert, sovereign immunity with respect to the dispute resolution processes expressly authorized in this section 12.3, subdivision (f) relating to claims harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination as described in subdivision (f)(2)(G), below up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000); 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 three million dollars (\$3,000,000) and provided further that such waiver shall not apply to claims made against individual Tribal officials or employees.

- (D) The ordinance shall allow for the claim to be resolved by at least one of the following processes: (i) in the Tribe's tribal court system, once a tribal court system is established or (ii) by a three (3)-member tribal claims commission consisting of a representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) non-tribal commissioner. No member of the commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the tribal court system or tribal claims commission shall be at no cost to the claimant (excluding claimant's attorney's fees).
- (E) 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.
- (F) Any party dissatisfied with the award of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may, at the party's election, appeal the matter to a tribal court of appeal, if one is established, or invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent). If there is no tribal court of appeal, 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 subdivision, the "parties") and both shall pay their share of 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 a tribal court of appeal is available, the party electing the JAMS appeal option shall bear all costs and expenses of the JAMS appeal, regardless of outcome, and each party shall bear their own attorney's fees. The JAMS appeal shall take place in the 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 the 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.

- (G) To effectuate its consent to the tribal court system, tribal claims commission, and JAMS appeal, the Tribe shall, in the exercise of its sovereignty, expressly waive, and also waive its right to assert, sovereign immunity in connection with the jurisdiction of the tribal court, tribal claims commission or JAMS appeal and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.3 or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award of the tribal court, claims commission, or JAMS appeal process. However, such waiver shall not apply to claims made against individual tribal officials or employees.
- (3) The employment discrimination complaint ordinance required under subdivision (f)(2) may require, as a prerequisite to pursuing the employment discrimination complaint resolution process described under subdivision (f)(2)(D), that the claimant exhaust the Tribe's administrative remedies, if any exist, in the form of a tribal employment discrimination complaint resolution process, for resolving the claim in accordance with the following standards:
  - (A) Upon notice that the claimant alleges that he or she has suffered prohibited harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination, the Tribe or its designee shall provide notice by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, that the claimant is required to proceed with the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint resolution process in the event that the claimant wishes to pursue his or her claim.



- (B) The claimant must bring his or her claim within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of the written notice (limitation period) of the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint resolution process as long as the 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.
  - (C) The arbitration may be stayed until the completion of the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint resolution process or one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the claim was filed, whichever first occurs, unless the parties mutually agree upon a longer period.
  - (D) The decision of the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint resolution process shall be in writing, shall be based on the facts surrounding the dispute, shall be a reasoned decision, and shall be rendered within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the claim was filed, unless the parties mutually agree upon a longer period.
- (4) Within fourteen (14) days following notification that a claimant claims that he or she has suffered harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination, the Tribe shall provide notice by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, that the claimant is required within the specified limitation period to first exhaust the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint resolution process, if any exists, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, is entitled to pursue his other claim pursuant to the employment discrimination complaint resolution process described under subdivision (f)(2)(D).
  - (5) Unless otherwise agreed to by the Tribe and the State, the Tribe shall adopt the ordinance specified in subdivision (f)(2) within thirty days after the Effective Date. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach of this Compact.

- (6) The Tribe shall provide written notice of the employment discrimination complaint ordinance and the procedures for bringing a complaint in its 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 employment discrimination complaint ordinance and information pertinent to the filing of a complaint.
- (g) Adopt and comply with, as a matter of tribal law, 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, as a matter of tribal law, standards that are no less stringent than State laws, if any, prohibiting a gambling or other gaming enterprise from providing, allowing, contracting to provide, or arranging to provide alcoholic beverages, or food or lodging, for no charge or at reduced prices at a gambling establishment or lodging facility as an incentive or enticement.
- (i) Adopt and comply with, as a matter of tribal law, standards that are no less stringent than State laws, if any, prohibiting extensions of credit.
- (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, as a matter of tribal law, 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., the State's minimum wage law set forth in California Labor Code section 1182.12, and the State Department of Industrial Relations regulations implementing the State's minimum

wage law, California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 1100 et seq. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only the federal minimum wage laws set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 Code of Federal Regulations, part 500 et seq., shall apply to tipped employees. Nothing herein shall make applicable state law concerning overtime.

#### **Sec. 12.4. 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 12.3 to which the Gaming Operation and Gaming Facility are 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 State statute or regulation, as the case may be, in respect of any such matter, the otherwise applicable federal and/or State statute or regulation shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Tribe as the applicable standard.

#### **Sec. 12.5. 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 shall expressly waive, and waive 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, however, that 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 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 as a matter of tribal law the Tribe shall adopt 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 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.
  - (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 the resolution of such claims in the Tribe's tribal court system, once a tribal court system is established, or by a tribal claims commission, and in the applicable tribal appellate court, once a tribal appellate court is established, or in the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal

Procedure, but only up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the Policy limits; 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 either in the Tribe's tribal court system, once a tribal court system is established, or by a three (3)-member tribal claims commission consisting of one (1) representative of the tribal government and at least one (1) commissioner who is not a member of the Tribe. The tribal court or tribal claims commission must afford the claimant with a dispute resolution process that incorporates the essential elements of fairness and due process. Discovery in the tribal court or claims commission proceedings shall be governed by section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. No member of the tribal court or the tribal claims commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the tribal court system or tribal claims commission shall be at no cost to the claimant (excluding claimant's attorney's fees and court filing fees).
- (4) The Tribe shall consent to the tribal court system, tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court, or the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure to the extent of the limits of the Policy.
- (5) Any party dissatisfied with the award of the tribal court or tribal claims commission may, at the party's election, invoke the jurisdiction either of the applicable tribal appellate court or the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent), provided that if there is a tribal appellate court, the party making the election of JAMS must bear all costs and expenses of JAMS and the JAMS arbitrators associated with the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure, regardless of the outcome. If there is no tribal appellate court, the cost and expenses of the JAMS

Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure 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). The applicable JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure, hereafter also known as the "JAMS appeal proceeding," shall take place in Tulare County, California, 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 proceeding 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. The JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure arbitrator does not take new evidence but reviews the record of the decision below to make sure there is substantial evidence that reasonably supports that decision. The JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure arbitrator's appellate function is not to decide whether he or she would have reached the same factual conclusions but to decide whether a reasonable fact-finder could have come to the same conclusion based on the facts in the record. 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.

- (6) To effectuate its consent to the tribal court system or tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court and the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure in the ordinance, the Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, expressly waives, and also waives its right to assert, its sovereign immunity in connection with the jurisdiction of the tribal court system, tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court and JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent), and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.5, or (ii) enforce or execute a

judgment based upon the award of the tribal court system, tribal claims commission, tribal appellate court, or the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure arbitrator.

- (7) 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 arbitration 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 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 specified limitation period to first exhaust the Tribal Dispute Process, if any, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, entitled to arbitrate his or her claim *de novo* before a retired judge.
- (d) In the event the Tribe fails to adopt the ordinance specified in subdivision (b), the tort law of the State of California, including applicable statutes of limitations, shall apply to all claims of bodily injury, personal injury, and 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; and the Tribe shall be deemed to have expressly waived, and also to have waived its right to assert, sovereign immunity up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the limits of the Policy

in connection with the arbitration of any such claims, any court proceedings based on such arbitration, including the arbitral award resulting therefrom, and any ensuing judgments.

- (e) 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 agent, without regard to the Tribe's liability insurance limits. Nothing in this subdivision prevents the Tribe from invoking sovereign immunity on its own behalf or authorizes a claim against the Tribe or a tribally owned entity.

#### **Sec. 12.6. Participation in State Statutory Programs Related to Employment.**

- (a) The Tribe agrees that it will participate in the State's workers' compensation program with respect to 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. If the Tribe participates in the State's workers' compensation program, it agrees that all disputes arising from the workers' compensation laws shall be heard by the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board pursuant to the California Labor Code. The Tribe hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and the courts of the State of California for purposes of enforcement. The parties agree that independent contractors doing business with the Tribe are bound by all state workers' compensation laws and obligations.
- (b) In lieu of participating in the State's statutory workers' compensation system, the Tribe may create and maintain a system that provides redress for Gaming Facility employees' 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 an 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 an independent tribunal, 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 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, with respect to persons, including nonresidents of California, employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall withhold all taxes due to the State as provided in the California Unemployment Insurance Code 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.

- (e) **As a matter of comity, the Tribe shall, with respect to the earnings of** any person employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, comply with all earnings withholding orders for taxes owing, 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.

#### **Sec. 12.7. 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. 12.8. Alcoholic Beverage Service.**

Purchase, sale, and service of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to state alcoholic beverage laws.

#### **Sec. 12.9. 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. 12.10. 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 commencing the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact

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

### **Sec. 13.1. Voluntary Resolution; Court Resolution.**

In recognition of the government-to-government relationship on 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 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 arbitration or other mutually agreed means 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 or over the County. 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 an action 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 system 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 ground 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 for the Tribe and the State.**

Arbitration between the Tribe and the State shall be conducted before a JAMS arbitrator in accordance with JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration. 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, but the arbitrator may award costs to the prevailing party not to exceed those allowable in a suit in California superior

court. 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 J3.2, the cost and expenses of the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure shall be borne equally by the parties and 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. To effectuate its consent to the foregoing arbitration procedure, the Tribe shall, in the exercise of its sovereignty, expressly waive, and also waive its right to assert, sovereign immunity in connection with the arbitrator's jurisdiction and in any 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 any federal court located in the Eastern District of California, Fresno Courthouse.

### **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 right 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 monetary 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 to preserve the courts jurisdiction, in which case the State and the Tribe may not revoke their waivers of sovereign immunity as to each other.
- (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 expressly authorized by this Compact, including 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, whether in state or federal court.
- (d) Except as stated herein or elsewhere in this Compact, no other waivers or consents to be sued, either express or implied, are granted by either party, whether in state statute or otherwise, including but not limited to Government Code section 98005. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and provided that all conditions in section 15.0 have been met, should the State either refuse to negotiate for an amended or new compact, or fail to conduct those negotiations in good faith, nothing in this section shall prevent the Tribe from pursuing a bad faith negotiation claim against the State under 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(7). The Tribe agrees that its conduct of negotiations shall also be subject to a standard of good faith.

## **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 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) 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. Unless the declaratory judgment is stayed, upon issuance of a final, non-appealable declaratory judgment by the court, the complaining party may unilaterally terminate this Compact upon service of written notice on the other party. In the event a federal court determines that it lacks jurisdiction over such an action, the action may be brought in the Superior Court for Tulare County. 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 qualifications stated in section 13.1, subdivision (e) and section 13.4.
- (c) If this Compact does not take effect by January 6, 2019, 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, including the scope of such negotiations, provided that each party voluntarily consents to 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 termination 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 termination date in section 14.2, this Compact shall automatically be extended for eighteen (18) months. If the parties are engaged in negotiations that both parties agree in writing is proceeding towards conclusion of a new or amended compact, this Compact shall automatically extend for an additional two (2) years.

### **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, the parties shall confer promptly and determine within forty-five (45) days of the request a schedule for commencing negotiations, and both parties shall negotiate in good faith. 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 written notice to the other:

Governor  
Governor's Office State  
Capitol Sacramento,  
CA 95814

Tribal Chairperson  
Tule River Indian Tribe of California  
340 N. Reservation Rd.  
Porterville, CA 93257

## **SECTION 17.0. CHANGES TO IGRA.**

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 out 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 States 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 third-party beneficiary rights or interests, including without limitation 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 materially 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 materially 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 before the Governor executes this Compact.
- (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.
- (d) In the event the Tribe (i) asserts that the undersigned lacked the authority to execute this Compact, or (ii) in any Compact-related dispute in the limited contexts set forth in this Compact, whether or not involving the State, asserts that its waiver of sovereign immunity is not valid based upon a claim by the Tribe that the representations

regarding the authority to waive or the waiver did not comply with the Tribe's laws, then the State and the Tribe agree that the Tribe shall lose all rights to conduct Class III Gaming under the terms of this Compact.

- (e) The Tribe shall give notice to the State of its intent to assert that its waiver of sovereign immunity is not valid for the reasons stated in subdivision (d) at least fourteen (14) days before making that assertion and shall cease conducting Class III Gaming within thirty (30) days of making the assertion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned sign this Compact on behalf of the State of California and the Tule River Indian Tribe of California.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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

TULE RIVER INDIAN TRIBE OF  
CALIFORNIA



By  
Chairperson of the Tule River Indian  
Tribe of California

Executed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
2017, at Sacramento, California

Executed this 25 day of August <sup>eee</sup>  
2017, at Porterville  
California

ATTEST:



Alex Padilla  
Secretary of State, State of California



## APPENDICES

- A. Off-Reservation Environmental Impact Analysis Checklist
- B. Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance

## APPENDIX A

### Off-Reservation Environmental Impact Analysis Checklist

#### I. Aesthetics

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage off-reservation scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views of historic buildings or views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### II. Agricultural and Forest Resources

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Involve changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of off-reservation farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of off-reservation forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### III. Air Quality

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions, which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Would the project:</b>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
d) Expose off-reservation sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people off-reservation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### **IV. Biological Resources**

<b>Would the project:</b>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Have a substantial adverse impact, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any off-reservation riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected off-reservation wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## V. Cultural Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an off-reservation historical or archeological resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique off-reservation paleontological resource or site or unique off-reservation geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Disturb any off-reservation human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## VI. Geology and Soils

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Expose off-reservation people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial off-reservation soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## VII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the off-reservation environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any off-reservation plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## VIII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the off-reservation public or the off-reservation environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the off-reservation public or the off-reservation environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed off-reservation school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose off-reservation people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## IX. Water Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete off-reservation groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there should be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff off-reservation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
f) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures, which would impede or redirect off-reservation flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Expose off-reservation people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## X. Land Use

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with any off-reservation land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan covering off-reservation lands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## XI. Mineral Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known off-reservation mineral resource classified MRZ-2 by the State Geologist that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of an off-reservation locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## XII. Noise

Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of off-reservation persons to noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
b) Exposure of off-reservation persons to excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the off-reservation vicinity of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the off-reservation vicinity of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### XIII. Population and Housing

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial off-reservation population growth?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere off-reservation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### XIV. Public Services

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered off-reservation governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the off-reservation public services:				
Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## XV. Recreation

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Increase the use of existing off-reservation neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## XVI. Transportation / Traffic

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the off-reservation circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including, but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to, level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated off-reservation roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially increase hazards to an off-reservation design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in inadequate emergency access for off-reservation responders?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## XVII. Utilities and Service Systems

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed off-reservation wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant off-reservation environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
construction of which could cause significant off-reservation environmental effects?				
d) Result in a determination by an off-reservation wastewater treatment provider (if applicable), which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### XVIII. Cumulative Effects

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable off-reservation? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past, current, or probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance**

#### **Section 1: Threshold of Applicability**

- (a) If the Tribe employs 250 or more persons in a tribal casino and related facility, it shall adopt this Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance (TLRO or Ordinance). For purposes of this Ordinance, a “tribal casino” is one in which class III gaming is conducted pursuant to the tribal-state compact. A “related facility” is one for which the only significant purpose is to facilitate patronage of the class III gaming operations.
- (b) Upon the request of a labor union or organization which exists for the purpose, in whole or in part, of dealing with employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay, hours of employment, or conditions of work, the Tribal Gaming Commission shall certify the number of employees in a tribal casino or other related facility as defined in subsection (a) of this Section 1. Either party may dispute the certification of the Tribal Gaming Commission to the Tribal Labor Panel, which is defined in Section 13 herein.

#### **Section 2: Definition of Eligible Employees**

- (a) The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to any person (hereinafter “Eligible Employee”) who is employed within a tribal casino in which class III gaming is conducted pursuant to a tribal-state compact or other related facility, the only significant purpose of which is to facilitate patronage of the class III gaming operations, except for any of the following:
  - (1) any employee who is a supervisor, defined as any individual having authority, in the interest of the Tribe and/or employer, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibility to direct them or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend such action, if in connection with the foregoing the

exercise of such authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment;

- (2) any employee of the Tribal Gaming Commission;
  - (3) any employee of the security or surveillance department, other than those who are responsible for the technical repair and maintenance of equipment;
  - (4) any cash operations employee who is a “cage” employee or money counter; or
  - (5) any dealer.
- (b) On [month] 1 of each year, the Tribal Gaming Commission shall certify the number of Eligible Employees employed by the Tribe to the administrator of the Tribal Labor Panel.

### **Section 3: Non-Interference with Regulatory or Security Activities**

Operation of this Ordinance shall not interfere in any way with the duty of the Tribal Gaming Commission to regulate the gaming operation in accordance with the Tribe’s National Indian Gaming Commission- approved gaming ordinance. Furthermore, the exercise of rights hereunder shall in no way interfere with the tribal casino’s surveillance/security systems, or any other internal controls system designed to protect the integrity of the Tribe’s gaming operations. The Tribal Gaming Commission is specifically excluded from the definition of Eligible Employees.

### **Section 4: Eligible Employees Free to Engage in or Refrain From Concerted Activity**

Eligible Employees shall have the right to self-organization, to form, to join, or assist employee organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, to engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, and shall also have the right to refrain from any or all such activities.

## **Section 5: Unfair Labor Practices for the Tribe**

It shall be an unfair labor practice for the Tribe and/or employer or their agents:

- (a) to interfere with, restrain or coerce Eligible Employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed herein;
- (b) to dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization or contribute financial or other support to it, but this does not restrict the Tribe and/or employer and a certified union from agreeing to union security or dues check off;
- (c) to discharge or otherwise discriminate against an Eligible Employee because s/he has filed charges or given testimony under this Ordinance; or
- (d) after certification of the labor organization pursuant to Section 10, to refuse to bargain collectively with the representatives of Eligible Employees.

## **Section 6: Unfair Labor Practices for the Union**

It shall be an unfair labor practice for a labor organization or its agents:

- (a) to interfere, restrain or coerce Eligible Employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed herein;
- (b) to engage in, or to induce or encourage any individual employed by any person engaged in commerce or in an industry affecting commerce to engage in, a strike or a primary or secondary boycott or a refusal in the course of his employment to use, manufacture, process, transport or otherwise handle or work on any goods, articles, materials, or commodities or to perform any services; or to threaten, coerce, or restrain any person engaged in commerce or in an industry affecting commerce or other terms and conditions of employment. This section does not apply to Section 11;



- (c) to force or require the Tribe and/or employer to recognize or bargain with a particular labor organization as the representative of Eligible Employees if another labor organization has been certified as the representative of such Eligible Employees under the provisions of this TLRO;
- (d) to refuse to bargain collectively with the Tribe and/or employer, provided it is the representative of Eligible Employees subject to the provisions herein; or
- (e) to attempt to influence the outcome of a tribal governmental election, provided, however, that this section does not apply to tribal members.

## **Section 7: Tribe and Union Right to Free Speech**

- (a) The Tribe's and union's expression of any view, argument or opinion or the dissemination thereof, whether in written, printed, graphic or visual form, shall not constitute or be evidence of interference with, restraint, or coercion if such expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit.
- (b) The Tribe agrees that if a union first offers in writing that it and its local affiliates will comply with (b)(1) and (b)(2), the Tribe shall comply with the provisions of (c) and (d).
  - (1) For a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days following delivery of a Notice of Intent to Organize (NOIO) to the Tribe:
    - (A) not engage in strikes, picketing, boycotts, attack websites, or other economic activity at or in relation to the tribal casino or related facility; and refrain from engaging in strike-related picketing on Indian lands as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 2703(4);
    - (B) not disparage the Tribe for purposes of organizing Eligible Employees;
    - (C) not attempt to influence the outcome of a tribal government election; and

- (D) during the three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the Tribe received the NOIO, the Union must collect dated and signed authorization cards pursuant to Section 10 herein and complete the secret ballot election also in Section 10 herein. Failure to complete the secret ballot election within the three hundred sixty five (365) days after the Tribe received the NOIO shall mean that the union shall not be permitted to deliver another NOIO for a period of two years (730 days).
  - (2) Resolve all issues, including collective bargaining impasses, through the binding dispute resolution mechanisms set forth in Section 13 herein.
- (c) Upon receipt of a NOIO, the Tribe shall:
- (1) within two (2) days provide to the union an election eligibility list containing the full first and last names of the Eligible Employees within the sought-after bargaining unit and the Eligible Employees' last known addresses and telephone numbers and email addresses;
  - (2) for period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days thereafter, Tribe will not do any action nor make any statement that directly or indirectly states or implies any opposition by the Tribe to the selection by such employees of a collective bargaining agent, or preference for or opposition to any particular union as a bargaining agent. This includes refraining from making derisive comments about unions; publishing or posting pamphlets, fliers, letters, posters or any other communication which could reasonably be interpreted as criticizing the union or advising Eligible Employees to vote "no" against the union. However, the Tribe shall be free at all times to fully inform Eligible Employees about the terms and conditions of employment it provides to employees and the advantages of working for the Tribe; and

- (3) resolve all issues, including collective bargaining impasses, through the binding dispute resolution mechanisms set forth in Section 13 herein.
- (d) The union's offer in subsection (b) of this Section 7 shall be deemed an offer to accept the entirety of this Ordinance as a bilateral contract between the Tribe and the union, and the Tribe agrees to accept such offer. By entering into such bilateral contract, the union and Tribe mutually waive any right to file any form of action or proceeding with the National Labor Relations Board for the three hundred sixty-five (365)-day period following the NOIO.
- (e) The Tribe shall mandate that any entity responsible for all or part of the operation of the casino and related facility shall assume the obligations of the Tribe under this Ordinance. If at the time of the management contract, the Tribe recognizes a labor organization as the representative of its employees, certified pursuant to this Ordinance, the labor organization will provide the contractor, upon request, the election officer's certification which constitutes evidence that the labor organization has been determined to be the majority representative of the Tribe's Eligible Employees.

## **Section 8: Access to Eligible Employees**

- (a) Access shall be granted to the union for the purposes of organizing Eligible Employees, provided that such organizing activity shall not interfere with patronage of the casino or related facility or with the normal work routine of the Eligible Employees and shall be done on non-work time in non-work areas that are designated as employee break rooms or locker rooms that are not open to the public. The Tribe may require the union and or union organizers to be subject to the same licensing rules applied to individuals or entities with similar levels of access to the casino or related facility, provided that such licensing shall not be unreasonable, discriminatory, or designed to impede access.
- (b) The Tribe, in its discretion, may also designate additional voluntary access to the Union in such areas as employee parking lots and non-casino facilities located on tribal lands.

- (c) In determining whether organizing activities potentially interfere with normal tribal work routines, the union's activities shall not be permitted if the Tribal Labor Panel determines that they compromise the operation of the casino:
  - (1) security and surveillance systems throughout the casino, and reservation;
  - (2) access limitations designed to ensure security;
  - (3) internal controls designed to ensure security; or
  - (4) other systems designed to protect the integrity of the Tribe's gaming operations, tribal property and/or safety of casino personnel, patrons, employees or tribal members, residents, guests or invitees.
- (d) The Tribe agrees to facilitate the dissemination of information from the union to Eligible Employees at the tribal casino by allowing posters, leaflets and other written materials to be posted in non-public employee break areas where the Tribe already posts announcements pertaining to Eligible Employees. Actual posting of such posters, notices, and other materials shall be by employees desiring to post such materials.

## **Section 9: Indian Preference Explicitly Permitted**

Nothing herein shall preclude the Tribe from giving Indian preference in employment, promotion, seniority, lay-offs or retention to members of any federally recognized Indian tribe or shall in any way affect the Tribe's right to follow tribal law, ordinances, personnel policies or the Tribe's customs or traditions regarding Indian preference in employment, promotion, seniority, lay-offs or retention. Moreover, in the event of a conflict between tribal law, tribal ordinance or the Tribe's customs and traditions regarding Indian preference and this Ordinance, the tribal law, tribal ordinance, or the Tribe's customs and traditions shall govern.

## **Section 10: Secret Ballot Elections**

- (a) The election officer shall be chosen within three (3) business days of notification by the labor organization to the Tribe of its intention to present authorization cards, and the same election officer shall preside thereafter for all proceedings under the request for recognition; provided, however, that if the election officer resigns, dies, or is incapacitated for any other reason from performing the functions of this office, a substitute election officer shall be selected in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions herein. Dated and signed authorized cards from thirty percent (30%) or more of the Eligible Employees within the bargaining unit verified by the elections officer will result in a secret ballot election. The election officer shall make a determination as to whether the required thirty percent (30%) showing has been made within one (1) working day after the submission of authorization cards. If the election officer determines the required thirty percent (30%) showing of interest has been made, the election officer shall issue a notice of election. The election shall be concluded within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of the notice of election.
- (b) Upon the showing of interest to the election officer pursuant to subsection (a), within two (2) working days the Tribe shall provide to the union an election eligibility list containing the full first and last names of the Eligible Employees within the sought after bargaining unit and the Eligible Employees' last known addresses and telephone numbers and email addresses. Nothing herein shall preclude a Tribe from voluntarily providing an election eligibility list at an earlier point of a union organizing campaign with or without an election. The election shall be conducted by the election officer by secret ballot pursuant to procedures set forth in a consent election agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment 1. In the event either that a party refuses to enter into the consent election agreement or that the parties do not agree on the terms, the election officer shall issue an order that conforms to the terms of the form consent election agreement and shall have authority to decide any terms upon which the parties have not agreed, after giving the parties the opportunity to present their views in writing or in a telephonic conference call. The election officer shall be a member of the Tribal Labor Panel chosen in

the same manner as a single arbitrator pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions herein at Section 13(b)(2). All questions concerning representation of the Tribe and/or Eligible Employees by a labor organization shall be resolved by the election officer.

- (c) The election officer shall certify the labor organization as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of a unit of employees if the labor organization has received the support of a majority of the Eligible Employees in a secret ballot election that the election officer determines to have been conducted fairly. The numerical threshold for certification is fifty percent (50%) of the Eligible Employees plus one. If the election officer determines that the election was conducted unfairly due to misconduct by the Tribe and/or employer or union, the election officer may order a re-run election. If the election officer determines that there was the commission of serious Unfair Labor Practices by the Tribe, or in the event the union made the offer provided for in Section 7(b) that the Tribe violated its obligations under Section 7(c), that interferes with the election process and precludes the holding of a fair election, and the labor organization is able to demonstrate that it had the support of a majority of the employees in the unit at any time before or during the course of the Tribe's misconduct, the election officer shall certify the labor organization as the exclusive bargaining representative.
- (d) The Tribe or the union may appeal within five (5) days any decision rendered after the date of the election by the election officer to a three (3) member panel of the Tribal Labor Panel mutually chosen by both parties, provided that the Tribal Labor Panel must issue a decision within thirty (30) days after receiving the appeal.
- (e) A union which loses an election and has exhausted all dispute remedies related to the election may not invoke any provisions of this ordinance at that particular casino or related facility until one (1) year after the election was lost.

## **Section 11: Collective Bargaining Impasse**

- (a) Upon recognition, the Tribe and the union will negotiate in good faith for a collective bargaining agreement covering bargaining unit employees represented by the union.
- (b) Except where the union has made the written offer set forth in Section 7(b), if collective bargaining negotiations result in impasse, the union shall have the right to strike. Strike-related picketing shall not be conducted on Indian lands as defined in 25 U.S.C. § 2703(4).
- (c) Where the union makes the offer set forth in Section 7(b), if collective bargaining negotiations result in impasse, the matter shall be resolved as set forth in Section 13(c).

## **Section 12: Decertification of Bargaining Agent**

- (a) The filing of a petition signed by thirty percent (30%) or more of the Eligible Employees in a bargaining unit seeking the decertification of a certified union, will result in a secret ballot election. The election officer shall make a determination as to whether the required thirty percent (30%) showing has been made within one (1) working day after the submission of authorization cards. If the election officer determines the required thirty percent (30%) showing of interest has been made, the election officer shall issue a notice of election. The election shall be concluded within thirty (30) calendar days of the issuance of the notice of election.
- (b) The election shall be conducted by an election officer by secret ballot pursuant to procedures set forth in a consent election agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment 1. The election officer shall be a member of the Tribal Labor Panel chosen in the same manner as a single arbitrator pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions herein at Section 13(b)(2). All questions concerning the decertification of the union shall be resolved by an election officer. The election officer shall be chosen upon notification to the Tribe and the union of the intent of the Eligible Employees to present a decertification petition, and the same election officer shall preside thereafter for all proceedings under the request for decertification;

provided however that if the election officer resigns, dies or is incapacitated for any other reason from performing the functions of this office, a substitute election officer shall be selected in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions herein.

- (c) The election officer shall order the labor organization decertified as the exclusive collective bargaining representative if a majority of the Eligible Employees support decertification of the labor organization in a secret ballot election that the election officer determines to have been conducted fairly. The numerical threshold for decertification is fifty percent (50%) of the Eligible Employees plus one (1). If the election officer determines that the election was conducted unfairly due to misconduct by the Tribe and/or employer or the union the election officer may order a re-run election or dismiss the decertification petition.
- (d) A decertification proceeding may not begin until one (1) year after the certification of a labor union if there is no collective bargaining agreement. Where there is a collective bargaining agreement, a decertification petition may only be filed no more than ninety (90) days and no less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement. A decertification petition may be filed any time after the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement.
- (e) The Tribe or the union may appeal within five (5) days any decision rendered after the date of the election by the election officer to a three (3) member panel of the Tribal Labor Panel chosen in accordance with Section 13(c), provided that the Tribal Labor Panel must issue a decision within thirty (30) days after receiving the appeal.

### **Section 13: Binding Dispute Resolution Mechanism**

- (a) All issues shall be resolved exclusively through the binding dispute resolution mechanisms herein.
- (b) The method of binding dispute resolution shall be a resolution by the Tribal Labor Panel, consisting of ten (10) arbitrators appointed by mutual selection of the parties which panel shall serve all tribes that



have adopted this ordinance. The Tribal Labor Panel shall have authority to hire staff and take other actions necessary to conduct elections, determine units, determine scope of negotiations, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, take testimony, and conduct all other activities needed to fulfill its obligations under this Ordinance.

- (1) Each member of the Tribal Labor Panel shall have relevant experience in federal labor law and/or federal Indian law with preference given to those with experience in both. Names of individuals may be provided by such sources as, but not limited to, Indian Dispute Services, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and the American Academy of Arbitrators.
- (2) Unless either party objects, one (1) arbitrator from the Tribal Labor Panel will render a binding decision on the dispute under the Ordinance. If either party objects, the dispute will be decided by a three (3)-member panel, unless arbitrator scheduling conflicts prevent the arbitration from occurring within thirty (30) days of selection of the arbitrators, in which case a single arbitrator shall render a decision. If one (1) arbitrator will be rendering a decision, five (5) Tribal Labor Panel names shall be submitted to the parties and each party may strike no more than two (2) names. If the dispute will be decided by a three (3)-member panel, seven (7) Tribal Labor Panel names will be submitted and each party can strike no more than two (2) names. A coin toss shall determine which party may strike the first name. The arbitrator will generally follow the American Arbitration Association's procedural rules relating to labor dispute resolution. The arbitrator must render a written, binding decision that complies in all respects with the provisions of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days after a hearing.
- (c) (1) Upon certification of a union in accordance with Section 10 of this Ordinance, the Tribe and union shall negotiate for a period of ninety (90) days after certification. If, at the conclusion of the ninety (90)-day period, no collective bargaining agreement is reached and either the union and/or the Tribe believes negotiations are at an impasse, at the request of either party, the

matter shall be submitted to mediation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The costs of mediation and conciliation shall be borne equally by the parties.

- (2) Upon appointment, the mediator shall immediately schedule meetings at a time and location reasonably accessible to the parties. Mediation shall proceed for a period of thirty (30) days. Upon expiration of the thirty (30)-day period, if the parties do not resolve the issues to their mutual satisfaction, the mediator shall certify that the mediation process has been exhausted. Upon mutual agreement of the parties, the mediator may extend the mediation period.
- (3) Within twenty-one (21) days after the conclusion of mediation, the mediator shall file a report that resolves all of the issues between the parties and establishes the final terms of a collective bargaining agreement, including all issues subject to mediation and all issues resolved by the parties prior to the certification of the exhaustion of the mediation process. With respect to any issues in dispute between the parties, the report shall include the basis for the mediator's determination. The mediator's determination shall be supported by the record.
- (d) In resolving the issues in dispute, the mediator may consider those factors commonly considered in similar proceedings.
- (e) Either party may seek a motion to compel arbitration or a motion to confirm or vacate an arbitration award, under this Section 13, in the appropriate state superior court, unless a bilateral contract has been created in accordance with Section 7, in which case either party may proceed in federal court. The Tribe agrees to a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity for the sole purpose of compelling arbitration or confirming or vacating an arbitration award issued pursuant to the Ordinance in the appropriate state superior court or in federal court. The parties are free to put at issue whether or not the arbitration award exceeds the authority of the Tribal Labor Panel.

## Attachment 1

### CONSENT ELECTION AGREEMENT PROCEDURES

Pursuant to the Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance adopted pursuant to section 12.10 of the compact, the undersigned parties hereby agree as follows:

1.     Jurisdiction. Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribal government subject to the Ordinance; and each employee organization named on the ballot is an employee organization within the meaning of the Ordinance; and the employees described in the voting unit are Eligible Employees within the meaning of the Ordinance.

2.     Election. An election by secret ballot shall be held under the supervision of the elections officer among the Eligible Employees as defined in Section 2 of the Ordinance of the Tribe named above, and in the manner described below, to determine which employee organization, if any, shall be certified to represent such employees pursuant to the Ordinance.

3.     Voter Eligibility. Unless otherwise indicated below, the eligible voters shall be all Eligible Employees who were employed on the eligibility cutoff date indicated below, and who are still employed on the date they cast their ballots in the election, i.e., the date the voted ballot is received by the elections officer. Eligible Employees who are ill, on vacation, on leave of absence or sabbatical, temporarily laid off, and employees who are in the military service of the United States shall be eligible to vote.

4.     Voter Lists. The Tribe shall electronically file with the elections officer a list of eligible voters within two (2) business days after receipt of a Notice of Election.

5.     Notice of Election. The elections officer shall serve Notices of Election on the Tribe and on each party to the election. The Notice shall contain a sample ballot, a description of the voting unit and information regarding the balloting process. Upon receipt, the Tribe shall post such Notice of Election conspicuously on all employee bulletin boards in each facility of the employer in which members of the voting unit are employed. Once a Notice of Election is posted, where the union has made the written offer set forth in Section 7(b) of the

Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance, the Tribe shall continue to refrain from publishing or posting pamphlets, fliers, letters, posters or any other communication which should be interpreted as criticism of the union or advises employees to vote “no” against the union. The Tribe shall be free at all times to fully inform employees about the terms and conditions of employment it provides to employees and the advantages of working for the Tribe.

6. Challenges. The elections officer or an authorized agent of any party to the election may challenge, for good cause, the eligibility of a voter. Any challenges shall be made prior to the tally of the ballots.

7. Tally of Ballots. At the time and place indicated below, ballots shall be co-mingled and tabulated by the elections officer. Each party shall be allowed to station an authorized agent at the ballot count to verify the tally of ballots. At the conclusion of the counting, the elections officer shall serve a Tally of Ballots on each party.

8. Objections and Post-election Procedures. Objections to the conduct of the election may be filed with the elections officer within five (5) calendar days following the service of the Tally of Ballots. Service and proof of service is required.

9. Runoff Election. In the event a runoff election is necessary, it shall be conducted at the direction of the elections officer.

10. Wording on Ballot. The choices on the ballot shall appear in the wording and order enumerated below.

FIRST:     [\*\*\*]  
SECOND:    [\*\*\*]  
THIRD:     [\*\*\*]

11. Cutoff Date for Voter Eligibility: [\*\*\*]

12. Description of the Balloting Process. A secret ballot election will take place within thirty (30) days after delivery of the voter list referenced in paragraph 4. The employer will determine the location or locations of the polling places for the election. There must be at least one (1) neutral location (such as a high school, senior center, or similar facility) which is not within the gaming facility and

employees must also be afforded the option of voting by mail through procedures established by the elections officer. Such procedures must include provisions that provide meaningful protection for each employee's ability to make an informed and voluntary individual choice on the issue of whether to accept or reject a union. Such procedures must also ensure that neither employer nor union representatives shall observe employees personally marking, signing, and placing their ballot in the envelope. Only voters, designated observers and the election officer or supporting staff can be present in the polling area. Neither employer nor union representatives may campaign in or near the polling area. If the election officer or supporting staff questions an employee's eligibility to vote in the election, the ballot will be placed in a sealed envelope until eligibility is determined. The box will be opened under the supervision of the election officer when voting is finished. Ballots submitted by mail must be received by the elections officer no later than the day of the election in order to be counted in the official tally of ballots.

13. Voter List Format and Filing Deadline: Not later than two (2) business days after receipt of the Notice of Election, the Tribe shall file with the elections officer, at [\*\*address\*\*], an alphabetical list of all eligible voters including their job titles, work locations and home addresses.

Copies of the list shall be served concurrently on the designated representative for the [\*\*\*]; proof of service must be concurrently filed with elections officer.

In addition, the Tribe shall submit to the elections officer on or before [\*\*\*], by electronic mail, a copy of the voter list in an Excel spreadsheet format, with columns labeled as follows: First Name, Last Name, Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code. Work locations and job titles need not be included in the electronic file. The file shall be sent to [\*\*\*].

14. Notices of Election: Shall be posted by the Tribe no later than [\*\*\*].

15. Date, Time and Location of Counting of Ballots: Beginning at [\*\*time\*\*] on [\*\*date\*\*], at the [\*\*address\*\*].

16. Each signatory to this Agreement hereby declares under penalty of perjury that s/he is a duly authorized agent empowered to enter into this Consent Election Agreement.

(Name of Party)
By
(Title) (Date)

(Name of Party)
By
(Title) (Date)

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(Title) (Date)

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

[\*\*Author\*\*]  
Elections Officer