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Subject: California Valley Miwok FY 2006 P.L. 93-638 Contract

Dear Ms. Burley:

It has been brought to my attention that Superintendent Troy Burdick returned the Tribe's FY 2006 Public Law 93-638 contract without action by letter of December 29, 2005. The stated reason for taking no action on the contract was that the Tribe currently has no Federally recognized governing body authorized to submit such a contract proposal.

It was an error to return the contract without action. Please resubmit the contract proposal to the Central California Agency. I am instructing the Superintendent to accept it and to complete the processing of it forthwith.

Our acceptance of the contract proposal does not, however, mean that we have resolved our concerns about the organizational status of the Tribe and the scope of authority you may have as spokesperson to obligate the Tribe. For instance, you have previously acknowledged the rights of others to be members and indicated a possible potential membership of as many as 250. At the same time you have purported to disenroll Mr. Yakima Dixie, the very individual who allowed you, your two daughters and granddaughter to join him as tribal members.

At the end of October, we attempted to schedule a monitoring site visit consistent with our regulations and provided you with a copy of the guidelines to be used during the visit. You agreed to the visit but asked that the monitoring team be changed, which we agreed to do by letter of November 15th. You subsequently requested to reschedule the visit, to have a pre-meeting, and to video-tape the entire site visit. We agreed to all of your requests. Then, by letter of December 14, 2005, you cancelled the rescheduled December

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20th site visit. Monitoring site visits are important tools for us to assure that Federal appropriated dollars are being distributed and used as required by Federal law. Accordingly, in view of your cancellation of the December 20th site visit, I am exercising my discretion to impose a quarterly payment schedule for the Tribe's renewed FY 2006 contract as expressly authorized by Public Law 93-638 (25 U.S.C. § 450j(b) & 450l(b)).

I believe that it is essential for us to complete this site visit before the end of January 2006. Please contact Troy Burdick, Superintendent at (916) 930-3680 with some possible dates for rescheduling this site visit.

Since you had indicated previously that you wanted your legal counsel present during the visit, I am taking the liberty of providing them with copies of this letter.

Sincerely,



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