

## PUBLIC NOTICE

California Valley Miwok Tribe, aka Sheep Ranch Rancheria Organization

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency (Bureau) plans to assist the California Valley Miwok Tribe, aka Sheep Ranch Rancheria (Tribe) with organization of a formal government structure by individuals who are eligible to participate in such a process, consistent with the December 30, 2015 decision by the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

The first step in the organization process is to identify individuals who are eligible to participate in the organization process. If you believe you are a descendant of a person listed below and want to be considered for participation in the organization process, please submit, the Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) form along with supporting documentation to the following email address:

**CVMT-CDIB@bia.gov**

If you wish to mail in your CDIB form and supporting documentation, mail to:

**Bureau of Indian Affairs - Central California Agency**

**Attn: CVMT**

**650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-500**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

**The deadline for submitting the CDIB form and supporting documentation is *January 14, 2022*. Any mailed submission must be postmarked by that date.**

In order to be eligible, a person must show lineal descendancy from one of the following groups or individuals below:

1. August 13, 1915, Census of Indians at or near Sheepranch, Calaveras County, California, which lists the following individuals:
  1. Peter Hodge
  2. Annie Hodge
  3. Malida Hodge (Daughter of Peter and Annie Hodge)
  4. Lena Hodge (Daughter of Peter and Annie Hodge)
  5. Tom Hodge (Son of Peter and Annie Hodge)
  6. Andy Hodge (Son of Peter and Annie Hodge)
  7. Jeff Davis
  8. Betsey Davis
  9. Mrs. Limpey
  10. John Tecumchey
  11. Pinkey Tecumchey
  12. Mamy Duncan (Step-Granddaughter of Jeff Davis)
2. June 6, 1935, Approved List of Voters for Indian Reorganization Act of Sheep Ranch Rancheria, Calaveras County, California, which lists this individual:
  1. Jeff Davis
3. Descendants of Mable Hodge Dixie

For the purposes of determining eligibility for participation, the Office of Federal Acknowledgement has made a determination that John/Johnny Jeff is not the son of Jeff Davis.

Please note: it is required that the CDIB form be signed and dated by the submitter or it will not be considered for eligibility.

The Bureau will review all timely received submissions and will provide written decisions concerning the eligibility or ineligibility of all individuals who have timely submitted decendancy verification (CDIB) forms including the information identified above that is necessary to determine organization eligibility. Individuals determined eligible will be notified by letter from the Bureau. Individuals determined to not be eligible will be notified of their right to appeal the determination pursuant to relevant provisions of 25 Code of Federal Regulations Part 62, concerning adverse enrollment actions. After rendering final decisions regarding timely filed appeals, the Bureau will notify all individuals determined to be eligible to participate in the organization of the Tribe and will provide additional information for the organization process, including actions the eligible group is required to perform.

You may obtain the CDIB form by going to the following webpage:  
<https://www.bia.gov/regional-offices/pacific/central-california-agency/cvmt>

or use the QR Code below:



The webpage will provide a link the CDIB form needed to determine eligibility.

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You may also contact Carol Rogers-Davis, Tribal Operations Officer by email at [Carol.Rogers-Davis@bia.gov](mailto:Carol.Rogers-Davis@bia.gov) for more information regarding documentation you must submit for the Bureau to determine your eligibility to participate in organization of the Tribe or you can go to the webpage above.