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**FAX Transmittal Letter**

Date:   10/10/99  

To:   Mr. BRIAN Golding, SR  

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From:   Sheep Ranch Rancheria   FAX # (209) 795-6624

Message:   DEAR Mr. Golding,    
  Pursuant to our conversation on    
  Friday, September 30, 1999. I am    
  sending you a courtesy copy of    
  Resolution R-2-10/09/99, passed "in favor"    
  by the Sheep Ranch Rancheria Tribal Council    
  on a duly called and convened Regular    
  monthly meeting. An original copy    
  will be sent to the B.I.A. office, via    
  certified mail. Thank you,  

Total pages (including cover sheet):   4  

Sent by:   Silvia Burley

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe initially established the General Council in order to pursue the formal organization of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to "T.C. #99-010," the General Council subsequently established the Tribal Council as the Governing Body of the Tribe and pursuant to Resolution "R-1-9/17/99" (the "Resolution of September 17, 1999"), the Tribal Council formally accepted the self-governmental changes set forth in "T.C. #99-010, as well as ratified all the previous actions of the General Council"

**WHEREAS,** The following officers of the Tribal Council were duly appointed pursuant to "T.C. #99-010" and the officers accepted said appointments pursuant to R-9/17/99:

Silvia Fawn Burley	Chairperson
Yakima Dixie	Vice-Chairperson
Rashel Kawehilani Reznor	Secretary/Treasurer

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That, pending adoption of the Tribal Constitution, the Tribal Council shall have the following specific powers to exercise in the best interest of the Tribe and its members:

- (a) To consult, negotiate, contract, or conclude agreements with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for the purpose of furthering the development and adoption of a Constitution and other self-governmental processes;
- (b) To administer assets received from such agreements specified in (a) above, including the power to establish bank accounts and designate signers thereupon--
  - (1) until the Constitution is approved and ratified, the Chairperson (Silvia Fawn Burley) and the Secretary/Treasurer (Rashel Kawehilani Reznor) shall be empowered and authorized to establish and maintain bank accounts on behalf of the Tribe,
  - (2) provided, furthermore, that signatures of both aforementioned officers shall be necessary to sign checks and to execute contracts on behalf of the Tribe;
- (c) To administer the day-to-day affairs related to such agreements specified in (a) above;
- (d) To develop and adopt policies and procedures regarding personnel, financial management, procurement and property management, and other such policies and procedures necessary to comply with all laws, regulations, rules, and policies related to funding received from such agreements specified in (a) above;
- (e) To employ legal counsel and others for the purpose of assisting in the development of the Constitution and the policies and procedures specified in (d) above, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative;
- (f) To receive advice from and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior with regard to all appropriation estimates or federal projects for the benefit of the Tribe prior to the submission of such estimates to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress;
- (g) To faithfully advise the Tribal Council of all activities provided for in this resolution at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council;

**RESOLVED,** That all other inherent rights and powers not specifically listed herein shall vest in the Tribal Council, provided that the Tribal Council may specifically list such other rights and powers through subsequent resolution of the Tribal Council;

**RESOLVED,** That the Chairperson shall notice and convene regular meetings of the Tribal Council on the second Saturday of each month following the adoption of this resolution, provided that special meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by the Chairperson upon providing at least three (3) days notice stating the purpose of the meeting;

**RESOLVED,** That the Chairperson shall call a special meeting of the Tribal Council, within thirty (30) days of receipt of a petition stating the purpose of the meeting, signed by at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the General Council, and the Chairperson shall provide at least fifteen (15) days notice stating the purpose of the meeting, provided that at such meeting, it shall be the first duty of the Tribal Council to determine the validity of the petition;

**RESOLVED,** That the Secretary/Treasurer shall record the minutes of all Tribal Council meetings, maintain the official records of the Tribe, certify the enactment of all resolutions, and disburse all funds as ordered by the Tribal Council;

**RESOLVED,** That the quorum requirement for meetings of the Tribal Council shall be fifty-one percent (51%) of the Tribal Council;

**RESOLVED,** That all meetings, whether regular or special, of the Tribal Council shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order;

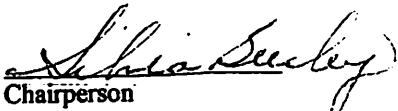
**RESOLVED,** That any and all proposed or draft Constitutions are hereby rescinded and/or withdrawn immediately and no work shall continue on any Constitution heretofore submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

**RESOLVED,** The Tribal Council shall exist until such time as a Constitution is adopted by the Tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative, unless this resolution is rescinded through subsequent resolution of the Tribal Council.


#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned as a majority of the adult members of the Tribal Council of the Sheep Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of California ("the Tribe"), do hereby certify that at a duly noticed, called, and convened meeting of the Tribal Council held on 9<sup>th</sup>, in where a quorum was present, this resolution was adopted by a vote of 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. We further certify that this resolution has not been rescinded, amended, or modified in any way.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999:

  
Chairperson  
Silvia Fawn Burley

Vice Chairperson  
Yakima Dixie

  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Rashel Reznor

TRIBAL COUNCIL  
GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE  
SHEEP RANCH TRIBE OF ME-WUK INDIANS

RESOLUTION of OCTOBER 09, 1999

(Interim Operating Authorities and Rights)

R-2-10/09/99

**WHEREAS,** The Sheep Ranch Tribe of Me-wuk Indians of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of California ("the Tribe") was not lawfully terminated pursuant to the provisions of the Act of August 18, 1958, P.L. 85-671, 72 Stat. 619, as amended by the Act of August 11, 1964, P.L. 88-419, 78 Stat. 390 ("the Rancheria Act"), and is a federally recognized Indian Tribe as confirmed by the inclusion of the Tribe in the list of Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, as published in the Federal Register on October 23, 1997;

**WHEREAS,** The Plan of Distribution of the Assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria, approved by the Associate Commissioner of Indian Affairs on October 12, 1966, identified Mabel (Hodge) Dixie as the sole distributee entitled to participate in the distribution of the assets of the Sheep Ranch Rancheria;

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs did not completely implement the steps necessary to effect the termination of the Tribe prior to the passing of Mabel (Hodge) Dixie;

**WHEREAS,** The estate of Mabel (Hodge) Dixie was probated and an Order of Determination of Heirs was issued on October 1, 1971, listing the following persons as possessing a certain undivided interest in the Sheep Ranch Rancheria:

Merle Butler, husband	Undivided 1/3 interest
Richard Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Yakima Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Melvin Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest
Tommy Dixie, son	Undivided 1/6 interest

and this Order was reaffirmed by another Order issued on April 14, 1993;

**WHEREAS,** The remaining heirs are believed to be Yakima and Melvin Dixie, as the other heirs are or are believed to be deceased, and the remaining heirs are in the process of requesting the estates of the deceased heirs be probated, and it is believed that the deceased heirs had no issue;

**WHEREAS,** The whereabouts of Melvin Dixie are presently unknown;

**WHEREAS,** The Bureau of Indian Affairs recognized Yakima Dixie as the Spokesperson of the Sheep Ranch Tribe of Me-Wuk Indians, and in that capacity, he accepted Silvia Fawn Burley, Rashel Kawehilani Reznor, Anjelica Josett Paulk, and Tristian Shawnee Wallace, as enrolled members of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS,** The Tribe, on June 12, 1935, voted to accept the terms of the Indian Reorganization Act (P.L. 73-383; 48 Stat. 984) but never formally organized pursuant to federal statute, and now desires to pursue the formal organization of the Tribe;

**WHEREAS,** That Yakima Dixie, Silvia Fawn Burley, and Rashel Kawehilani Reznor, as a majority of the adult members of the Tribe, established the General Council to serve as the governing body of the Tribe pursuant to Tribal Resolution #GC-98-01.