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**MINUTES OF June 28, 2007
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Cruz called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

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

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes:
 - A. May 9, 2007
 - B. May 10, 2007
 - C. June 7, 2007

Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the Meeting Minutes of May 9, May 10, and June 7, 2007.

4. Request for Approval of Articles of Incorporation (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19881):
ABA Energy Corporation (Aldo's Cardroom)

Chief Counsel CY Rickards indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the articles of incorporation without conditions. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, and seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

5. Request for Approval of Sale of Existing Gambling Establishment (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19824(c)):
Aldo's Cardroom: Waldo Escobar proprietor

Chief Counsel CY Rickards indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve without conditions the sale of Aldo's Cardroom. Commissioner Shimazu questioned if it would be subject to licensure later on. Counsel agreed it would. Commissioner Vuksich questioned whether the local ordinance needed amendment. Counsel Cy Rickards indicated that the 25 tables allowed in the jurisdiction does not affect the moratorium, and that the city has no limitations on the number of tables per cardroom at this time. Ordinance reviews are generally handled during a cardroom's renewal process, and the Commission could revisit the current ordinance at that time. Harlan Goodson then addressed the Commissioners regarding the ongoing process of amending the ordinance. Purchasers have been working with the City of Delano, and the ordinance cannot be on the City's agenda before September 2007. It is unknown at this time whether there is opposition to the proposed ordinance change. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, and seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

6. Applications for State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 19851):
Lucky Chances Casino: Lucky Chances, Inc.

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the initial applications for the gambling establishment license for Rommel Medina and Ruell Medina as the new owners for the remaining licensure period through June 30, 2007- June 30, 2008. Commissioner Cruz asked if the clients would object if Mr. Medina remained licensed. Counsel Blonien stated that they do not object to having Mr. Medina keep his licensure, but he is also willing to relinquish it as of August 15, 2007. Mr. Medina would also not be employed with Lucky Chances after August 15, 2007. If Mr. Renee Medina is indicted or has his license revoked, Rommel and Ruell Medina's owner licenses would not be affected. Upon motion of Commissioner Cruz, and seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

- 7: Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):

A: Bruce's Casino Club: John Gallo, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve of the renewal application for licensure (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) with the following condition placed on the license: Condition: The license is conditioned upon the local gambling ordinance coming into compliance with the Gambling Control Act (Business and Professions Code Section 19860 (a)(4)) within 12 months of issuance/renewal.

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

B: Casino Real: Ernest Schmiedt, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the renewal application for the period July 1, 2007 to June 20, 2008, with the following key employees Julie Baron, Sayasith Chantrirack, Ngoc Huynh, and Dennis Williams. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, Seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

8: Request to Remove Condition from State Gambling License:

A. Casino Club: Casino Poker Club, Inc.

Deputy Director Ciau stated that staff recommends the Commission remove the condition that the local gambling ordinance must come into compliance with the Gambling Control Act (B&P Code section 19860(a)(4)). The local ordinance was amended and is now in compliance. Upon motion of Commissioner Cruz, Seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

B. The Bicycle Casino: Bicycle Casino, LP

Deputy Director Ciau stated that staff recommends the Commission remove the condition that the local gambling ordinance must come into compliance with the Gambling Control Act (B&P Code section 19860(a)(4)). The City's municipal code was amended and is now in compliance. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, Seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

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

Turlock Poker Room: Jose Fernandez, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the request for three (3) additional permanent tables for a total of ten (10). Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, Seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

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

- A. Napa Valley Casino: Manuyya Pansuntorn
- B. The 101 Casino: Matthew Williamson
- C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Ean Pheng

Deputy Director Ciau recommended to the Commission to approve the initial applications for Work Permit for the applicants listed in Agenda Items 10A through 10B. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, Seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

Deputy Director Ciau recommended to the Commission to deny the initial applications for Work Permit for the applicant listed in Agenda Item 10C. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, Seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

11. Applications to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):

Pacific Palace, Inc.:

Sunny Lam
Phillip Tran

An Lin
Tim Yip

Anthony Mo

Deputy Director Ciau recommended that the Commission approve the request to convert the Third-Party Provider of Proposition Players Services registration to a license for the applicants licensed above. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, Seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

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

A. Gasser Chair Company Inc.:

Eugene Gasser

Gary Gasser

Janet Gasser

Mark Gasser

Evelyn Mihin

B. V.S.R. Industries, Inc.:

Leo Wright

Charles DeGregorio

Colton Vollmann

Deputy Director Ciau recommended that the Commission approve the Finding of Suitability renewal as listed in the agenda items 12A and 12B for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by

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

13. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Spotlight 29 Casino: Joseph Jefferson

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the Initial Tribal Key Employee Finding of Suitability for Joseph Jefferson. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

14. Consideration of Proposed Decisions (Pursuant to Government Code section 11517):
- A. Timothy Stroud, Application for State Gambling License, Gold Rush Casino/Resort, Grover Beach – Administrative Law Judge’s Recommendation: Denial of State Gambling License.
 - B. Chanthou Suon, Application for Work Permit for Empire Sportsmen’s Association – Administrative Law Judge’s Recommendation: Denial of Work Permit.

Commissioner Cruz opened up the floor to the public for or against the proposed decision. Timothy Stroud made comments on his background and history. Mr. Stroud stated that if he were denied a license, then the business would close. He also wants to recoup if he can sell the business to someone the Commissioners approve. Deputy Attorney General Christine Murphy from Attorney General’s Office referred the Commissioners to the evidence and proposed decision before them and noted that the Division had been in contact with Mr. Stroud’s attorney. Francoise Rhodes oppose the proposed decision because the Division’s investigation was so bad.

After Closed Session deliberations, on motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the proposed decision for Item 14A. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Cruz and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the proposed decision for Item 14B.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the Consent Calendar agenda items 15 and 16. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu,

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

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: S. Curtis Warner
 - B. Augustine Band of Mission Indians – Augustine Casino: Jim Wright
 - C. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians – Fantasy Springs Casino: Todd Rous
 - D. Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation – Cahuilla Creek Casino:
Robert Garcia, Jr.
 - E. Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation – Havasu Landing Resort and Casino: Leland Hultquist
 - F. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – River Rock Casino: Joubert Olson
 - G. La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the La Posta Indian Reservation – La Posta Casino:
Melinda Castellano Garret Roquet
 - H. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:
Teri Ortiz Vincent Rosa
 - I. Pala Band of Mission Indians – Pala Casino:
Jaret Gwizdala Annielyn Lapitan Joseph Vido
John Zastrow
 - J. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation – Pechanga Resort and Casino:
Lauretta Alfano Thong Ngo Merari Seller
Harvey Weiss
 - K. Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation – Paradise Casino California:
Monica Rodriguez
 - L. Redding Rancheria – Win-River Casino:
Michael Martinez Petra Winn
 - M. Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians – Cache Creek Casino Resort:
Charles Carver Malaikham Chansombath Martin Gonzalez
Ronald Overstreet John Saelee Sera Suminski
 - N. San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation – San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino:
Georgia Cagle Tanek Escatel Meltem Graham
Daniel Im
 - O. San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Valley View Casino: Thomas Pugh
 - P. Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino:
Timmy Davis Stanley Espinoza John Gerwe
Samantha Maldonado Victoria Martinez Karen Mendez
Jack Nguyen Stanley Osborne Bora Phan
Veronica Reynoso Shane Rhodes Lynn Rummerfield
Ken Saechao Missie Spence Jeremy Thompson
 - Q. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians- Soboba Casino:

- Michael Carchio Russell Terbeek
- R. Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Sycuan Casino: Reggie Reid
- S. Table Mountain Rancheria – Table Mountain Casino:
 Yoke Cheng Carollynn Long Che Sanchez
 Tria Vang Ger Yang
- T. Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians - Viejas Casino and Turf Club: Michael Martinez
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. Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria – Colusa Casino and Bingo: Gloria Barrozo
- B. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – River Rock Casino:
 Emilie Geoffrion Soudchay Manibot Fernando Mariano, Jr.
- C. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:
 Christina Gernux Holly McDaniel Erika Mendoza
 Dana Rodriguez
- D. Pala Band of Mission Indians – Pala Casino: Ronny Whitehead
- E. Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation – Casino Pauma: Steve Ramuno
- F. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah’s Rincon: Jesse Hernandez
- G. San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation – San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino:
 Don Chen Thomas Hedrick Adrian Nicholas
 Douglas Strickland Anthony Truong
- H. San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Valley View Casino: Rosario Puleo
- I. Smith River Rancheria – Lucky 7 Casino: Carl James
- J. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Spotlight 29 Casino:
 Erin Isham Karla Kezis Juan Parra
- K. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:
 Gail Almasi Eric Chong Angelica Gomez
 Jason Smith James Wong
- L. Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians - Viejas Casino and Turf Club:
 Jennifer Bryant Luis Carsajal Kevin Gray
 Johnny Kem Janis Neal Kristen Ojetti

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION:

At 2:19 P.M. Commissioner Cruz announced that the Commission would adjourn to closed session. The meeting then reconvened at 2:48 P.M.

ADOURNMENT

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Commissioners Cruz, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.