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**MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2007  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich present.

3. Applications for State Gambling License – Request to Withdraw Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

Club Caribe: Tom Bowling

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the request of Tom Bowling to withdraw his application for a state gambling license without prejudice. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

4. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):

A. Clovis 500 Club: A General Partnership

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the renewal of the state gambling license from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 for Clovis 500 Club, Item 4.A., including all associated applicants and endorsees. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners

Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

B. Napa Valley Casino: BVK Gaming Incorporate, A California Corporation

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the renewal of the state gambling license from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 for Napa Valley Casino, Item 4.B., including all associated endorsees.

Brian Altizer, owner, responding to concerns raised by Chairman Shelton, indicated that the cardroom has four applications currently pending for key employee licenses.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

C. Turlock Poker Room: Jose Fernandez, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the renewal of the state gambling license from June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008 for Turlock Poker Room, Item 4.C., including all associated applicants.

Phillip Rhineschild, designated agent, inquired whether the recommendation called for a condition to be placed on the license concerning key employees. Deputy Director Ciau indicated that the recommendation did not include any condition to be placed on the license.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Cruz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

5. Applications for Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854):

- A. Artichoke Joe's Casino: Brian McCandless
- B. Casino Club: Rodney Jones; Pamela Senn
- C. Crystal Casino & Hotel: Mindy Loeung
- D. Golden State Casino: Moua Vang
- E. Hawaiian Gardens Casino: Charles Skula
- F. Hotel Del Rio & Casino: Mark Young
- G. Hustler Casino: Brian Lin; George Monsoor; Do Song
- H. The River Card Room: Anthony Marchi

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the applications for a key employee license for the applicants listed in agenda items 6.A., and 6.C. through 6.H. Commissioner Cruz moved to approve the staff recommendation with the understanding that the Division report back to the Commission on Item 5.B. for any possible follow-up. Chairman Shelton seconded the motion, which unanimously

carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

6. Requests for Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12359):

Bicycle Casino

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the requests of Bicycle Casino for 20 additional tables for a total of 190 tables authorized on the license. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

7. Applications for Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):

Empire Sportsmen's Association: Christa Khamphoune

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the application for a work permit for Christa Khamphoune. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation

8. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services (TPPPS) Registration to a License – Request for Withdrawal Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):

Premier Player Providers, Inc.: Jason Kahele; Fae Saeteune

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the request for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications to convert TPPPS registration to a license for Premier Player Providers, Inc. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

9. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services (TPPPS) Registration to a License – Request for Withdrawal With Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):

Paul Napier: Shaun McKinney

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the request for withdrawal, with prejudice, of the applications to convert TPPPS registration to a license for Paul Napier and Shaun McKinney. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll

call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

10. Applications for Request to Convert Gambling Business Registration to a License – Request to Withdraw Without Prejudice (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12234):  
Premier Player Providers, Inc.: Fae Saeteune

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the request for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications to convert gambling business registration to a license for Premier Player Providers, Inc. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

11. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

A. Happ Controls, Inc.:

Thomas Bagley

Thomas Happ

Happ Controls, LLC

Pfingsten Executive QP Fund III, LP

Pfingsten Partners III, LP

Leonardus Sovereign

John Underwood

Frank Happ

Happ Acquisition, Inc.

James Norton

Pfingsten Partners, LLC

David Reginelli

Suzo International, Inc.

Lisa Rowell, Manager, Licensing Division, indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the application for an initial Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability for Happ Controls, Inc. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

B. QCS Enterprises, Inc.:

James Paul

Sharon Paul

Lisa Rowell, Manager, Licensing Division, indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the application for renewal of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability for QCS Enterprises, Inc. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

12. Application for Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability – Request for Withdrawal Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

- A. Caesars Entertainment Development, LLC:
 

Caesars Entertainment Development, LLC	Peter George
Bernard Delury	Wallace Barr
- B. Elite Manufacturing Technologies, Inc.:
 

Elite Manufacturing Technologies, Inc.	James Colon
Ronald Sommers	
- C. Venture Catalyst, Inc.: Edward Fasulo

Lisa Rowell, Manager, Licensing Division, indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the requests for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications for a Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability for Items 12.A. through 12.C. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Cruz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

13. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability – Request For Withdrawal Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

- A. Rincon Band of Luiseno Band of Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation – Harrah’s Rincon Casino: Thomas Van Cleef
- B. Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino: Jamie Dias
- C. Smith River Rancheria – Lucky 7 Casino: Allen Streight

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the requests for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications for a key employee finding of suitability for Items 13.A. through 13.C. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

14. Applications for Renewal Work Permit (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):

- Merced Poker Room: Kou Vang

15. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability Initials (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

- A. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians – Agua Caliente Casino:
 

Curtis Johnson	James McQuillen Jr.
Iris Moyer	
- B. Augustine Band of Mission Indians – Augustine Casino:
 

Eric Blacketer	Dulce Fernandez
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Matthew Mullen	Russell Newcomer
Tommy Nguyen	Rowena Nunag
Judith O'Donnell	Marshall Palmer
Natthawas Prutthipatham	Stephen Rodriguez
Leah Roz-Wilson	LeAna Sabala
Ginger Severns	Pauline Shine
Deborah Shinski	Ruel Soliva
Brenda Taylor	Steve Wallace
Rachel Woods	

P. Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino:

Rowena Decena	Regina Enriquez
Cameron Gomez	Uriel Guerra
Mark Hayes	Maria Presto
Nancy Saechao	Dwayne Swenson
Howard Works	

Q. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation – Chumash Casino: Adrienne Mendoza

R. Table Mountain Rancheria – Table Mountain Casino:

Oscar Lomeli	Voltaire Olay
Patrick Rankin	

S. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino:

Caroline Budrow

T. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Spotlight 29 Casino: Roderic Herbst

U. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:

Evangelina Arellano	Susan George
Long Luong	

16. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability Renewals: (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

A. Augustine Band of Mission Indians – Augustine Casino:

Francis Brisco	Rosario Garcia
Timothy Hicks	Alejandro Rodriguez
Gordon Waldespohl	

B. Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria – Cher-Ae-Heights Casino:

Raymond Bacon Jr.

C. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – River Rock Casino:

Jerry Arretche	Raymond Leung
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D. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Casino Morongo:

Michael Taylor	Edgar Tibayan
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E. Paiute-Shoshone Indians of the Bishop Community of the Bishop Colony – Paiute Palace Casino: Darlene Salas

F. Pala Band of Mission Indians – Pala Casino:

Susan Armour  
 Teri Ten Brinke  
 Michael Carson  
 John Clausen  
 Sal Enriquez  
 Shelley Graves  
 Michael Heinzmann  
 Harry Johnson  
 Carol Macleod  
 Sarah Mazzola  
 Christopher Ng  
 Ralph Piccola Jr.  
 Valerie Pinocci  
 Laura Sanchez  
 Rickey Schultz  
 Steven Suenaga  
 Kevin Thompsen  
 Oliva Wright

Karen Becker  
 Donald Buchholz  
 Bobby Chau  
 Dennis Eckenrode  
 Mario Ferro  
 Henry Haines  
 John Hull IV  
 Gulfield Jones  
 Brett Marek  
 Stephanie McQuade  
 Ronald Olsen  
 Mary Pino-Burnam  
 Joseph Popowich  
 Louis Sapanaro  
 Surjit Singh  
 Mark Switzer  
 Donna Weber  
 Jae Yoon

G. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation –  
 Pechanga Resort and Casino:

John Foster  
 Hai Nguyen  
 Seung Shin

Rodney Luck  
 Tina Scott  
 William Stewart

H. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah's Rincon:

Bridget Giannotti  
 Andrew Knust

Timothy Hargesheimer  
 Dawn Polk

I. Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians – Cache Creek Indian Bingo and  
 Casino:

George Andrews  
 Corry Brailsford  
 John Derby  
 Mazen Kasir  
 Sounthone Khampanya  
 Kim Ngan  
 Donald Nolen  
 Oliver Shoemaker

Marc Battaglia  
 Dustin Day  
 Wendy Hedrick  
 Choong Lee  
 Kathryn Mayer  
 Galang Nguyen  
 Gloria Barrios-Quinones  
 Scott Tomlin

J. San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation  
 – San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino:

Hector Garcia  
 Felix Yglesias

Ralph Rubio Jr.

K. San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Valley View Casino:

Nicolas Corona  
 Bruce Howard  
 Larry Natwick

Imelda De La Torre  
 Leilani Marquiss  
 John Pusak

L. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation  
 – Chumash Casino:

Scheryl Contreras  
 Wayne Hurte

Douglas Harter  
 Jean Mendoza

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| Phillip Mendoza Jr. | Linda Myjak   |
| Eric Owens          | Brittany Rehr |
- M. Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation – Eagle Mountain Casino:  
Kimberly Edwards
- N. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino:
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| Kenneth Anderson | Kathryn Bailey  |
| Duane Fillmore   | William Lindner |
| Genaro Martinez  | Russell Morales |
| Aaron Moss       | Tina Pauly      |
| Daniel Picard    | Yvonda Roberson |
| Toni Sundling    |                 |
- O. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:
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| Edwin Acorda      | Matthew Bauman          |
| Sarun Chan        | Donald Davis            |
| Thomas Dean       | Rhonda Finch            |
| Eduardo Fontillas | Gerald Glenn            |
| Todd Hart         | Kim Maxey               |
| Julio Mayhew      | Michelle McConnaughy    |
| John McCormick    | Tamra Mehlbrech-Brewton |
| Chou Nadone       | Todd Neely              |
| Patrick Rhinehart | Lester Ritter           |
| Kao Saechao       | Kim Saechao             |
| Mey Saechao       | Steve Saechao           |
| Nai Saetern       | Cheo Saeteun            |
| Foochiem Saeteurn | Kevin Simington         |
| Robert Smith      | Amanda Steele           |
| Tony Tieu         | Wayne Woods Jr.         |
- P. Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians - Viejas Casino and Turf Club:
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| Stephen Clark        | Manny Colergo    |
| JoAnn Gonsalves      | Gilbert Hill     |
| Colleen Kelly        | Mindy Letourneau |
| Harry Lockett        | Thomas Maloney   |
| Maniphone Phengmixay | Frank Riolo      |
| Vicky Senephoumy     |                  |

Deputy Director Ciau announced that Consent Calendar Item 15.T. was being tabled by staff and then indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the Consent Calendar agenda items 14 through 16. Upon motion of Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Chairman Shelton and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairman Shelton announced that the Commission would not adjourn to closed session.

**ADOURNMENT**

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.