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Ms. Silvia Burley  
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Dear Ms. Burley:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your facsimile letter dated February 27, 2007, received in this office on March 1, 2007, in response to the Superintendent's letter dated February 23, 2007, regarding the organization of the California Valley Miwok Tribe aka Sheep Ranch Rancheria (Tribe). The February 23 Superintendent's letter requested to meet with you and Mr. Dixie because of our past relationship with you relating to the Tribe to discuss the process by which the Tribe will organize, prior to publishing the notice of a general council meeting of the Tribe.

In your letter you raise a number of issues concerning your appeal from the November 6, 2006, Superintendent's letter, such as the Tribe's P.L. 93-638 contract, notice of filing 25 C.F.R. § 2.8 appeals, and questions relating to the proposed meeting.

In reference to your statement that this office has not provided the requested information involving enrollment issues, you reference 25 C.F.R. § 2.8(a)(3), further stating unless this office takes action within ten (10) days of the receipt of this request, or establishes a date by which the action will be taken, an appeal shall be filed. Therefore, please be advised that pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 2.8(b), the Agency will provide a response to your February 27, 2007, letter by April 30, 2007.

Furthermore, your appeal filed under the authority of 25 C.F.R. Part 2 from the November 6, 2006, Superintendent's letter is pending a decision before the Regional Director, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Because you are challenging the Regional Director's failure to act under 25 C.F.R. § 2.8, your appeal of his inaction must be filed with him at the following address:

Regional Director, Pacific Region  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820  
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The proposed meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Central California Agency. As stated in the Superintendent's February 23 letter, you are welcome to bring one or two advisors with you. As to the mediator's role in the meeting, he and members of the reorganization team plan on working that out the week before the meeting. We believe that at this meeting we can better address the issues and concerns that you mentioned in your February 27 letter. Again, please contact the Agency in writing within five (5) days of receipt of this letter expressing your willingness to participate in the meeting.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent

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