

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**AND THE**

**TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF**

**MISSION INDIANS**

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**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT  
BETWEEN THE TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS  
AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, a federally-recognized Indian tribe (Tribe), and the State of California (State) enter into this Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians (Compact) pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA).

**PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Tribe and the State entered into the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians (1999 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 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 affords 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 Tribe is committed to improving the environment, education status, and the health, safety and general welfare of its members and the surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and the State share an interest in affording meaningful protections to patrons, guests and employees, in connection with the operation of the Tribe's Gaming Facility and in fostering a good-neighbor relationship; 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 State in fostering a mutually respectful government-to-government relationship that will serve the mutual interests of the parties.
- (b) Develop, enhance, and implement a means of regulating Class III Gaming, and only Class III gaming, on the Tribe's Indian lands to ensure its fair and honest operation 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, Gaming Facility, and the local communities.
- (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 conservation, mechanical, plumbing, fire and safety.

**Sec. 2.2.** “Applicant” means an individual or entity that applies for a tribal gaming license or State 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 Class III Gaming compact under IGRA, and up to two (2) delegates each from the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Gambling Control and the California Gambling Control Commission.

**Sec. 2.4.** “Categorical Exemption” shall mean those Projects that meet the criteria of the activities on the “List of Categorical Exemptions” attached as Appendix C to this Compact, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the Tribe and the State. The terms and concepts used in Appendix C will be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with and subject to applicable case law interpreting the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

**Sec. 2.5.** “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. 2.6.** “Commission” means the California Gambling Control Commission, or any successor agency of the State.

**Sec. 2.7.** “Compact” means this Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians.

**Sec. 2.8.** “County” means either the County of Riverside, California, or the County of San Bernardino, California, both of which are political subdivisions of the State. When the Compact refers to the County, it will be referring to the County in which the Gaming Facility at issue is located.

**Sec. 2.9.** “Financial Source” means any person or entity who, directly or indirectly, extends financing in connection with the Tribe’s Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation.

**Sec. 2.10.** “Gaming Activity” or “Gaming Activities” means the Class III Gaming activities authorized under this Compact.

**Sec. 2.11.** “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. 2.12.** “Gaming Employee” means any natural person who is an employee of the Gaming Operation and (i) 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, (ii) is in a category under federal or tribal gaming law requiring licensing, or (iii) 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 but that are not open to the public. The definition of Gaming Employee does not include members or employees of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

**Sec. 2.13.** “Gaming Facility” or “Facility” means any building in which Gaming Activities or any Gaming Operations occur, or in which the business records, receipts, or funds of the Gaming Operation are maintained (but excluding off-site facilities primarily dedicated to storage of those records, and financial institutions), which may include parking lots, walkways, rooms, buildings, and areas that provide amenities to Gaming Activity patrons, if and only if, the principal purpose of which is to serve the activities of the Gaming Operation, provided that nothing herein prevents the conduct of class II gaming (as defined under IGRA) therein.

**Sec. 2.14.** “Gaming Operation” means the business enterprise that offers and operates Gaming Activities, whether exclusively or otherwise, but does not include the Tribe’s governmental or other business activities unrelated to operation of the Gaming Facility.

**Sec. 2.15.** “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. 2.16.** “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 management or consulting services. “Gaming Resources” does not include professional accounting and legal services.

**Sec. 2.17.** “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 defined 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. 2.18.** “IGRA” means the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-1168, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.), and any amendments thereto, as interpreted by all regulations promulgated thereunder.

**Sec. 2.19.** “Initial Study” means a preliminary analysis prepared by or for the Tribe, which shall include:

- (a) A description of the Project including its location;
- (b) An identification of the environmental setting;
- (c) An identification of the Project’s potential Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment by use of the checklist at Appendix B, provided that entries on the checklist are briefly explained to indicate that there is some evidence to support the entries. The brief explanation may be either through a narrative or a reference to another information source such as an attached map, photographs, or an earlier environmental analysis;

- (d) A discussion of the ways to mitigate the Project's Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment if any are identified; and
- (e) The name of the person or persons who prepared or participated in the Initial Study.

**Sec. 2.20.** "Interested Persons" means (i) 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, (ii) any incorporated city within six (6) miles of the Project, and (iii) 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 where those comments were provided to the Tribe.

**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.** "Mitigated Negative Declaration" means a Negative Declaration prepared for a Project when the Initial Study has identified potentially Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, but (i) revisions in the Project plans or proposals agreed to by the Tribe in a binding letter agreement between the Tribe and the State would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment would occur and (ii) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Tribe that the Project as revised may have a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment.

**Sec. 2.23.** "Negative Declaration" means a written statement by the Tribe briefly describing the Initial Study prepared for a Project and the reasons that the Initial Study has identified no Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment, which supports the Tribe's finding that substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Tribe supports its determination that the preparation of a Tribal Environmental Impact Report or a Tribal Environmental Impact Document is not required.

**Sec. 2.24.** "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. 2.25.** "NIGC" means the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**Sec. 2.26.** "Project" means (i) the construction of a new Gaming Facility, (ii) a renovation, expansion or modification of an existing Gaming Facility, or (iii) other activity involving a physical change to the reservation environment, provided the principal purpose of which is directly related to the activities of the Gaming Operation, and any one of which may cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment. For purposes of this definition, section 11.0, and Appendix B, "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. 2.27.** "Significant Effect(s) on the Off-Reservation Environment" means a substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in any of the physical conditions of the off-reservation environment affected by the Project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, cultural areas and objects of historic, cultural or aesthetic significance. 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, customs, or traditions 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.** “Tribe” means the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, an Indian tribe listed in the Federal Register as a federally recognized tribe, or an authorized official or agency thereof.

**SECTION 3.0. SCOPE OF CLASS III GAMING AUTHORIZED.**

- (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 game.
  - (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 any other person, organization, or entity in the State is 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 NUMBER OF GAMING DEVICES, LOCATION OF GAMING FACILITIES, AND COST REIMBURSEMENT.**

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

Until and including June 30, 2022, the Tribe is entitled to operate up to a total of two thousand (2,000) Gaming Devices pursuant to the conditions set forth in section 3.0 and sections 4.2 through and including section 5.3. Effective July 1, 2022, the Tribe is entitled to operate up to a total of three thousand (3,000) Gaming Devices pursuant to the conditions set forth in section 3.0 and sections 4.2 through and including section 5.3.

**Sec. 4.2. Authorized Gaming Facilities.**

Until and including June 30, 2022, the Tribe may operate not more than the two (2) Gaming Facilities in operation as of the execution date of this Compact. Effective July 1, 2022, the Tribe may establish and operate not more than four (4) Gaming Facilities, only two (2) of which may have more than five hundred (500) Gaming Devices. This Compact authorizes the Tribe to engage in Class III Gaming only on eligible Indian lands held in trust for the Tribe, located within the boundaries of the Tribe's reservation as those boundaries exist and on which Class III Gaming may lawfully be conducted under IGRA as of the execution date of this Compact, as legally described in, and represented on the map at Appendix A hereto. The Tribe may combine and operate in its Gaming Facilities any forms and kinds of gaming permitted under law, except to the extent limited under IGRA, this Compact, or the Tribe's Gaming Ordinance.

**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 Class III Gaming compacts and Secretarial procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) (Secretarial Procedures), 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 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.

- (b) The Tribe’s pro rata share of the State’s 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(C) costs in any given year this Compact is in effect shall be calculated by the following equation:

The maximum number of Gaming Devices operated in the Tribe’s Gaming Facility(ies) 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 or Secretarial Procedures during the previous State fiscal year, multiplied by the Appropriation, equals the Tribe’s pro rata share.

- (1) Beginning the first full quarter after the effective date of 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 or payment pursuant to section 4.3, subdivision (b) or section 5.2, 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%) 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 4.6.

- (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 adjusted 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) Only for purposes of calculating the Tribe's annual pro rata share under section 4.3, any increase in the Appropriation for the current year shall be capped at an amount equal to five percent (5%) from the Appropriation used to calculate the Tribe's pro rata share in the immediately preceding year. The Appropriation, so capped, will be used to calculate the Tribe's pro rata share under the equation set forth in section 4.3, subdivision (b).
  - (4) 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, as well as the Tribe's market conditions, its circumstances, and the rights afforded and consideration provided by this Compact.
- (c) In any given State fiscal year, to the extent permissible and only as may be provided under state law, the State Gaming Agency may reduce, or eliminate, the Tribe's pro rata share payment obligation to the Special Distribution Fund.

#### **Sec. 4.4. 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 Commission, the California Department of Justice, the Office of the Governor, the California Department of Public Health Programs, Office of Problem Gambling, the State Controller, the Department of Human Resources, the Financial Information System for California, and State Designated Agencies in connection with the implementation and administration of Class III Gaming compacts and Secretarial Procedures in California; and
- (d) Any other purposes specified by the Legislature that are consistent with IGRA.

#### **Sec. 4.5. Effective Date of Contribution Provisions.**

The provisions of this Compact establishing or superseding existing revenue sharing obligations of the Tribe will take effect on the first day of the first month following the Effective Date of this Compact.

#### **Sec. 4.6. 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 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”) prepared by the chief financial officer of the Gaming Operation that specifies the following:
- (1) The 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, if applicable, reflecting the quarterly Net Win from the operation of all Gaming Devices in the Facility;
  - (3) The amount due pursuant to section 4.3;
  - (4) The calculation, if applicable, 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) The following shall be included in the Quarterly Contribution Report:
- (1) Beginning July 1, 2022, 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 (auditor) 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 be approved by the State Gaming Agency, or other State Designated Agency, but the State shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. In any year in which the State Gaming Agency conducts an audit of the Net Win calculation, the Tribe shall not be required to provide an audited annual certification of its Net Win calculation pursuant to this section.

- (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 auditor'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, if applicable, the 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, if applicable, the 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

State Gaming Agency's 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%) 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 Quarterly Contribution Reports 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 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%) 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 hereby waives its sovereign immunity and 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 under subdivision (a) of this section 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.

#### **Sec. 4.7. 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 operating pursuant to a Class III Gaming compact or Secretarial Procedures) within California, the Tribe shall have the right to exercise one (1) 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 conclusion of negotiations, to provide for: (i) compensation to the State for the costs of regulation, as set forth in section 4.3, subdivision (a); (ii) 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 11.0; (iii) grants for programs designed to address and treat gambling addiction; and (iv) such assessments as may be permissible at that time under federal law. The negotiations shall commence within thirty (30) days after receipt of a written request by either the Tribe or the State to enter into 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 the reduction of such payments within sixty (60) days following commencement of the negotiations specified in this subdivision (a)(2), 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.
- (c) Nothing in this section precludes the Tribe from discussing with the State the issue of whether any person or entity (other than an Indian tribe pursuant to a Class III Gaming compact or Secretarial Procedures) is engaging in the Gaming Activities specified in subdivision (a) or (b) of section 3.0 of this Compact.

## **SECTION 5.0. REVENUE SHARING WITH NON-GAMING AND LIMITED-GAMING TRIBES.**

### **Sec. 5.1. Definitions.**

For purposes of this section 5.0, the following definitions apply:

- (a) The “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 California 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. 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 deposited into the Tribal Nation Grant Fund, but shall not be used for purposes other than the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund. 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 or Secretarial Procedures, Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes shall have no right to seek any judicial order compelling disbursement of any Revenue Sharing Trust Fund monies to them.

- (b) The "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. 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 California or federal statutes, rules or regulations, or under California 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 Tribe or Limited-Gaming Tribe 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 or Secretarial Procedures, Non-Gaming Tribes and Limited-Gaming Tribes shall have no right to seek any judicial order compelling disbursement of any Tribal Nation Grant Fund monies to them.

- (c) A "Non-Gaming Tribe" is a federally recognized tribe in California with or without a tribal-state Class III Gaming compact that, as of the date of distribution to such tribe from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund and during the immediately preceding three hundred sixty-five (365) days, has not engaged in, or offered, class II gaming or Class III Gaming in any location, whether within or without California.
- (d) A "Limited-Gaming Tribe" is a federally recognized tribe in California that, as of the date of distribution to such tribe from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund and during the immediately preceding three hundred sixty-five (365) days, either has a Class III Gaming compact with the State but is operating and has operated fewer than a combined total of three hundred fifty (350) Gaming Devices in all of its Gaming Facilities or other facilities wherever located, or does not have a Class III Gaming compact but is engaged in class II gaming, whether within or without California.

**Sec. 5.2. Payments to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund.**

- (a) Until and including the quarter ending June 30, 2022, the Tribe will pay two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annually into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or Tribal Nation Grant Fund within 30 days of the end of each quarter. 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.

- (b) Effective July 1, 2022, if the Tribe operates no more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) Gaming Devices at any time in a given calendar year, it shall thereafter, including 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 the operation of Gaming Devices in excess of three hundred fifty (350).
- (c) Effective July 1, 2022, if the Tribe operates two thousand five hundred and one (2,501) Gaming Devices or more at any time in a given calendar year, it shall thereafter, including that calendar year, pay to the State Gaming Agency, for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund or the Tribal Nation Grant Fund, the amount due under section 5.2, subdivision (b) above and seven percent (7.0 %) of its Net Win from the operation of Gaming Devices in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500).
- (d) The Tribe shall remit the payments referenced in subdivisions (a), (b) and (c), as appropriate, 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).
- (e) The quarterly payments referenced in subdivision (d) required by subdivisions (a), (b) and (c), 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 total 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.
- (f) If any portion of the payments under subdivisions (a), (b) and (c), as appropriate, 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) All payments made by the Tribe to the State Gaming Agency pursuant to subdivisions (a), (b) and (c) 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.

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

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 5.2, until and including the quarter ending June 30, 2022 (during the period in which the Tribe's payment obligation is established by section 5.2 subdivision (a)), the Tribe will receive a credit of up to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per year against the payments otherwise due under section 5.2 for expenditures that meet the requirements of section 5.3, subdivision (a)(1). Effective July 1, 2022 (during the period in which the Tribe's payment obligation is established by sections 5.2, subdivisions (b) or (c)), the State agrees to provide the Tribe with annual credits for up to sixty percent (60%) of the payments otherwise due under section 5.2 for the following:
  - (1) The cost of services provided by the Tribe, or payments made to the County, local jurisdictions, the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, school districts, charter schools, and non-profit and civic organizations operating facilities or providing services within the County for cultural, fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement, public transit, education, tourism, youth athletics and other youth programs, services and infrastructure improvements that in part serve off-reservation needs of residents. This includes, among other things, the cost of providing cultural, educational and recreational programs and services offered by the Tribe that benefit the community, including, any Tribal museum and its classes, tutoring, and recreational activities;

- (2) Payments by the Tribe to reimburse a local jurisdiction or County for any loss of sales tax revenues that would otherwise be due for retail sales at any of the Tribe's Gaming Facilities, or gasoline tax at the Tribe's gas station, if one exists, or transient occupancy tax at the Tribe's hotel, if one exists, if it were not located on Indian lands;
- (3) Payments to support operating expenses and capital improvements for non-tribal governmental agencies or facilities operating within either Riverside or San Bernardino County, or any local jurisdiction;
- (4) Non-gaming related capital investments and economic development projects by the Tribe on or off tribal trust lands that the State or State Designated Agency agrees provide mutual benefits to the Tribe and the State, a County or local jurisdiction because, for instance, they have particular cultural, social or environmental value, or diversify the sources of revenue for the Tribe's general fund, including any hotel or service station;
- (5) Investments by the Tribe in, and any funds paid to the State for (not including direct or indirect state or federal funding) renewable energy projects that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility, or any improvements incorporating renewable energy technology on real property owned by the Tribe, and projects that incorporate charging stations for electric or other zero emission vehicles that are available to patrons and employees of the Gaming Facility, and the Tribe, its members and lineal descendants. For purposes of subdivision (e), "renewable energy projects" means projects that utilize a technology other than a conventional power source, as defined in section 2805 of the Public Utilities Code, as 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 may be amended from time to time; the power source must not utilize more than twenty-five percent (25%) fossil fuel. To address changes in technology, the State and the

Tribe may meet and agree that specified projects and facilities meet the intent of subdivision (e);

- (6) Costs incurred by the Tribe to fund the construction and operation of a museum, or costs and payments to support the awareness and preservation of native cultures, cultural resources, historical buildings, landmarks or objects within California that have cultural significance to the Tribe, or to promote the awareness and understanding of California native cultures;
- (7) The costs of providing general welfare benefits for, among other things, educational, healthcare, cultural or vocational purposes, including those of the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation, to non-Indians, Indians who are not members of the Tribe, or other Native Americans or federally recognized tribes;
- (8) Costs and payments by the Tribe to support the construction, capital improvements, the purchase of property, and operating expenses for facilities located within California (including facilities located on or off tribal trust land or on land owned by the Tribe) that provide health care, including alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs and services, or assisted living services to tribal members, Indians, and non-Indians;
- (9) The costs associated with improving the protection of wildlife and habitat (e.g., property purchase costs, environmental studies, permits, construction, maintenance, and other related expenses), including those associated with protecting, raising awareness, and educating the public about the Desert Tortoise;
- (10) Costs and payments by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) for water treatment or conservation projects that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility, or other on- or off-reservation needs within either County; and
- (11) Costs and payments by the Tribe (not derived from a direct or indirect state or federal funding source) for the cost of recycling programs, and any improvements incorporating recycling

technology, that, in part, serve the Gaming Facility, or other on- or off-reservation needs within either County.

- (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 ninety (90) days, the State shall not later seek to disallow those credits excepts as provided below. The State's intent is to encourage the Tribe to make full use of the credits as specifically defined and articulated under this section 5.3. 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 versus budget 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 provisions of 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 credit, as applicable, 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, subdivisions (b) and (c).

## **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) 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 not permit persons under the age of eighteen (18) years to participate in Gaming Activities, or to loiter in the vicinity of Gaming Activities, but may pass through an area of the Gaming Facility in which Gaming Activities are being conducted while en-route to an area of the Gaming Facility in which no Gaming Activities are being conducted.

- (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 being present in any area in which alcoholic beverages may be consumed, except to the extent permitted by the Gaming Facility's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control license.

## **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, all 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 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 Tribe to the State by sending, either electronically or by hard copy, a copy of the initial license and each renewal license to the State Gaming Agency within twenty (20) 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 standards in the Applicable Codes. The Gaming Facility and construction, expansion, improvement, modification, or renovation will also comply with Title III of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 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 code enforcement 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 tribal government agency or official as may be designated by the Tribe’s law. The “building official” and “code enforcement agency” designated by the Tribe’s law may exercise authority granted to such individuals and entities as specified within the Applicable Codes with regard to the Gaming Facility.

- (c) To assure compliance with the Applicable Codes, the Tribe shall require inspections and, in connection therewith, 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, engineers or International Code Council (ICC)-certified building inspectors with relevant experience, or California licensed architects, engineers or ICC-certified building inspectors 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 Tribe 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 in which the Gaming Facility is located. The same persons or firms may serve as both plan checkers/reviewers and project inspectors. The plan checkers, review firms, and project inspectors shall hereinafter be referred to as “Inspector(s).” The Tribe shall require the Inspectors to report to the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency, in writing and within thirty (30) days after the discovery thereof, any failure to

comply with the Applicable Codes. The Tribe agrees to correct any Gaming Facility condition noted in the inspections that does not meet the Applicable Codes (hereinafter “deficiency”).

- (d) The Tribe shall cause the design and construction calculations, and plans and specifications that form the basis for the Gaming Facility construction (the “Design and Building Plans”) to be available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its request.
- (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 by the qualified plan checker or review firm and field verified by the Inspectors for compliance with the Applicable Codes.
- (f) The Tribe shall maintain during construction all structural contract change orders for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its request.
- (g) The Tribe shall maintain the Design and Building Plans depicting the as-built Gaming Facility, unless and until superseded by subsequent as-built Design and Building Plans upon which the superseding construction was based, and shall make the same available to the State Gaming Agency for inspection and copying by the State Gaming Agency upon its 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, pursuant to court order, to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility 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.

- (j) 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:
  - (1) Within thirty (30) 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 Gaming Facility shall be inspected, at the Tribe's expense, by an independent fire inspector certified by the ICC or the National Fire Protection Association for purposes of certifying that the Gaming Facility meets a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety; provided that, if a qualified fire inspector has certified within twelve (12) months prior to the effective date of this Compact that the Gaming Facility meets a reasonable standard of fire and life safety, the Tribe may satisfy this requirement by submitting a copy of that certification to the State, and thereafter having the Gaming Facility inspected biennially in accordance with this subdivision.
  - (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 Gaming Agency's representative(s) shall specify to the independent fire inspector any condition that the representative(s) reasonably believes would preclude certification of the Gaming Facility as meeting a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety.
  - (3) The independent fire inspector 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 twenty-one (21) days after the issuance of the report, the independent fire inspector 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 deficiencies identified by the State Gaming Agency's representative. A copy of the report and plan of correction shall be delivered to the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency. If the independent fire inspector disagrees with an allegation of deficiency by the State Gaming Agency's representative, the Tribe may take the matter to dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0.
- (5) Immediately upon correction of all deficiencies identified in the report and plan of correction, the independent fire inspector 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 and plan of correction within a reasonable period of time shall be 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, pursuant to court order, occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility until the deficiency is corrected.
- (7) Consistent with its obligation to ensure the safety of those within the Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall promptly notify the State Gaming Agency of circumstances that it reasonably believes pose a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants, and take prompt action to correct such circumstances. Any failure to remedy within a reasonable period of time any serious or significant risk to health or safety

shall be deemed a violation of this Compact, and furthermore, 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 seek a court order prohibiting occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility until the deficiency is corrected.

- (k) Notwithstanding anything in section 6.4.2 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 Gaming Facility license rules in section 6.4.2 of the 1999 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 and the Tribal Gaming Agency have identified 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. 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, and are consistent with agreements between the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency in effect at the time of execution of this Compact as provided in section 6.5.6, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact. These 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. In furtherance of these agreements, position titles of those Gaming Employees who must have both a tribal gaming license and a finding of suitability from the State Gaming Agency have been

placed on what is referred to as the Compact Key Employee Position List. If no such Compact Key Employee Position List is in effect at the time of execution of this Compact, one shall be negotiated 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) A Gaming Employee shall not be placed on the Compact Key Employee Position List if the employee's position title 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 or operation of the Gaming Activities.
- (2) A Gaming Employee shall not be placed on the Compact Key Employee Position List if the employee's position title 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 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 or operation of the Gaming Activities.
- (3) Members and employees of the Tribal Gaming Agency are not subject to a finding of suitability from the State Gaming Agency.
- (4) The State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency may agree to exempt a Gaming Employee from the requirement to obtain or maintain current a State Gaming Agency determination of suitability.



- (c) For those position titles not included on the Compact Key Employee Position List, notwithstanding subdivision (b), where the State Gaming Agency reasonably believes that licensure of an individual may pose a threat to gaming integrity or public safety, the State Gaming Agency may notify the Tribal Gaming Agency of its concerns and request a meeting with the Tribal Gaming Agency 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. Upon that request, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall meet with the State Gaming Agency and discuss such application and materials. If after the meeting the State Gaming Agency continues to believe 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 section 6.5.5 to reconsider issuance of the tribal gaming license and shall notify the State Gaming Agency of its determination immediately upon issuing its decision following conclusion of the hearing, which decision shall be final unless the State Gaming Agency requests within thirty (30) days of such notification that the decision be made the subject of dispute resolution pursuant to section 13.0. This subdivision (c) is intended and anticipated to be exercised infrequently, if at all, on a case-by-case basis.

Notwithstanding a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency, the Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its discretion, decline to revoke a tribal gaming license issued to a person employed by the Tribe pursuant to subdivisions (e) or (f).

- (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 withdrawn, 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 June 26, 2000.
- (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 (defined for purposes of this subdivision as a person who is a member of the Tribe as determined by the Tribe's law), and if:
- (1) The enrolled member of the Tribe holds a valid and current license issued by the Tribal Gaming Agency that must be renewed at least biennially; and
  - (2) The enrolled member of the Tribe is not an employee or agent of any other gaming operation; and
  - (3) Either subdivision (f)(3)(A) or (B) applies:
    - (A) The enrolled member was eligible for an exemption under section 6.4.4, subdivision (d) of the 1999 Compact, was granted a license by the Tribal Gaming Agency while the 1999 Compact was in effect, and the State Gaming Agency's denial of the application is based

solely on activities, conduct, or associations that antedate the Tribal Gaming Agency's first grant of a license to the tribal member pursuant to the 1999 Compact; or

- (B) 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 enrolled member of the Tribe's initial application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability.
- (g) At any time after five (5) years following the effective date of this Compact, either the Tribal Gaming Agency or the State Gaming Agency may request to amend the position titles identified on the Compact Key Employee Position List.

#### **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 Facility. Unless the Tribal Gaming Agency licenses the Gaming Resource Supplier pursuant to subdivision (d), the Gaming Resource Supplier shall also 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 notify the Tribal Gaming Agency within seven (7) days of taking such action, and 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 Tribe's Gaming Operation or Facility thirty (30) days from the

date on which the State Gaming Agency's decision takes effect under State law. The license and determination of suitability shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years for continuing compliance. In connection with such a 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 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 nonrenewal 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 notify the Tribal Gaming Agency within seven (7) days of taking such action, and 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 Tribe's Gaming Operation thirty (30) days from the date on which the State Gaming Agency's decision takes effect under State law. 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, and within seven (7) days of the issuance of the license, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall 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 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 sections 6.5.2 and 6.5.6 of this Compact.
- (e) 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 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 (h) of this section, each Financial Source shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to the Financial Source extending financing in connection with the Tribe's Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation.
- (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 or revokes 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 or revocation from the State Gaming Agency.
- (c) A license issued under this section 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 this section, 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 or entity 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.

- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency may elect to license a person or entity as a Financial Source without requiring it to apply to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability under subdivision (b) if the Financial Source has already been issued a determination of suitability that is then valid. In that case, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall immediately notify the State Gaming Agency of its licensure of the person or entity as a Financial Source, 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 (f). Subject to the Tribal Gaming Agency's compliance with the requirements of this subdivision, a Financial Source licensed under this subdivision may, during and only during the period in which the determination of suitability remains valid, engage in financing 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 Financial Source 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. A license issued under this subdivision expires upon the revocation or expiration of the determination of suitability relied on by the Tribal Gaming Agency. Nothing in this subdivision affects the obligations of the Tribal Gaming Agency, or of the Financial Source, under section 6.5.2 and section 6.5.6 of this Compact.
- (g) Except where subdivision (f) applies, 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 and a copy of all tribal license application materials and information received by it from the Applicant which is not otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure under applicable federal law or regulation.

- (h) (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 lending institution.
  - (B) An entity identified by the Commission's Uniform Statewide 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 (h)(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 or other forms of indebtedness issued directly or indirectly by the Tribe for a Gaming Facility or for the Gaming Operation.
  - (D) Any agency of the federal government, or of a tribal, 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 the regulatory oversight of 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 pursuant to subdivision (h)(1) to exclude a Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall give no less than thirty (30) days' notice thereof to the State Gaming Agency, and shall give the State Gaming Agency 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 sufficient documentation to support the Tribal Gaming Agency's exclusion of the Financial Source from the licensing requirements of this section.
- (3) The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall work collaboratively to resolve any reasonable concerns regarding the initial or ongoing excludability of an individual or entity as a Financial Source. If the State Gaming Agency finds that an investigation of any Financial Source is warranted, the Financial Source shall be required to submit an application for a determination of suitability to the State Gaming Agency and shall pay the costs and charges incurred in the investigation and processing of the application, in accordance with the provisions set forth in California Business and Professions Code sections 19867 and 19951. 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 by 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 Statewide 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.
- (i) In recognition of changing financial circumstances, this section shall be subject to good faith renegotiation by the Tribe and the State, upon the request of either party; provided that the 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, subdivision(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.

**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, subdivision (c), 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 Tribe's 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 issued under a Class III Gaming compact or Secretarial Procedures 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) If the Tribal Gaming Agency contracts with the State Gaming Agency for the conduct of background investigations, then 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 California 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 members, investigators, and staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency, 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 requesting 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. Additionally, 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) For purposes of subdivision (d), 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 Applicants, as defined by section 2.2, 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 California 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 Penal Code section 11105, subdivision (p)(1).
- (i) For persons described in subdivision (f), the Tribal Gaming Agency shall request from the California Department of Justice subsequent notification service, as provided pursuant to section 11105.2 of the Penal Code.
- (j) The California 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.**

- (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 by the Tribal Gaming Agency 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. 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. The Applicant shall be notified in writing of any hearing and given notice of any intent to suspend or revoke the tribal gaming license.

- (d) For those position titles included on the Compact Key Employee Position List, except as provided in subdivision (e), 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 sixty (60) days from the State Gaming Agency notification, revoke 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 or 1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, as provided by the California Gambling Control Act.
- (e) Notwithstanding a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency, the Tribal Gaming Agency may, in its discretion, decline to revoke a tribal gaming license issued to a person employed by the Tribe pursuant to section 6.4.3, subdivision (e) or (f).

**Sec. 6.5.2. Renewal of Licenses; Extensions; Further Investigation.**

- (a) Except as provided in section 6.4.4, subdivision (c), 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 tribal gaming 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, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deliver to the State Gaming Agency copies of all information and documents received in connection with



the application for renewal of the tribal gaming license, which is not otherwise prohibited or restricted from disclosure under applicable federal law or regulation, for purposes of the State Gaming Agency's consideration of renewal of its determination of suitability.

- (c) For those Applicants for a position identified on the Compact Key Employee Position List who are currently employed by the Tribe pursuant to section 6.4.3, subdivision (e) or (f), after receipt of information required by subdivision (b) and the State Gaming Agency's determination that the employee still meets the requirements of section 6.4.3, subdivision (e) or (f), the Applicant shall not be subject to the State Gaming Agency's consideration of renewal of its determination of suitability.

### **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 an identification number that is adequate to enable 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) The Tribe shall upon request provide the State Gaming Agency with the name, badge identification number (if any), and job title of all Gaming Employees. Such request by the State Gaming Agency shall not be made more than twice a year unless reasonably necessary to further a legitimate objective related to the administration and implementation of this section 6.0.

#### **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 may summarily suspend the tribal gaming license of any licensee if the Tribal Gaming Agency determines that the continued licensing of the person could constitute a threat to the public health or safety or may violate the Tribal Gaming Agency's licensing or other standards. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall notify the State Gaming Agency within seven (7) days of any such determination. Any right to notice or hearing in regard thereto shall be governed by tribal law.

#### **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 issuance of a permanent 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 that it intends to issue either a temporary or permanent license, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit within sixty (60) 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 that 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 California state-certified fingerprint roller or by a person exempt from state certification pursuant to 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; and
  - (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 California 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 Applicant or 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. 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 written statements by the Applicant. 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 California 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 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, except as provided in section 6.4.3, subdivisions (e) and (f), the Tribal Gaming Agency shall deny that person or entity a license, or immediately suspend or revoke that person's or entity's license, as provided in section 6.5.1. Any right to notice or hearing in regard thereto shall be governed by tribal law. Thereafter, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall 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 or 1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, as provided by the California Gambling Control Act.

- (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 that appears on the Commission's suitability roster may be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency under section 6.4.4 subdivision (d), and a Financial Source that appears on the Commission's suitability roster may be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency under section 6.4.5, subdivision (f), 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 sections 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.**

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 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 of the following occurs:
- (1) The manufacturer or distributor that 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 each game authorized for play on the Gaming Device has been tested, approved and certified by an independent gaming test laboratory or state or national governmental gaming test laboratory (Gaming Test Laboratory) as operating in accordance with technical standards that meet or exceed industry standards;
  - (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 games 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 insertion into the Gaming Device, or if the software is to be installed on a server to which one or more Gaming Devices will be connected, prior to the connection of Gaming Devices to the server;
  - (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 standards established by the Tribal Gaming Agency that meet or exceed industry standards; and

- (6) The hardware and associated equipment for the Gaming Device has been tested by the Tribal Gaming Agency to confirm operation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
  
- (b) If 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 one hundred twenty (120) days after the initial meeting between the regulators to discuss the matter, either the Tribe or the State 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 commercial gaming test laboratory that is (i) recognized in the gaming industry as competent and qualified to conduct scientific tests and evaluations of Gaming Devices, and (ii) licensed or approved by any state or tribal government within the jurisdiction of which the operation of Gaming Devices is authorized. 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, at least fifteen (15) days prior to reliance thereon, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall submit to the State Gaming Agency documentation that demonstrates the Gaming Test Laboratory satisfies (i) and (ii) herein. If, at any time, the Gaming Test Laboratory license and/or approval required by (ii) herein is suspended or revoked by any of those jurisdictions or the Gaming Test Laboratory is found unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, then the State Gaming Agency may reject the use of that Gaming Test Laboratory, and upon such rejection, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure that the Gaming Test Laboratory discontinues its responsibilities under this section. Any such suspension, revocation, or determination of unsuitability shall not

affect the Tribe's right to continue operating Gaming Devices that had been tested and evaluated by that Gaming Test Laboratory, but Gaming Devices tested, evaluated and approved by that Gaming Test Laboratory shall be re-tested, re-evaluated and re-approved by a substitute Gaming Test Laboratory within sixty (60) days from the date on which the Tribal Gaming Agency is notified of the suspension, revocation, or determination of unsuitability, or if circumstances require, any other reasonable timeframe as may be mutually agreed to by the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency.

- (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; provided, that if the State Gaming Agency requests that the Gaming Test Laboratory perform additional work, the State Gaming Agency shall be solely responsible for the cost of such additional work.

### **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 a Gaming Facility on a random basis not to exceed four (4) times annually to confirm that they operate and play properly pursuant to applicable technical standards. The inspections may be conducted onsite or remotely as a desk audit and include all Gaming Device software, hardware, associated equipment, software maintenance records, and components critical to the operation of the Gaming Device. 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 onsite physical



inspections. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall cooperate with the State Gaming Agency's reasonable efforts to obtain information that facilitates the conduct of remote but effective inspections that minimize disruption to Gaming Activities. If the State Gaming Agency determines that more than one (1) annual onsite inspection is necessary or appropriate, it will provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with the basis for its determination that additional onsite inspections are justified. If the State Gaming Agency requires more than one (1) annual onsite inspection in successive years, the State and Tribe may meet and confer to discuss the basis for such determinations. During each random inspection, the State Gaming Agency may not remove from play more than five percent (5%) of the Gaming Devices in operation at the Gaming Facility, and may not remove a Gaming Device from play, except during inspection or testing, or remove a Gaming Device from the Gaming Facility at any time, unless it obtains the concurrence of the Tribal Gaming Agency, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The five percent (5%) limitation on removal from play shall not apply if a Gaming Device's connection to other Gaming Devices, a progressive controller or similar linked system makes limiting removal from play of 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. The State Gaming Agency shall return any Gaming Device removed from a Gaming Facility to the Gaming Facility as soon as reasonably possible. The inspections may include all Gaming Device software, hardware, associated equipment, software and hardware maintenance and testing records, and components critical to the operation of the Gaming Device. The random inspections conducted pursuant to this section shall occur during normal business hours outside of weekends and holidays.

- (b) To minimize unnecessary disruption to the Gaming Operation, rather than conducting on-site inspections, the State Gaming Agency may perform "desk audits" of the Tribe's Gaming Devices currently in operation. Upon receipt of notice from the State Gaming Agency of the intent to conduct a desk audit, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide the State Gaming Agency with a list of all of the Tribe's Gaming Devices currently in operation, together with the information

for each such Gaming Device that supports a desk audit. This information includes: 1) Manufacturer; 2) Game Name/Theme; 3) Serial Number; 4) Machine/Asset Number; 5) Manufacturer; 6) Location; 7) Denomination; 8) Slot Type (e.g., video, reel); 9) Progressive Type (e.g. stand alone, linked, WAP); 10) Software ID number for all certified software in the Gaming Device, including Game, Base/System, Boot Chips and Communication Chip; and 11) any other information deemed relevant and appropriate by the State Gaming Agency and Tribal Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency promptly shall consult with the Tribal Gaming Agency concerning any material discrepancies noted and whether those discrepancies continue to exist.

- (c) The State Gaming Agency shall notify the Tribal Gaming Agency of its intent to conduct any on-site Gaming Device inspection with prior notice sufficient to afford the presence of proper staffing and, where applicable, manufacturer's representatives, to ensure the overall efficiency of the inspection process. The inspection shall not be unreasonably delayed and must take place within thirty (30) days of notification unless the Tribal Gaming Agency and State Gaming Agency agree otherwise.
- (d) The State Gaming Agency may retain and use qualified consultants to perform the functions authorized or specified herein but any such consultants shall be bound by the confidentiality and information use and disclosure provisions applicable to the State Gaming Agency and its employees. The State Gaming Agency shall ensure that any consultants retained by it have met the standards and requirements, including any background investigations, established by applicable regulations governing contract employees prior to participating in any matter under this Compact. The State Gaming Agency shall also take all reasonable steps to ensure that consultants are free from conflicting interests in the conduct of their duties under this Compact. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member or staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency or a representative of the State Gaming Agency to accompany any consultant at all times that the consultant is in a non-public area of the Gaming Facility.
- (e) The State Gaming Agency promptly shall consult with the Tribal Gaming Agency concerning any material discrepancies noted and

whether those discrepancies continue to exist.

**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 at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the Gaming Operation or within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Compact, whichever is later, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of any revisions to the regulations, unless exigent circumstances require that any revisions to the regulations take effect sooner in order to ensure game integrity or otherwise to protect the public or the Gaming Operation, in which event the revisions to the regulations shall be provided to the State Gaming Agency as soon as reasonably practicable.

**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 in which the land is located.
- (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 Class III Gaming compact with the State or Secretarial Procedures that makes lawful the operation of Gaming Devices;
  - (2) The final destination of the Gaming Device is any other state in which possession of the Gaming Device is made lawful by that state's law, tribal-state compact, or Secretarial Procedures;
  - (3) The final destination of the Gaming Device is another country, or any state or province of another country, wherein possession of Gaming Devices 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. On-Site Regulation.**

This Compact reflects the previous relationship between the Tribe and the State operating pursuant to a Class III Gaming compact. It recognizes and respects the primary role of the Tribal Gaming Agency to perform on-site regulation and to protect the integrity of the Gaming Activities, the reputation of the Tribe 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 regulation and internal controls. This Compact also acknowledges and affords the State with the authority and responsibility to ensure that the Tribe complies with all of the terms of this Compact and that gaming is conducted with integrity and in a manner that protects the health, safety and other interests of the people of California.

#### **Sec. 8.1.1. 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, the Gaming Ordinance, or this Compact. Any right to notice or hearing in regard thereto shall be governed by tribal law. Nothing in this Compact expands, modifies, or impairs the jurisdiction of the

Tribal Gaming Agency under IGRA, the Tribal Gaming Ordinance or other applicable tribal law.

- (c) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall report individual or continuing violations of this Compact that pose a significant threat to gaming integrity or public health and safety, and any failures to comply with the Tribal Gaming Agency's orders, to the State Gaming Agency 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 8.1.1, 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 its Tribal Gaming Agency have the primary responsibility to administer and enforce the regulatory requirements of this Compact, the State Gaming Agency, including any consultant retained by it, shall have the right to inspect the Tribe's Gaming Facility, and all Gaming Operation or Facility records relating thereto as is reasonably necessary to ensure Compact compliance, including with adequate notice such records located in off-site facilities dedicated to their storage, subject to the conditions in subdivisions (b), (c), and (d). If the Tribe objects to the State's determination of the areas included within any inspection, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0. The State Gaming Agency shall ensure that any consultants retained by it have met the standards and requirements, including any background investigations, established by applicable regulations governing contract employees prior to participating in any matter under this Compact. The State Gaming Agency shall also take all reasonable steps to ensure that consultants are free from conflicting interests in the conduct of their duties under this Compact and shall provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with prior notice of the use of any consultant. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member or staff of the Tribal Gaming Agency or a

representative of the State Gaming Agency to accompany any consultant at all times that the consultant is in a non-public area of the Gaming Facility.

- (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 during the normal administrative hours of the Tribal Gaming Agency, 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 requests access to the non-public areas of the Gaming Facility. Inspection of areas of the Gaming Facility not normally accessible to the public may be made at any time outside the normal administrative hours of the Tribal Gaming Agency with fourteen (14) days' notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency, except that fourteen (14) days' notice is not required upon the existence of exigent circumstances that the State Gaming Agency reasonably determines may be a threat to gaming integrity or public safety. The Tribal Gaming Agency, in its sole discretion, may require a member or staff 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 or staff to be available at appropriate times for those purposes and shall ensure that the member or staff 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 (1) inspector during inspections.

#### **Sec. 8.4. Inspection, Copying and Confidentiality of Documents.**

- (a) Inspection and copying of Gaming Operation papers, books, and records may occur at any time after the State Gaming Agency gives notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency during the normal administrative hours of the Tribal Gaming Agency, provided that the State Gaming Agency inspectors cannot require copies of papers, books, or records

in such manner or volume that it unreasonably interferes with the normal functioning of the Gaming Operation or Facility, or with the operation of the Tribal Gaming Agency.

- (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 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.
- (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. The State Gaming Agency may provide such confidential information and records and copies to federal law enforcement and other state agencies or consultants that the State deems reasonably necessary in order to assure the Tribe's compliance with this Compact; provided that to the extent reasonably feasible, the State Gaming Agency will consult with representatives of the Tribe prior to such disclosure.
- (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 documents 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 utmost 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) Except as otherwise provided in any regulation approved by the Gaming Regulators' Association, the Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall confer and agree 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, California Government Code section 6250 et seq.

- (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.
- (j) Upon request, the State Gaming Agency shall provide the Tribal Gaming Agency with a current copy of its records retention and destruction policy.

**Sec. 8.5. Cooperation 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.

**Sec. 8.6. Compact Compliance Review.**

The State Gaming Agency is authorized to conduct an annual Compact compliance review (also known as a “site visit”) to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Compact. 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 in order to ensure compliance with all provisions of this Compact. Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede any other audits, inspections, investigations, and monitoring authorized by this Compact.

**Sec. 8.7. 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 AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GAMING OPERATION AND FACILITY.**

### **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, IGRA, NIGC gaming regulations, State Gaming Agency regulations, and the Gaming Ordinance, to protect the integrity of the Gaming Activities, the reputation of the Tribe 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 and enforce, 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 any other subject within its jurisdiction.
- (b) The physical safety of Gaming Facility patrons and employees, and any other person while in the Gaming Facility. Except as provided in section 12.2, nothing herein shall be construed, however, to make applicable to the Tribe 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 surveillance system at all times, and any modifications thereof first shall be approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency.

- (f) The establishment of employee procedures designed to permit detection of any irregularities, theft, cheating, fraud, or the like, consistent with industry practice.
- (g) Maintenance of a list of persons permanently excluded from the Gaming Facility who, because of their past behavior, criminal history, 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 California. The Tribal Gaming Agency and the State Gaming Agency shall make a good faith effort to share information regarding such permanent exclusions. Nothing herein is intended to grant any third party the right to sue based upon any sharing of information.
- (h) The conduct of an audit of the Gaming Operation, not less than annually, by an independent certified public accountant, in accordance with industry standards.
- (i) 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 offered for play that has not received Tribal Gaming Agency approval.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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.

- (l) Maintenance of a cashier's cage in accordance with tribal internal control standards that meet or exceed industry standards for such facilities.
- (m) Specification of minimum staff and supervisory requirements for each Gaming Activity to be conducted.
- (n) Technical standards and specifications in conformity with the requirements of this Compact for the operation of Gaming Devices and other games authorized herein or as provided in any regulation approved by the Gaming Regulators' Association.

**Sec. 9.2. Manner in Which Incidents Are Reported.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the recording of any and all occurrences within the Gaming Facility that deviate from normal operating policies and procedures (hereinafter "incidents"). The Tribal Gaming Agency shall transmit copies of incident reports that it reasonably believes concern a significant or continued threat to public safety or gaming integrity to the State Gaming Agency within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed seven (7) days, after the incident. The procedure for recording incidents pursuant to this section shall also do all of the following:

- (a) Specify that security personnel record all incidents, regardless of an employee's determination that the incident may be immaterial (and all incidents shall be identified in writing).
- (b) Require the assignment of a sequential number to each incident report.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Require that each report include, at a minimum, all of the following:
  - (1) The record number.

- (2) The date.
- (3) The time.
- (4) The location of the incident.
- (5) A detailed description of the incident.
- (6) The persons involved in the incident.
- (7) The security department employee assigned to the incident.

**Sec. 9.3. 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 20, 2006, and as they have been or may be amended from time to time, 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 sections 9.1 and 9.2, or in the alternative, by compliance with the Commission's Uniform Statewide Tribal Gaming Regulation CGCC-8, as it exists currently and as it may hereafter be amended.
- (b) In the event the Commission's Uniform Statewide Tribal Gaming Regulation CGCC-8 is rescinded or otherwise ceases to exist, or if the NIGC withdraws its regulations at 25 C.F.R. § 542, the Compact MICS, as they may be amended from time to time, shall continue to serve as the minimum internal control standards for the purposes of this Compact. Any change, modification, or amendment thereto shall be effected by action of the Tribal-State Association.
- (c) The minimum internal control standards set forth in the Compact MICS shall apply to all Gaming Activities, Gaming Facilities and the Gaming Operation; however, the Compact MICS are not applicable to any class II gaming activities. Should the terms in the Compact MICS

be inconsistent with this Compact, the terms in this Compact shall prevail.

#### **Sec. 9.4. 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 that aim at the prevention of problem gambling and that specify where to find assistance, and 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.
- (c) It shall establish self-exclusion measures 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 involuntary exclusion measures that allow 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. No person involuntarily excluded under such measures shall be entitled to assert any claim whatsoever against the Tribe, the Gaming Operation or any official, employee or agent of the Tribe or the Gaming Operation as the result of such exclusion.
- (e) It shall make diligent efforts to prevent underage individuals from loitering in the area of the Gaming Facility where the Gaming Activities take place.
- (f) 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 they make no false or misleading claims.

Any deficiency in the effectiveness of these measures or standards, as opposed to compliance with the program and measures specified above, does not constitute a material breach of this Compact.

Nothing herein is intended to grant any third party the right to sue based upon any alleged deficiency or violation of these measures.

#### **Sec. 9.5. Enforcement of Regulations.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure the enforcement of the rules, regulations, and specifications promulgated under this Compact.

#### **Sec. 9.6. 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. 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 Gaming Activity conducted pursuant to this Compact, criminal jurisdiction to enforce the State's 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. 9.7. 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 the prompt removal of any member of the Tribal Gaming Agency who is found to have acted in a corrupt or

compromised manner, or is found to have violated the conflict of interest code.

- (b) The Tribe shall conduct a background investigation on each prospective member of the Tribal Gaming Agency; 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.
- (c) The Tribe shall conduct a background investigation on each prospective employee of the Tribal Gaming Agency to ensure that he or she satisfies the requirements of section 6.4.7.

**Sec. 9.8. Uniform Statewide Tribal Gaming Regulations.**

- (a) In order to foster statewide uniformity of the regulation of Class III gaming operations throughout the State, the Uniform Statewide 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 Statewide 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 (f), no State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall be effective with respect to the Tribe's Gaming Operation unless it has first been approved by the Association and the Tribe has had an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed regulation.
- (d) Every State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section that is intended to apply to the Tribe (other than a regulation proposed or previously approved by the Association) shall be submitted to the Association for consideration prior to submission of



the regulation to the Tribe for comment as provided in subdivision (c). A regulation adopted pursuant to this section that is disapproved by the Association shall not be submitted to the Tribe for comment unless it is re-adopted by the State Gaming Agency as a proposed regulation, in its original or amended form, with a detailed, written response to the Association's objections.

- (e) Except as provided in subdivision (f), no regulation of the State Gaming Agency adopted pursuant to this section shall be adopted as a final regulation 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.
- (f) 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 immediately to the Association for consideration. If the regulation is disapproved by the Association, it shall cease to be effective, but may be readopted by the State Gaming Agency as a proposed regulation, in its original or amended form, with a detailed, written response to the Association's objections, and thereafter submitted to the Tribe for comment as provided in subdivision (c).
- (g) The Tribe may object to a State Gaming Agency regulation adopted pursuant to this section on the ground that it is unnecessary, unduly burdensome, conflicts with a published final regulation of the NIGC, or unfairly discriminatory, and may seek repeal or amendment of the regulation through the dispute resolution process of section 13.0; provided that, if the regulation of the State Gaming Agency conflicts with a final published regulation of the NIGC, the NIGC regulation shall govern pending conclusion of the dispute resolution process.
- (h) Chapter 3.5 (commencing with section 11340) of part 1 of division 3 of title 2 of the California Government Code does not apply to regulations adopted by the State Gaming Agency pursuant to this section.

## **SECTION 10.0. PATRON DISPUTES.**

The Tribal Gaming Agency shall promulgate regulations consistent with fairness and prevailing industry standards 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. The regulations shall meet the following minimum standards:

- (a) If a patron makes a 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 and the Gaming Operation does not resolve the complaint to the patron's satisfaction, the Gaming Operation shall provide the patron with a form on which the patron may submit his/her complaint in writing to the Tribal Gaming Agency for resolution. Such form must be submitted to the Tribal Gaming Agency within fifteen (15) days of receipt, and it must inform the patron that if dissatisfied with the Tribal Gaming Agency's resolution and if the amount in dispute is reasonably likely to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), the patron will have the right to seek resolution in either the tribal court system (Tribal Court) if the Tribe has a Tribal Court, or if the Tribe does not have a Tribal Court, 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 an enrolled member of the Tribe (Claims Commission), pursuant to the terms and provisions in subdivision (c). If the patron is not provided with the aforesaid form, the patron shall have ninety (90) days from the date the claim arose in which to file the claim directly with the Tribal Court or Claims Commission, as appropriate.
- (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 request, shall be in writing, shall be based on the facts surrounding the dispute, and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. If the amount in dispute is five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less, the Tribal Gaming Agency's decision shall be final and not subject to further review.

- (c) If the patron is dissatisfied with the decision of the Tribal Gaming Agency issued pursuant to subdivision (b) on a complaint involving a disputed amount in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or if the Tribal Gaming Agency fails to issue a decision within the sixty (60)-day period regardless of the amount in dispute, the patron may request that the dispute be resolved either in the Tribal Court, if the Tribe has a Tribal Court, or by a Claims Commission as referenced in subdivision (a). The Tribal Court or 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 or Claims Commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the Tribal Court or Claims Commission shall be at no cost to the claimant (excluding claimant's own attorney's fees and expenses). 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 reimbursement of the amounts wagered by the patron that were lost as a result of any mechanical, electronic or electromechanical failure. The judgment of the Tribal Court or Claims Commission, as appropriate, shall be final and not subject to further review, and the Gaming Operation shall be obligated as a matter of Compact compliance to comply with the judgment of the Tribal Court or Claims Commission, as appropriate.
- (d) To effectuate its consent to the Tribal Court or Claims Commission, as appropriate 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 or Claims Commission, as appropriate and in any action to (i) enforce an obligation provided in this section 10.0 or to (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award. However, such waiver shall not apply to claims made against individual tribal officials or employees.

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

### **Sec. 11.1. Off-Reservation Environmental Impact Requirement Procedures.**

The Tribe shall not commence construction on any Project until the requirements of section 11.0 and any dispute resolution procedures related to the Project initiated pursuant to sections 11.0 or 13.0 are completed.

- (a) If the scope of a Project would allow the Tribe to operate no more than a cumulative total of three-hundred forty-nine (349) Gaming Devices and upon the completion of the Project the Tribe will operate no more than a cumulative total of three hundred forty-nine (349) Gaming Devices in all of its Gaming Facilities, the procedures specified in sections 11.3 through 11.5 and, if required under section 11.5, subdivision (g), the Tribal Environmental Impact Document (TEID) procedures of sections 11.6 through 11.10, shall apply to the Project.
- (b) If, upon the completion of a Project, the Tribe will operate a cumulative total of three hundred fifty (350) Gaming Devices or more in all its Gaming Facilities, the procedures specified in sections 11.3 through 11.5 and, if required under section 11.5, subdivision (g), the Tribal Environmental Impact Report (TEIR) procedures of sections 11.10 through 11.17 shall apply to the Project.
- (c) Nothing herein shall preclude the Tribe from undertaking multiple activities that may constitute Projects.
- (d) To the extent any terms in this section 11.0 are not defined in this Compact, they will be interpreted and applied consistent with the policies and purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4332 et seq. (NEPA).

### **Sec. 11.2. Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance.**

The Tribe shall adopt an ordinance incorporating the processes and procedures required under section 11.0 (Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance). In fashioning the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance, the

Tribe will incorporate the relevant policies and purposes of NEPA and CEQA consistent with legitimate governmental interests of the Tribe and the State, as reflected in section 11.0. No later than one hundred and twenty (120) days before starting the environmental review process required by section 11.0 for a Project, the Tribe will submit its Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance to the State for review. If within sixty (60) days after receiving it, which time shall be extended up to an additional thirty (30) days upon the State's request, the State identifies aspects of the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance that it believes are inconsistent with section 11.0, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0 and the Project may not commence until that dispute is resolved.

### **Sec. 11.3. Activity Not a Project.**

The Tribe may determine, acting pursuant to its Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance, that a proposed activity involving a physical change to the reservation environment, the principle purpose of which is directly related to the activities of the Gaming Operation, is not a Project because it will not cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment, and the Tribe shall notify the State within thirty (30) days of that determination and the basis therefor. The State shall inform the Tribe in writing of any objection to the Tribe's determination that the activity is not a Project and the basis upon which it objects within thirty (30) days after receipt of adequate information regarding the Tribe's determination. If the Tribe disagrees with the State's determination that the proposed activity is a Project, the Tribe and the State shall meet within thirty (30) days after the Tribe receives the State's objections to resolve the issue. If after the meeting the State continues to object to the Tribe's determination that the activity is not a Project, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 11.10.

### **Sec. 11.4. Categorical Exemptions.**

- (a) Pursuant to its Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance, prior to the preparation of a TEID or a TEIR the Tribe may determine whether the Project falls within a Categorical Exemption included on the list of Categorical Exemption projects at Appendix C. If the Project qualifies as a Categorical Exemption, the Project is exempt from the requirements of sections 11.5 through 11.7 and sections 11.11 through 11.17. In determining whether a Categorical Exemption applies to a

Project, the Tribe's findings shall be supported by substantial evidence.

- (b) A Categorical Exemption shall not be used for a Project where there is a reasonable possibility that the Project will have a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment due to unusual circumstances. Categorical Exemptions are also inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same area, over time is significant.
- (c) The Categorical Exemptions appearing on Appendix C related to the classes of Projects defined as new construction or conversion of small structures at paragraph 3 (§ 15303), minor alterations to land at paragraph 4 (§ 15304), and accessory structures at paragraph 5 (§ 15311), are qualified by consideration of where the Project is to be located and a Project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the off-reservation environment as provided in the classes of Projects in these paragraphs of Appendix C may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, the classes of Projects in paragraphs 3 through 5 of Appendix C subject to a Categorical Exemption are considered to apply in all instances, except where the Project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern that has been previously designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.
- (d) The applicability of a Categorical Exemption to a Project shall not affect the validity or enforceability of an existing government-to-government agreement, if any, that addresses off-reservation impacts of the Gaming Facility. However, if the Tribe has accepted a continuing obligation to mitigate an off-reservation impact or impacts that is reflected in an existing government-to-government agreement, and the Project does not significantly reduce the activities and resultant impacts or need for services, a Categorical Exemption is not available unless the term of the government-to-government agreement, or any amendment to that agreement, is commensurate with the period of time associated with the ongoing impact or impacts. If the State demonstrates that there is an ongoing off-reservation impact or need for services from state or local jurisdictions attributable to the Gaming Facility, and the Tribe has not entered into a government-to-government agreement or otherwise addressed the

off-reservation impact or need for services from state or local jurisdictions attributable to the operation of the Gaming Facility, or the off-reservation impact or impacts is demonstrated to exceed the scope of the impacts addressed in the existing government-to-government agreement, a Categorical Exemption is not available.

- (e) The Tribe shall notify the State in writing of a determination that the Project is subject to a Categorical Exemption, and the basis therefor, within thirty (30) days after the determination is made. If the State disputes the propriety of the Categorical Exemption, the State shall notify the Tribe in writing within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Tribe's notification and the Tribe and the State shall meet within thirty (30) days after the Tribe receives the State's written objections to resolve the issue. If after the meeting the State continues to object to the Tribe's determination that the Project is subject to a Categorical Exemption, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 11.10.

**Sec. 11.5. Initial Study, Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration.**

If the Tribe determines that the Project is not subject to a Categorical Exemption and that the Project may cause a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment, the Tribe shall prepare an Initial Study. The Tribe shall use the checklist at Appendix B for the Initial Study, and its findings shall be supported by substantial evidence. If, based upon the Initial Study, the Tribe determines that it is appropriate to do so, it may prepare a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project.

- (a) A Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration shall include:
  - (1) A brief description of the Project;
  - (2) The location of the Project, shown on a map; and
  - (3) An attached copy of the Initial Study documenting reasons to support the finding that the Project will not have a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment.
- (b) A Negative Declaration shall also include:

- (1) A proposed finding that the Project will not have a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment; and
  - (2) The factors considered during the Initial Study, including the reasons, based upon the Initial Study, that support the proposed finding of no Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment.
- (c) A Mitigated Negative Declaration shall also include:
- (1) A description of proposed mitigation measures included in the Project to reduce the potential Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment to a less-than-significant level; and
  - (2) The Tribe's commitment to enter into an enforceable binding letter agreement with the State under which the Tribe shall agree to perform the required mitigation.
- (d) The Tribe shall give notice by mail of its adoption of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration to the State, the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research (State Clearinghouse), the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, the County board of supervisors (and if the Gaming Facility is, or is to be, located within the boundaries of an incorporated city, to the city council (City)), and to Interested Parties.
- (e) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Tribe's notice given under subdivision (d), the State, the County or the City may request that the Tribe meet and confer with respect to the Negative Declaration or the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Tribe and the requesting party or parties shall meet and confer within thirty (30) days after the Tribe's receipt of the first such request. If after meeting and conferring the County or the City objects to the Tribe's adoption of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the County or the City shall inform the State in writing of any objection to the Tribe's determination and the basis upon which the City or the County objects within ten (10) days after the meet and confer session.
- (f) If after meeting and conferring the State objects to the Tribe's adoption of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the State shall inform the Tribe in writing of any



objection to the Tribe's determination and the basis upon which the State objects within fifteen (15) days after the meet and confer session. If the Tribe disagrees with the basis upon which the State objects that the Project is not properly subject to a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Tribe and the State shall meet within thirty (30) days after the Tribe receives the State's objections to resolve the issue. If after the meeting the State continues to object to the Tribe's adoption of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of section 11.10.

- (g) If the Tribe determines, based upon the Initial Study or at any time during the process for preparation and approval of a Negative Declaration or a Mitigated Negative Declaration that the off-reservation environmental effects of a Project cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance, the Tribe shall proceed to prepare either a TEID if the Project meets the requirements of section 11.1, subdivision (a), or a TEIR if the Project meets the requirements of section 11.1, subdivision (b).
  - (1) For a proposed TEID Project, the Tribe shall comply with sections 11.6 and 11.7, with all applicable meet and confer and dispute resolution procedures required by sections 11.7 through 11.10, and is subject to section 11.18.
  - (2) For a proposed TEIR Project, the Tribe shall comply with sections 11.10 through 11.18 and with all applicable meet and confer and dispute resolution procedures provided therein.

**Sec. 11.6. Off-Reservation Environmental Impacts of TEID Projects.**

For Projects subject to section 11.1, subdivision (a), when the preparation of a TEID is required, the following requirements shall apply.

- (a) While each TEID shall be specific to the Project at issue, the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance shall require that the TEID address, at a minimum, the impacts of the Project on the following: (i) air quality; (ii) water resources; (iii) traffic; (iv) public services; (v) hazardous materials; and (vi) noise.
- (b) So long as a document also meets the requirements of section 11.7, the term "TEID" includes any environmental assessment,

environmental impact report, or environmental impact statement prepared in conformity with the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance, NEPA, or CEQA, as applicable.

### **Sec. 11.7. TEID Procedures.**

Before commencement of a Project meeting the requirements of section 11.1, subdivision (a), the Tribe shall:

- (a) Give written notice to the State, the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, the County (and if the Gaming Facility is located, or is to be located, within the boundaries of an incorporated city, to the City), and Interested Parties; and inform the public of the planned Project through posting on a publicly accessible website or similarly accessible medium and publication at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the Project; and
- (b) Take appropriate actions under the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance to determine whether the Project may have any Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment.
- (c) If it is determined that the Project does not meet the criteria for a Categorical Exemption, Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Tribe shall prepare a draft TEID. The draft TEID shall include, among other things:
  - (1) A description of the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Project (the environmental setting and baseline conditions), as they exist at the time the draft TEID is prepared;
  - (2) A detailed description of proposed mitigation measures to address all identified Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment and whether any proposed mitigation would not be feasible;
  - (3) If the Project is determined to have a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment for which there is no feasible mitigation, the TEID will consider alternatives in both location and scope, provided that the TEID need not address a “no project” alternative or alternatives that would cause the Tribe to forgo its right to engage in, or reduce the scale of, the Gaming

Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands, or require amendment or reconsideration of any existing tribal land-use plans; and

- (4) Any direct growth-inducing impacts of the Project.
- (d) For the purpose of receiving and responding to comments, submit the draft TEID to the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, the County (or if the Gaming Facility is or is to be located within the boundaries of a city, to the City) and to Interested Parties, and post on the Tribe's website for other members of the public, all of whom shall have at least thirty (30) days after receipt of the draft TEID, to submit written comments to the Tribe on the draft TEID.
  - (e) Consult with the County (and, if the Project is within a city, with the City) (collectively, the "Board"), and if requested by the Board, meet to discuss mitigation of Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment.
  - (f) Conduct a public meeting and provide an opportunity for public comment, including but not limited to those members of the public residing off-reservation within the vicinity of the Project such as might be affected by the Project, after which the public shall have thirty (30) days to submit written comments to the Tribe on the draft TEID.
  - (g) If the draft TEID identifies significant adverse traffic impacts to any portion of the state highway system or facilities (Traffic Impacts) under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) that are directly attributable to the Project, the Tribe shall give written notice to Caltrans of the Tribe's willingness to meet and confer with Caltrans for the purpose of developing measures that will mitigate the identified Traffic Impacts.
  - (h) No sooner than the conclusion of the comment periods, prepare a final TEID (Final TEID), giving due consideration to the comments, if any, received from the State, the Board, Caltrans, and members of the public. The Final TEID shall consist of:
    - (1) The draft TEID or a revision of the draft;

- (2) Comments and recommendations received on the draft TEID either verbatim or in summary;
  - (3) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the draft TEID;
  - (4) The Tribe's responses to significant environmental issues raised in the review and consultation process, reflecting the Tribe's good-faith, reasoned analysis and consideration of each substantive comment bearing on any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment;
  - (5) Subject to subdivisions (i)(1) and (k), proposed measures to mitigate each Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment identified in the Final TEID; and
  - (6) Any other information added by the Tribe.
- (i) Publish the Final TEID together with a decision by the Tribe (the "Report and Decision") regarding the Project in accordance with the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance. The Report and Decision shall, at a minimum, address the following:
- (1) The timely mitigation of any Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment where such effect is attributable, in whole or in part, to the Project, unless the Tribe has determined pursuant to subdivision (k) that the particular mitigation is infeasible, taking into account economic, environmental, social, technological, or other considerations.
  - (2) Mitigation of any effect on public safety or public services attributable to the Project, including the possibility of compensation for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services, to the extent such services are to be provided by the County (and, if the Project is within a city, the City) and its special districts to the Tribe for the purposes of serving the Gaming Facility.
- (j) Within twenty (20) days after it is finalized, notice of availability of the Report and Decision shall be published at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the Project and a copy of the Report and Decision shall be published on the Tribe's website,

if any, and submitted to the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, the Board, and if subdivision (g) applies, Caltrans.

- (k) The Report and Decision may include a determination by the Tribe that some unmitigated Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment are unavoidable but acceptable after balancing the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the Project to the Tribe and the surrounding community, against its unavoidable environmental risks. If the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of a Project outweigh the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, the Report and Decision shall be considered acceptable if:
- (1) The Report and Decision identifies the specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological or other consideration(s) at issue;
  - (2) The determination that the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment are outweighed by the overriding consideration(s) is supported by substantial evidence in the record upon which the Report and Decision is based;
  - (3) Alternative means, if feasible, to address the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment to the community adversely affected by those effects have been adopted and implemented; and
  - (4) All other mitigation measures identified in the TEID that are feasible are adopted and implemented.

If the State disputes the propriety of a determination of infeasibility made under this subdivision, the dispute shall be resolved using the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 11.10.

- (l) If implementation of certain identified mitigation measures for which the Tribe proposes to be responsible would require cooperation by a non-tribal government agency, and that agency fails, refuses, or is unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures, the Tribe shall so notify the State in writing, and shall be relieved of only those mitigation obligations until the relevant non-tribal government agency has taken the action(s) necessary for the

Tribe to implement those measures. If the State disagrees with the Tribe's determination that the non-tribal government agency has failed, refused, or was unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures or the Tribe's determination that the mitigation measures require a non-tribal government agency's cooperation, the Tribe and the State shall meet within thirty (30) days after the Tribe receives the State's objections to resolve the issue. If after the meeting the State objects in writing to the Tribe's determination that the non-tribal government agency has failed, refused, or was unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures or the Tribe's determination that the mitigation measures require a non-tribal government agency's cooperation, the dispute shall be resolved using the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 11.10.

- (m) Upon the Tribe's issuance of the Report and Decision satisfactory to the State, before the Tribe may commence construction of the Project the Tribe and the State shall enter into a binding and enforceable letter agreement (the "Mitigation Agreement") under which the Tribe shall agree to perform the mitigation and other obligations required by the Report and Decision.
- (n) If the State subsequently contends that the Tribe has failed to comply with any requirements of the Mitigation Agreement, the State shall invoke the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0.
- (o) During the conduct of a Project, the Tribe shall use reasonable efforts to keep the Board and potentially affected members of the public apprised of the Project's progress.

#### **Sec. 11.8. TEID Dispute Resolution.**

If invoked by the Board or Caltrans, the following dispute resolution processes shall be utilized and completed before the Tribe begins construction of a Project meeting the requirements of section 11.1, subdivision (a):

- (a) If, after reviewing the Tribe's Report and Decision, either the Board or Caltrans believes that the Final TEID fails to identify a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment or that the Tribe's proposed mitigation measures, if any, are inadequate (Compliance Issue), the Board or Caltrans may, within thirty (30) days after receipt

of the Report and Decision, request in writing that the Board or Caltrans (as appropriate) representatives meet and confer with the Tribe in good faith for the purpose of attempting to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of the Compliance Issue. The Tribe and the Board or Caltrans shall meet as soon as practicable, but no later than thirty (30) days after the request to resolve the Compliance Issue is delivered to the Tribe, and shall attempt to resolve the Compliance Issue within thirty (30) days of the first meeting. Any issues resolved through the meet and confer process shall be reduced to writing, signed by the Tribe and the Board or Caltrans, and appropriate changes shall be made to the Final TEID and Report and Decision.

- (b) Notice of any issue arising under subdivision (a) requiring the Board or Caltrans and the Tribe to meet and confer shall be delivered by the Board or Caltrans to the Tribe using the notice provisions of section 16.0.
- (c) In the event that the Board or Caltrans and the Tribe are unable to resolve through the procedures of subdivision (a) any differences regarding whether the Tribe's Project will cause one (1) or more Compliance Issues, the Tribe shall initiate the procedures of subdivision (d).
- (d) If the Tribe and the Board or the Tribe and Caltrans are unable to resolve all differences identified and addressed under the procedures of subdivision (a), the following procedures shall apply:
  - (1) The Tribe shall, within ten (10) days after completion of the meet and confer process with the Board or Caltrans, provide the State with a written copy of the Report and Decision and a written description of the unresolved Compliance Issue questions. The Tribe shall provide, at the same time, a copy of the same documents to the Board or Caltrans, as appropriate.
  - (2) The Board or Caltrans may provide any additional materials to the State with a copy to the Tribe, but may not submit materials to the State that have not been previously submitted to the Tribe. The State shall thereafter have sixty (60) days to review the materials submitted, which time may be extended by agreement of the Tribe and the State.

- (3) If the State contends that the Report and Decision fails to adequately address one (1) or more Compliance Issues, the State shall, within the sixty (60)-day-review period, so notify the Tribe in writing (the “Non-Compliance Notice”), and request a meeting to discuss the matter.
- (4) Within thirty (30) days after the Tribe’s receipt of the Non-Compliance Notice, the State and the Tribe shall meet and confer in good faith for the purpose of attempting to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of the outstanding issues. Any Compliance Issues resolved through the meet and confer process shall be reduced to writing in appropriate form, signed by the Tribe and the State, the Tribe shall make appropriate changes to the Final TEID and the Report and Decision, and the Tribe and the State shall enter into the Mitigation Agreement required by section 11.7, subdivision (m).
- (5) If all Compliance Issues are not resolved as a result of the meet and confer process between the Tribe and the State, the State may, within twenty (20) days after the conclusion of the meet and confer process, initiate the dispute resolution process set forth in section 11.9.

**Sec. 11.9. State TEID Environmental Review Dispute Resolution Process.**

Environmental review disputes between the Tribe and the State that are unresolved using the procedures of section 11.8, subdivision (d) shall be resolved using the following Environmental Review Dispute Resolution Process (the “ERDR Process”).

- (a) To initiate the ERDR process, the State shall serve a written notice (the “ERDR Notice”) on the Tribe, within twenty (20) days after the conclusion of the meet and confer process of section 11.8, subdivision (d), identifying with particularity those aspects and provisions of the Report and Decision or the TEID that the State alleges constitute a Compliance Issue.
- (b) The dispute shall thereupon be resolved by arbitration and the costs of the arbitration shall be advanced by the State out of the Special Distribution Fund. The arbitrator shall be authorized to award or



apportion costs against the Tribe as the arbitrator deems just. The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator selected as follows:

- (1) Within thirty (30) days following the Tribe's receipt of the ERDR Notice, the State and the Tribe shall agree in writing upon a single retired federal judge or federal magistrate judge or other person to act as the arbitrator;
  - (2) If the State and the Tribe cannot agree on an arbitrator, then within forty-five (45) days following the Tribe's receipt of the ERDR Notice, the State and the Tribe shall meet and each shall submit to the other the names of not more than three (3) retired federal judges or federal magistrate judges. From the resulting group of names, three (3) names shall be randomly selected in a manner agreed upon by the Tribe and the State, and from that list of three (3) names, the State and the Tribe shall each be allowed to strike one (1) name from the list. A coin toss shall determine which party may strike the first name.
- (c) Within thirty (30) days after being designated, the arbitrator shall initiate proceedings to determine whether the Report and Decision or the TEID has failed to adequately address a Compliance Issue. The arbitrator may determine the matter on the written submissions of the Tribe and the State, or may conduct an evidentiary hearing and receive oral testimony and legal argument. In making this determination, the arbitrator shall uphold the Report and Decision unless the arbitrator finds that: (i) the Report and Decision or the TEID is not supported by the findings; (ii) the Report and Decision findings are not supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record; (iii) the Tribe has not substantially complied with the substantive provisions of the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance; or (iv) the Tribe has not otherwise substantially complied with the requirements of sections 11.6 or 11.7.
- (d) Within twenty (20) days after closing the record, the arbitrator shall issue a written decision finding either that: (i) the Report and Decision and the TEID comply with the requirements of sections 11.6 and 11.7, or (ii) the Report and Decision and the TEID do not comply with the requirements of section 11.6 or 11.7 and identifying those specific provisions and aspects of the Report and Decision or the

TEID that fail to comply. A decision under subdivision (d)(i) shall be final and binding and shall terminate the ERDR Process. If a decision is rendered under subdivision (d)(ii), the Tribe shall take such actions as are necessary to revise, amend or supplement the Report and Decision and the TEID, as appropriate, to address and correct the deficiencies identified in the arbitrator's decision.

- (e) Following the issuance of the Tribe's revised, amended or supplemental Report and Decision and the TEID (collectively, the "Amended Report and Decision"), the Tribe shall provide a written copy of the Amended Report and Decision to the State. The State shall thereupon have thirty (30) days to review the Amended Report and Decision for compliance with the arbitrator's decision. If the State is satisfied that the Amended Report and Decision have corrected the deficiencies identified in the arbitrator's decision, the State shall so notify the Tribe in writing within the thirty (30)-day-review period, the ERDR Process shall thereupon be concluded, and the Tribe and the State shall enter into the Mitigation Agreement required by section 11.7, subdivision (m). If the State contends that the Amended Report and Decision fails to correct the deficiencies, the State shall so notify the Tribe in writing within the thirty (30)-day-review period, identifying with particularity the remaining deficiencies.
- (f) If the State continues to contend the Amended Report and Decision fails to satisfy the requirements of sections 11.6 or 11.7, the Tribe and the State shall thereupon submit their dispute to the same arbitrator before whom the dispute was originally heard and follow the procedure provided by subdivisions (c) through (e) until any remaining environmental review disputes identified by the State are determined to be substantially addressed by the Tribe in accordance with the requirements of sections 11.6 and 11.7. If the same arbitrator is not available, a new arbitrator shall be selected using the procedures of subdivision (b).
- (g) An arbitrator's decision rendered under subdivision (d)(ii) shall not be deemed a breach of this Compact and shall not be the basis for an action to terminate this Compact under section 13.5, provided that the Tribe continues to engage in the arbitration process provided for in subdivisions (b) through (f).

### **Sec. 11.10. State and Tribe's Dispute Resolution Process.**

Disputes between the Tribe and the State regarding the Tribe's compliance with section 11.0 that are expressly made subject to this section 11.10 shall be resolved using the following process:

- (a) To initiate the section 11.10 process, the State shall serve a written notice (the "Dispute Notice") on the Tribe, within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the relevant meet and confer process, identifying with particularity those aspects and provisions of the Tribe's decision with which the State takes issue.
- (b) The dispute shall thereupon be resolved by arbitration and the costs of the arbitration shall be advanced by the State out of the Special Distribution Fund. The arbitrator shall be authorized to award or apportion costs against the Tribe as the arbitrator deems just. The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator selected as follows:
  - (1) Within thirty (30) days following the Tribe's receipt of the Dispute Notice, the State and the Tribe shall agree in writing upon a single retired federal judge or federal magistrate judge or other person to act as the arbitrator.
  - (2) If the State and the Tribe cannot agree on an arbitrator, then within forty-five (45) days following the Tribe's receipt of the Dispute Notice, the State and the Tribe shall meet and each shall submit to the other the names of not more than three (3) retired federal judges or federal magistrate judges. From the resulting group of names, three (3) names shall be randomly selected in a manner agreed upon by the Tribe and the State, and from that list of three (3) names, the State and the Tribe shall each be allowed to strike one (1) name from the list. A coin toss shall determine which party may strike the first name.
- (c) Within thirty (30) days after being designated, the arbitrator shall initiate proceedings to determine the issues raised by the Dispute Notice. The arbitrator may determine the matter on the written submissions of the Tribe and the State, or may conduct an evidentiary hearing and receive oral testimony and legal argument. In making this determination, the arbitrator shall uphold the Tribe's decision unless

the arbitrator finds that: (i) the decision is not supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record; (ii) the Tribe has not substantially complied with the substantive provisions of the Tribal Environmental Protection Ordinance; or (iii) the Tribe has not otherwise substantially complied with the relevant requirements of section 11.0.

- (d) Within twenty (20) days after closing the record, the arbitrator shall issue a written decision finding either that: (i) the Tribe's decision complies with the relevant requirements of section 11.0, or (ii) the Tribe's decision does not comply with the relevant requirements of section 11.0, and identifying with specificity the basis upon which the arbitrator has made the decision. A decision under subdivision (d)(i) shall be final and binding and shall terminate the section 11.10 process. If a decision is rendered under subdivision (d)(ii), the Tribe shall take such actions as are necessary to address and correct the deficiencies identified in the arbitrator's decision.
- (e) Following the issuance of the Tribe's revised, amended or supplemental decision (the "Amended Decision"), the Tribe shall provide a written copy of the Amended Decision to the State. The State shall thereupon have thirty (30) days to review the Amended Decision for compliance with the arbitrator's decision. If the State is satisfied that the Amended Decision has corrected the deficiencies identified in the arbitrator's decision, the State shall so notify the Tribe in writing within the thirty (30)-day-review period, the section 11.10 process shall thereupon be concluded, and the Tribe and the State shall take such actions as are necessary to implement the Amended Decision. If the State contends that the Amended Decision fails to correct the deficiencies, the State shall so notify the Tribe in writing within the thirty (30)-day-review period, identifying with particularity the remaining deficiencies.
- (f) If the State continues to contend the Amended Decision fails to satisfy the requirements of section 11.0, the Tribe and the State shall thereupon submit their dispute to the same arbitrator before whom the dispute was originally heard and follow the procedure provided by subdivisions (c) through (e) until any remaining environmental review disputes identified by the State are determined to be substantially addressed by the Tribe in accordance with the requirements of section

11.0. If the same arbitrator is not available, a new arbitrator shall be selected using the procedures of section 11.10, subdivision (b).

- (g) An arbitrator's decision rendered under subdivision (d)(ii) shall not be deemed a breach of this Compact and shall not be the basis for an action to terminate this Compact under section 13.5, provided that the Tribe continues to engage in the arbitration process provided for in subdivisions (b) through (f).

### **Sec. 11.11. Tribal Environmental Impact Report for TEIR Projects.**

For Projects subject to section 11.1, subdivision (b), when the preparation of a TEIR is required, the following requirements shall apply:

- (a) Before the commencement of the Project, the Tribe shall cause to be prepared a comprehensive and adequate TEIR, analyzing the potentially Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment of the Project pursuant to the process set forth in sections 11.2 through 11.5 and 11.11 through 11.17; 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 B, shall list ways in which the Significant Effects 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 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 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) If the Project is identified to have Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment for which there is no feasible mitigation, the TEIR will consider alternatives in both location and scope, provided that the TEIR need not address a “no project” alternative or alternatives that would cause the Tribe to forgo its right to engage in or reduce the scale of the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands;
  - (6) Whether any proposed mitigation would be infeasible;
  - (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) The TEIR shall contain a statement indicating the reasons for determining that various effects of the Project on the off-reservation environment with respect to the matters set forth in Appendix B are not significant and consequently have not been discussed in detail in the TEIR.
  - (c) The TEIR shall clearly identify and describe the Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, including each of the items on

Appendix B, giving due consideration to both the short-term and long-term effects.

- (d) The TEIR's discussion of mitigation measures shall describe feasible measures that could minimize Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, and shall distinguish between the measures that are proposed by the Tribe and 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.
- (e) If required by subdivision (a)(5), the TEIR must include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison.
- (f) The TEIR shall 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.
- (g) 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.

**Sec. 11.12. Notice of Preparation of Draft TEIR.**

- (a) Upon commencing the preparation of the draft TEIR, the Tribe shall issue a notice of preparation to the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the County (and if the Gaming Facility is, or is to be, located within the boundaries of an incorporated city, to the City), the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, and all Interested Persons. The Tribe shall also post the notice of preparation on its website. The notice of preparation 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 of preparation 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 of preparation 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 of preparation by the State Clearinghouse and the County. The notice of preparation shall also request Interested Persons to identify in their comments the off-reservation environmental issues and reasonable mitigation measures that the Tribe should analyze in the draft TEIR.

**Sec. 11.13. 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 if the Gaming Facility is, or is to be, located within the boundaries of an incorporated city, to the City), the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, and all Interested Persons. 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 (and if the Gaming Facility is, or is to be, located within the boundaries of an incorporated city, to the City), which will be asked to post public notice of the draft TEIR at the office of the County Board of Supervisors and/or the City and to furnish the public notice and a copy of the draft TEIR to the public libraries serving the County and/or the City. The Tribe shall serve in a timely manner the notice of completion to all Interested Persons. As an alternative to paper copies, the Tribe and the County and/or the City may agree that a single electronic copy of the draft TEIR and notice of completion may be submitted by the Tribe to the County and/or the City. In addition, the Tribe will provide public notice by the procedures specified below:
- (1) Publication on the Tribe's website;
  - (2) 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; and
  - (3) 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. 11.14. Issuance of Final TEIR.**

The Tribe shall prepare, certify and make available to the County, the City if applicable, the State Clearinghouse, the State Gaming Agency, the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, and all Interested Persons (and, in the event potentially significant traffic impacts are identified in the final TEIR, to Caltrans), at least fifty-five (55) days before the completion of negotiations pursuant to section 11.15 a final TEIR (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 of the Tribe to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process, reflecting the Tribe's good-faith, reasoned analysis and consideration of each substantive comment bearing on any off-reservation environmental impact;
- (e) The Final TEIR may include a determination by the Tribe that some unmitigated Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment are unavoidable but acceptable after balancing the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the Project to the Tribe and the surrounding community, against its unavoidable environmental risks. If the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of a Project outweigh the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, the Final TEIR shall include all the following:
  - (1) The specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological or other consideration(s) at issue;
  - (2) The determination that the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment are outweighed by the overriding consideration(s) is supported by substantial evidence in the record upon which the Final TEIR is based;
  - (3) Alternative means, if feasible, to address the unavoidable Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment to the community adversely affected by those effects have been adopted and implemented; and
  - (4) All other mitigation measures identified in the Final TEIR that are feasible are adopted and implemented.

A Project may proceed only if such a determination is supported by substantial evidence and there is a written agreement with the local

affected jurisdiction(s) pursuant to section 11.15, subdivision (a)(1) and/or, where appropriate, Caltrans, pursuant to section 11.15, subdivision (b), that the impacts to the affected community have been balanced with appropriate and commensurate benefits to the community. Substantial evidence includes facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinions supported by facts. Substantial evidence is not argument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, or evidence which is clearly inaccurate or erroneous. If the State disputes the propriety of a determination of infeasibility made under this subdivision, the dispute shall be resolved using the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 11.10.

- (f) Any other information added by the Tribe.

**Sec. 11.15. Intergovernmental Agreement.**

- (a) Before the commencement of a Project, and no later than the issuance of the Final TEIR to the County and/or the City, the Tribe shall offer to commence government-to-government negotiations with the County and/or the City, and upon the County's and/or the City's acceptance of the Tribe's offer, the parties shall negotiate on a government-to-government basis and shall enter into enforceable written agreements (hereinafter "intergovernmental agreement") with the County and/or the City with respect to the matters set forth below:
  - (1) The timely mitigation of any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment (which effects, consistent with the policies and purposes of NEPA and CEQA as described in Appendix B, Off-Reservation Environmental Impact Analysis Checklist), where such effect is attributable, in whole or in part, to the Project, unless the parties agree, based upon the information required by section 11.14, subdivision (e), 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/or the City 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) Mitigation of any effect on public safety attributable to the Project, including any compensation to the County as a consequence thereof, to the extent such effects are not mitigated pursuant to subdivision (a)(2).
- (b) 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 Caltrans (i) for timely mitigation of all traffic impacts on the state highway system and facilities directly attributable to the Project, and/or (ii) incorporating the facts and findings required pursuant to section 11.14 subdivision (e) and payment of the Tribe's fair share of cumulative traffic impacts. Alternatively, Caltrans 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.
- (c) The Tribe shall not commence a Project until the intergovernmental agreement(s) with the County and the City specified in subdivision (a) and, if applicable the intergovernmental agreement with Caltrans specified in subdivision (b), are executed by the parties or are effectuated pursuant to section 11.16.
- (d) If implementation of certain identified mitigation measures for which the Tribe proposes to be responsible would require cooperation by the County, the City, or Caltrans, and that entity fails, refuses, or is unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures, the Tribe shall so notify the State in writing, and shall be relieved of only those mitigation obligations until the County, the City, or Caltrans has taken the action(s) necessary for the Tribe to implement those measures. If the State disagrees with the Tribe's determination that the County, the City, or Caltrans has failed, refused, or was unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures or the Tribe's determination that the mitigation measures require the County's, the City's, or Caltrans' cooperation, the Tribe and the State shall meet within thirty (30) days after the Tribe receives the State's

objections to resolve the issue. If after the meeting the State objects in writing to the Tribe's determination that the County, the City, or Caltrans has failed, refused, or was unable to cooperate in the implementation of those mitigation measures or the Tribe's determination that the mitigation measures require the County's, the City's, or Caltrans' cooperation, the dispute shall be resolved using the dispute resolution procedures set forth in section 11.10.

- (e) Nothing in this section requires the Tribe to enter into any other intergovernmental agreements with a state or local governmental entity other than as set forth in subdivisions (a) and (b).

### **Sec. 11.16. 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, the City, or Caltrans if required by section 11.15, subdivision (b), 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, the City, or Caltrans (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 Rules with respect to any remaining disputes arising from, connected with, or related to the negotiation.

- (a) The arbitration shall be conducted as follows:
  - (1) 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 11.15.
  - (2) The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing to resolve the matter 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 11.15, without unduly interfering with the principal objectives of the Project or imposing environmental mitigation measures

that 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.

- (3) The arbitrator shall take into consideration whether the Final TEIR provides the data and information necessary to enable the County, the City, or Caltrans if required by section 11.15, subdivision (b), 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.
  - (4) 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 therefor. Review of the resulting arbitration award is waived.
- (b) To effectuate this section, and in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Tribe agrees to expressly waive, and also 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 an arbitral award rendered in the arbitration; and (iii) enforce or execute a judgment in state or federal court based upon the award.
  - (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), the arbitral award will be deemed to be the intergovernmental agreement for the purposes of the requirements of section 11.15.
  - (d) An arbitral award entered pursuant to section 11.15 as the result of arbitration between the Tribe and Caltrans will be deemed the intergovernmental agreement for the purposes of the requirements of section 11.15, subdivision (b).
  - (e) If the arbitral award requires mitigation, and implementation of the Tribe's mitigation obligations thereunder requires that the County, the City, or Caltrans issue any permit(s) or take any other action needed for the Tribe to implement those obligations, and the Tribe determines that the County, the City, or Caltrans has failed, refused, or is unable

timely to take all necessary actions to enable the Tribe to implement its mitigation obligations, the requirements and the process provided in section 11.15, subdivision (d) shall apply.

**Sec. 11.17. Failure to Prepare Adequate TEIR or TEID.**

The Tribe's failure to prepare a TEIR or a TEID that satisfies the requirements and standards of section 11.0 may be deemed a breach of this Compact and furthermore shall be grounds for issuance of an injunction or other appropriate equitable relief.

**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. If, after the effective date of this Compact, the Tribe significantly renovates or expands its existing Gaming Facility, the Tribe shall use the best available ventilation technology for the portion of the Gaming Facility to be renovated or expanded, and shall use the best available ventilation technology in the construction of a new Gaming Facility. The Tribe shall comply with all applicable federal laws with respect to the sale of tobacco products.

**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 standards no less stringent than California public health standards for food and beverage handling. The Gaming Operation will allow inspection of food and beverage services by state or county health inspectors, during normal hours of operation, to

assess 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. Nothing herein shall be construed as submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of the state or county health inspectors, but any alleged violations of the standards shall be treated as alleged violations of this Compact.

- (b) Adopt and comply with standards no less stringent than federal water quality and safe drinking water standards applicable in California. The Gaming Operation will allow for inspection and testing of water quality by state or county health inspectors, as applicable, during normal hours of operation, to assess compliance with these standards, unless inspections and testing are made by an agency of the United States pursuant to, or by the Tribe under express authorization of, federal law, to ensure compliance with federal water quality and safe drinking water standards. Nothing herein shall be construed as submission of the Tribe to the jurisdiction of the state or county health inspectors, but any alleged violations of the standards shall be treated as alleged violations of this Compact.
- (c) Comply with the building and safety standards set forth in section 6.4.2.
- (d) Adopt and comply with federal workplace and occupational health and safety standards. Subsequent to an inspection or enforcement action by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration or by an agency of the United States pursuant to federal law, the Tribe will provide a copy of the inspector's report or other documentation of the inspection to the State Gaming Agency within ten (10) days of receipt of the report or other documentation of the inspection.
- (e) Adopt and comply with 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 tribal law no less stringent than federal 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, disability, gender identity, genetic information, military or veteran status, and any other protected groups under federal or California law, and forbidding employers from retaliation against persons who oppose discrimination or participate in employment discrimination proceedings (hereinafter “harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination” or “employment-related claim”); provided that nothing herein shall preclude the Tribe from giving a preference in employment to members and descendants of federally recognized Indian tribes pursuant to a duly adopted tribal ordinance. The tribal law required by this subdivision (f) is referred to hereafter as the “employment discrimination complaint ordinance.”

- (1) With respect to all employment-related claims as defined in subdivision (f), 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 employment of persons to work or working for, in connection with, or relating to the operation of, the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities. The Tribe hereby agrees the liability coverage would be available to all claimants who prove claims for unlawful harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination pursuant to the processes under this subdivision (f).
- (2) The Tribe, in the exercise of its sovereignty, hereby expressly waives, and also waives its right to assert, sovereign immunity and any and all defenses based thereon, up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of coverage available under the limits of the above-referenced employment practices liability insurance policy, for the award based on a proven employment-related claim arising out of the employment of persons to work or working for, 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 foregoing waiver of immunity is expressly limited to the tribal adjudicative processes set forth in this subdivision (f) and in the employment discrimination complaint ordinance, and to enforce an obligation required by, or to enforce or execute an ensuing award or judgment under, this subdivision (f).

- (3) Consistent with subdivision (f)(2), the Tribe shall include an endorsement with its employment practices liability insurance policy providing that the insurer shall not invoke tribal sovereign immunity up to the limits of such policy for claimants alleging retaliation, harassment, or employment discrimination pursuant to the processes set forth in this subdivision (f); however, such endorsement or acknowledgement shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise limit the Tribe's sovereign immunity for the pursuit of any employment-related claim outside the processes set forth herein, or for any portion of a proven claim that exceeds three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of insurance coverage. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to supersede any requirement in the Tribe's employment discrimination complaint ordinance that a claimant must satisfy to exhaust administrative remedies as a prerequisite to adjudication of any employment-related claims covered by this Compact.
- (4) The Tribe's harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination standards shall be subject to enforcement pursuant to the employment discrimination complaint ordinance, which shall be adopted by the Tribe prior to the effective date of this Compact and made available to Gaming Facility employees and their legal representatives. The Tribe hereby agrees to, and its employment discrimination complaint ordinance also shall continuously provide at least, the following:
  - (A) That tribal law provisions that are no less stringent than federal law, except for the coverage of the law to the protected classes enumerated under California law, shall govern all employee claims of harassment, retaliation, or

employment discrimination arising out of the employment of persons to work or working for, in connection with, or relating to the operation of, the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, or Gaming Activities; provided that punitive damages need not be a part of the employment discrimination complaint 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 and 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 the employment discrimination complaint ordinance and this section 12.3, subdivision (f), relating to claims for harassment, retaliation, or employment discrimination, but only up to the three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of insurance coverage under the above-referenced employment practices liability insurance policy; 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) of insurance coverage.
- (D) The employment discrimination complaint ordinance shall allow for the claim to be resolved in the first instance, either in the Tribal Court or by the Claims Commission. There also shall be available a tribal court of appeal, which shall consist of an individual appointed by the tribal council who is knowledgeable of the laws prohibiting harassment, retaliation, or employment

discrimination. No member of the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, or tribal court of appeal may be employed by the Gaming Facility or the Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, or tribal court of appeal shall be at no cost to the claimant (excluding claimant's attorney's fees and a nominal filing fee that will be refunded if the claim is successful). The adjudication, including any appeal, shall take place on the Tribe's Indian lands, or at another location within the County.

- (E) Discovery in the Tribal Court or Claims Commission proceedings shall be governed by procedures comparable to section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.
- (F) Any employee entitled to adjudicate disputes in the Tribal Court or Claims Commission who is dissatisfied with the award of the Tribal Court or 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 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 Claims Commission proceeding. The JAMS

appeal shall review all determinations of the Tribal Court or Claims Commission on matters of law, but shall not set aside any factual determinations of the Tribal Court or 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 Claims Commission will not be overturned on appeal.

(G) To effectuate its consent to the authority of the adjudicative bodies set forth in this section 12.3, subdivision (f), 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, Claims Commission, tribal court of appeal, and JAMS appeal and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.3, subdivision (f) or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon the award of the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, the tribal court of appeal, or JAMS appeal process.

(5) The employment discrimination complaint ordinance required under subdivision (f)(4) may require, as a prerequisite to pursuing the employment discrimination complaint resolution process described under subdivision (f)(4)(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 employment-related 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 by certified mail, return receipt requested (or any other form of delivery by which confirmation of receipt may be obtained) 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 (or any other form of delivery by which an executed return receipt by the claimant may be obtained) and the one hundred eighty (180)-day limitation period is prominently displayed on the front page of the notice.
  - (C) Adjudication 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.
- (6) 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 by certified mail, return receipt requested (or any other form of delivery by which confirmation of receipt may be obtained), 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 or her claim before the Tribal Court or the Claims Commission at no cost to the claimant (except for the claimant's attorney's fees and a nominal filing fee that will be refunded if the claim is successful).

- (7) In the event the Tribe fails to adopt the employment discrimination complaint ordinance specified in subdivision (f)(4), such failure shall constitute a breach of this Compact.
- (8) 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 standards that are no less stringent than California 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 California state laws, if any, governing the terms of extension of credit to patrons by gambling enterprises.
- (i) Comply with provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act, 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.
- (j) Adopt and comply with 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 rate set forth and adjusted in California Labor Code section 1182.12. Notwithstanding the foregoing, only the federal minimum wages laws set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 Code of Federal Regulations, part 500 et seq., shall apply to tipped employees.

#### **Sec. 12.4. Tribal Gaming Facility Standards Ordinance.**

The Tribe shall adopt in the form of an ordinance or ordinances the standards and obligations described in section 12.3 to which the Gaming Operation and Gaming Facility are held, and shall transmit the ordinance(s) to the State Gaming Agency not later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Compact. In the absence of a promulgated tribal standard in respect to a matter identified in section 12.3, 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 California 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 that provides coverage of no less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage directly arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Operation, Gaming Facility, or Gaming Activities (Policy). To effectuate the insurance coverage, the Tribe expressly waives, and waives 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, directly 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 such injury occurs at the Gaming Facility or on a road accessing the Facility exclusively. Nothing herein requires the Tribe to agree to liability for punitive damages or attorney's fees 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 adjudication of those claims up to the greater of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or the limits of the 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 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 the Tribe shall adopt as tribal law, provisions that are the same as California tort law to govern all claims of bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage directly 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 that such injury occurs at the Gaming Facility or on a road accessing the Facility exclusively. California law governing punitive damages and attorney's fees 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 asserting any claim(s) for money damages against the Tribe for bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage 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. Under no circumstances shall there be any awards of punitive damages or attorney's fees or costs.
  - (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 resolution of such claims in the Tribe's tribal court system with jurisdiction over the subject matter, or if there is no tribal court system, by a three-member tribal claims commission with jurisdiction over the subject matter, but only up to the ten million dollar (\$10,000,000) Policy limit; 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 dollar (\$10,000,000) Policy limit, whichever is greater, or for punitive damages or attorneys' fees.

- (3) The ordinance shall allow for the claim to be resolved in the Tribe's tribal court system (Tribal Court), or if there is no Tribal Court with jurisdiction over the subject matter, by the three (3)-member Claims Commission (Claims Commission). No member of the Claims Commission may be employed by the Gaming Facility or Gaming Operation. Resolution of the dispute before the Tribal Court or Claims Commission shall be at no cost to the Claimant (excluding Claimant's own attorney's fees and expenses). The Tribal Court or Claims Commission must afford the Claimant with a fair dispute resolution process that incorporates the essential elements of due process.
- (4) The Tribe shall consent to Tribal Court or Claims Commission adjudication to the extent of the ten million dollar (\$10,000,000) Policy limit, but not for punitive damages or attorneys' fees, that 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, and that any party dissatisfied with the award of the Tribal Court or Claims Commission may appeal to the Tribe's court of appeal, or if there is no tribal court of appeal, may invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent). Proceedings on appeal shall not be de novo, but shall be based solely upon the record developed in the Tribal Court or Claims Commission proceeding. The appellate forum shall review all determinations of the Tribal Court or Claims Commission on matters of law, but shall not set aside any factual determination of the Tribal Court or 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 Claims Commission will not be overturned on appeal. 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 advanced by the appellant at the time

the JAMS appeal option is elected, but the JAMS appellate arbitrator shall award costs and expenses, but not attorney's fees, to the prevailing party. The appeal proceedings shall take place in the County, or the nearest County in which JAMS is available, and shall use one (1) arbitrator, agreed upon by the parties.

- (5) To effectuate its consent to the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, tribal court of appeal, and if appropriate, 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, sovereign immunity in connection with the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, tribal court of appeal, and, if appropriate, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure and in any suit to (i) enforce an obligation under this section 12.5, or (ii) enforce or execute a judgment against the operating account of the Gaming Operation based upon the award of the Tribal Court, Claims Commission, tribal court of appeal or, if appropriate, JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure, subject to the limitations of this section.
- (6) 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 submit his or her written claim, together with all available supporting documentation, within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of written notice of the Tribal Dispute Process as long as notice thereof is served either personally on the claimant or by certified mail or overnight courier with proof of delivery requested to 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 other dispute resolution process shall be stayed until the completion of the Tribal Dispute Process or one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the claim is filed under the Tribal Dispute Process, whichever first occurs, unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period.

- (c) Upon written 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 or overnight courier, with proof of delivery receipt requested, that the claimant is required within the one hundred eighty (180)-day limitation period to first exhaust the Tribal Dispute Process, if any, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, is entitled to the appeal process described in subdivision (b)(4) above.
- (d) In the event the Tribe fails to adopt the ordinance specified in subdivision (b), such failure shall constitute a breach of this Compact.

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

- (a) Not later than the effective date of this Compact, the Tribe will advise the State of its election to participate in the statutory workers' compensation system as provided in subdivision (a)(1) below 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 standards set forth in subdivision (a)(2), including such waivers of the Tribe's sovereign immunity as are necessary to allow Gaming Operation and Gaming Facility employees to enforce the Tribe's workers' compensation system. The parties agree that independent contractors doing business with the Tribe must comply with all state workers' compensation laws and obligations.
  - (1) The Tribe agrees that it will participate in the State's workers' compensation program with respect to employees employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility. The workers' compensation program includes, but is not limited to, state laws relating to the securing of payment of compensation through one (1) 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. All disputes arising from the workers' compensation laws shall be heard by the 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 of this subdivision.

- (2) 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. This 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 provisions comparable to those mandated for comparable employees under state law, 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-approved list, a Qualified Medical Evaluator on the state-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, temporary and permanent disability, death, supplemental job displacement, and return to work supplement) comparable to those mandated for comparable employees under state law.
- (b) 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 and to effectuate its consent, in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Tribe expressly waives, and also waives its right to assert, its sovereign immunity in connection therewith.
- (c) As a matter of comity, the Tribe shall, with respect to persons, including nonresidents of California, employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility, withhold all amounts due to the State as provided in the California Unemployment Insurance Code and, except for tribal members living on the Tribe's reservation, the

California Revenue and Taxation Code and the regulations thereunder, as may be amended, 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. Any subsequent applicable changes to the California Revenue and Taxation Code and the regulations thereunder regarding the income tax withholding of tribal members shall supersede the tax withholding requirements of this subdivision. The Tribe shall notify the State prior to implementing any changes to the tax withholding requirements of this section. Any disagreement regarding the Tribe's proposed change in tax withholding shall be subject to the dispute resolution provisions of section 13.0 of this Compact.

- (d) Under principles of comity, the Tribe shall enact an ordinance granting its tribal court, or if it has no tribal court, a hearing officer appointed by the Tribe, jurisdiction and authority to recognize and enforce tribal or state court child or spousal support judgments entered against any person employed at the Gaming Operation or Gaming Facility (Family Support Ordinance). The failure of the Tribe to comply with the Family Support Ordinance shall not constitute a material breach of this Compact, unless the Tribe fails to promulgate the Family Support Ordinance within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this Compact. The Family Support Ordinance must incorporate the following provisions:
  - (1) At a hearing at which the employee is given personal notice, the tribal court or hearing officer shall recognize and enforce any state court child or spousal order presented to the tribal court or hearing officer, unless the employee can prove by a preponderance of evidence presented, any of the following: (i) that the state court that entered the judgment did not have personal jurisdiction over the employee; (ii) the state court did not have jurisdiction over the subject matter; (iii) the judgment was obtained by fraud that deprived the employee of an

adequate opportunity to present his/her case; (iv) the judgment conflicts with another final conclusive judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; or (v) the state court judge was biased against the employee.

- (2) The Gaming Facility shall, upon being presented with a tribal court judgment or hearing officer decision that recognizes the state court judgment: (i) withhold from the employee's work check any amount awarded by the tribal court or hearing officer against the employee and necessary to satisfy all or a portion of the state court judgement recognized by the tribal court or hearing officer, and (ii) remit the amount withheld to the party in whose favor the judgment was entered. The Tribe's grant of jurisdiction to the tribal court or hearing officer shall include a procedure allowing the employee to apply for a claim of exemption from all or a portion of the judgment to pay for the employee's necessities of life as defined in the Ordinance.

#### **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 California state law.

#### **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, tribal or local law enforcement personnel, or tribal security personnel authorized by tribal law and federal or California 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 D to this Compact, and the Gaming

Activities may continue only 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 as adopted, on or before the effective date of this Compact.

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

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

In recognition of the government-to-government relationship of 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 (for purposes of this section 13.0 also referred to as the “party” or “parties”) 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 where the Tribe's Gaming Facility is located, or if the federal court lacks jurisdiction, in any state court of competent jurisdiction in or over the relevant County. The disputes to be submitted to court action include, but are not limited to, claims of breach of this Compact, and failure to negotiate in good faith as required by the terms of the 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 any action based in whole or in part on issues arising out of this Compact, or 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.**

Provided that the remedies expressly provided in section 13.4 are the sole and exclusive remedies available under this Compact, arbitration between the Tribe and the State shall be conducted before a JAMS arbitrator in accordance with JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures. 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. 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 13.2, 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 and the parties agree that either party may file a 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. The parties agree not to assert, and will waive, any defense alleging improper venue or forum non conveniens as to any state court located within the County or any federal court located in the Southern District of California in any such action brought with respect to the arbitration award.

**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 the Tribe or the State, 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 judicial enforcement of any judgment or award resulting therefrom, the State and the Tribe expressly waive their right to assert any and all 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, as determined by the court, to preserve the court's 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, but not limited to, 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.

### **Sec. 13.5. Termination.**

- (a) Subsequent to exhausting the section 13.0 dispute resolution provisions, after providing a thirty (30)-day written notice of an opportunity to cure any alleged breach of this Compact, unless the circumstances are deemed to require immediate relief, either the Tribe or the State (also referred to in this section as "party or parties") may bring an action in federal court for a declaration that the other party has materially breached this Compact. If the federal court rules that a party has materially breached this Compact, then the party found to have committed the breach shall have thirty (30) days after a final decision has been issued by the court after any appeals to cure the material breach. The court may order additional time to cure the

breach if the material breach cannot be cured within thirty (30) days even in good faith and with due diligence.

- (b) If the material breach is not cured within the time allowed by the court, then in addition to the declaration of material breach and any equitable remedies explicitly identified in section 13.0 that may have been awarded, the non-breaching party may seek, in the same federal court action, termination of the Compact as a further judicially imposed remedy. The court may order termination based only on a finding (i) that the respondent party has breached its Compact obligations, and (ii) that the respondent party failed to cure the material breach within the time allowed. 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 the County, and any finding that termination is warranted shall be effective thirty (30) days after issuance of the termination order by the federal district court or superior court, as the case may be.
- (c) The parties expressly waive, and also waive their right to assert, their sovereign immunity from suit for purposes of an action under this section, subject to the waiver qualifications stated in section 13.4.

## **SECTION 14.0. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM OF COMPACT.**

### **Sec. 14.1. Effective Date.**

This Compact shall be effective upon the occurrence of both of the following:

- (a) The Compact is ratified in accordance with the Tribe's law and State law; and
- (b) Notice that the Compact has been approved or deemed approved is published in the Federal Register as provided in 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B).

**Sec. 14.2. Term of Compact.**

- (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) If this Compact does not take effect by January 1, 2020, 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 the Tribe and the State (also referred to in section 15.0 as “party” or “parties”) during the term of this Compact set forth in section 14.2, provided that each party voluntarily consents to such negotiations, including the scope of such negotiations, in writing.

**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 one (1) year. If the parties are engaged in negotiations that both parties agree in writing are proceeding towards conclusion of a new or amended compact, this Compact shall automatically be extended for an additional two (2) years.

**Sec. 15.3. Changes in the Law.**

If a federal or state court decides that, as a result of a change in the law, a provision of the Compact is invalid or inoperable but also decides that the Compact remains valid and the court’s judgment is not stayed pending appeal, the parties shall meet and negotiate in good faith concerning a replacement for that Compact provision and other appropriate related amendments. The parties shall meet within thirty (30) days after the ruling of invalidity or inoperability becomes effective.

**Sec. 15.4. Entitlement to Renegotiate Compact Based on Changed Market Conditions.**

Notwithstanding the foregoing sections 15.1 through 15.3, the State shall, within forty-five (45) days of the Tribe's written request, participate in good faith negotiations with the Tribe to amend its Compact where the stated basis for the Tribe's request is changed conditions that either (i) materially and adversely affect the Tribe's Gaming Operation such that the Tribe no longer enjoys the benefits otherwise provided by this Compact and the Tribe's obligations under this Compact therefore become unduly onerous or (ii) create new opportunities to expand its gaming operation beyond the limitations on Gaming Devices or Gaming Facilities of this Compact. The State has no obligation to enter into negotiations unless the Tribe provides information adequate to prove that its request meets the required basis for negotiations pursuant to this section.

**Sec. 15.5. Entitlement to Renegotiate Compact Based on State Authorization of New Forms of Class III Gaming.**

If the State authorizes Class III Gaming activities not expressly authorized in this Compact, the parties shall, at the Tribe's request, enter into good-faith negotiations pursuant to IGRA to amend section 3.0 of this Compact for the purpose of adding the newly authorized Class III Gaming activity and making other appropriate related amendments.

**Sec. 15.6. 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 either section 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, or 15.5, the parties shall confer within forty-five (45) days of the request to determine (i) whether the request meets the requirements of section 15.0 and, if so, (ii) the scope of negotiations, and (iii) a schedule for commencing negotiations, and thereafter 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 at 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

Darrell Mike, Chairman  
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission  
Indians  
46-200 Harrison Place  
Coachella, CA 92236

**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 State’s 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 right on the part of a third party or third-party beneficiary 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 Tribe and the State and supersedes, supplants, and extinguishes any prior 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 Tribe and the State 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 Tribe and the State in equal parts so that no presumptions or inferences concerning its terms or interpretation may be construed against either 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 or rules, as they may be amended from time to time, and any successor provision or set of rules. Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of any subsequent amendment of such statutory provision, regulation, or rules or any successor provision (Amendment), either the Tribe or the State may give notice of its position that the Amendment does not apply to the Compact. If the Tribe and the State agree that the Amendment does not apply to the Compact, that agreement shall be memorialized in a document endorsed by the Tribe and the State. If the parties do not agree that the Amendment applies to the Compact, the parties shall resolve the dispute in accordance with section 13.0 of this Compact.



### **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 and the State Gaming Agency shall provide the Tribe with written confirmation of receipt of said ordinance or regulations within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof.

### **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, the State's 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 Tribe and the State agree to meet and confer for the purpose of discussing the event and appropriate actions, if any, given the circumstances. If the parties cannot agree to their mutual satisfaction that a force majeure event has occurred or on appropriate actions to remedy the force majeure event within fourteen (14) days after the initial meeting between the parties to discuss the matter, either party may submit the matter to dispute resolution under Section 13.0 of this Compact.

## **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 no later than thirty (30) days after the execution of this Compact by the undersigned.
- (b) The Tribe further represents that it is (i) recognized as eligible by the Secretary of the Department 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 Department 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. If the Tribe fails to timely provide written proof of the undersigned's aforesaid authority to execute this Compact or written proof of ratification by the Tribe's governing body, the Governor shall have the right to declare this Compact null and void.
- (d) In the event the Tribe (i) asserts in any dispute between the Tribe and the State that the undersigned lacked the authority to execute this Compact on behalf of the Tribe, or (ii) in any Compact-related dispute in the limited contexts set forth in this Compact, including, but not limited to, the Compact provisions governing tort, workers compensation, patron, or employment discrimination claims, 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. If the Tribe otherwise identifies a potential defect regarding the authority of the undersigned to execute this Compact or the effectiveness of the limited waivers of the Tribe's sovereign immunity, and takes action to resolve the defect, the Tribe's right to conduct Class III Gaming under the terms of this Compact are not implicated unless and until the Tribe makes the assertions specified in (i) or (ii) above.

- (1) The Tribe shall give written notice to the State of its intent to assert either that the undersigned lacked authority to execute this Compact on behalf of the Tribe or that its waiver of sovereign immunity is not valid for the reasons stated in this subdivision at least fourteen (14) days before making that assertion, and shall cease conducting Class III Gaming within thirty (30) days of making the assertion.
- (2) Within fourteen (14) days after identifying a potential defect regarding the authority of the undersigned to execute this Compact or the effectiveness of the limited waivers of the Tribe's sovereign immunity as stated in the Compact, the Tribe shall give written notice to the State of the facts related to the potential defect and the specific actions the Tribe is taking to cure the potential defect.
- (3) Notwithstanding any provisions in this subsection (d), the Tribe's right to conduct Class III Gaming under the terms of this Compact will be restored if the Tribe, as soon as practicable, withdraws the assertion, and/or is undertaking to do and does all things necessary under tribal law to effectuate the waiver of the Tribe's immunity under this Compact.

- (e) This Compact shall not be presented to the California State Legislature for a ratification vote until the Tribe has provided the written proof required in subdivision (a) to the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned sign this Compact on behalf of the State of California and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF  
MISSION INDIANS



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



By Darrell Mike  
Chairman of the Twenty-Nine Palms  
Band of Mission Indians

Executed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August,  
2018, at Sacramento, California

Executed this 3 day of Aug,  
2018, at Coachella, California

**ATTEST:**

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Alex Padilla  
Secretary of State, State of California

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