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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2007  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Dean Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken with Chairman Dean Shelton and Commissioners Stephanie Shimazu, and Alexa Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes:
  - A. August 9, 2007

Commissioner Shimazu recommended a change to the minutes on page 3, second full paragraph to read as: "Commissioner Shimazu confirmed that Ms. Xiong made the initial payment from her retirement savings and then asked what Ms. Xiong did for a living previously. She stated that she had been a dealer at a cardroom."

Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton, Commissioners Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved the meeting minutes for August 9, 2007 with the above changes.

4. Request for Approval of Articles of Incorporation (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19981):
  - A. Casino Real, Inc. (Casino Real)
  - B. Central Coast Casino Grover Beach, Inc. (Central Coast Casino – Grover Beach)

Staff Counsel Ayoade Adeniyi recommended that the Commission approve the Articles of Incorporation for both 4A and 4B as listed on the agenda. Legal had reviewed the Articles and determined that they were in compliance with the Gambling Control Act.

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

5. Application for Approval for State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees – Request for Withdrawal Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):  
Normandie Club, A California General Partnership: Miller Family Trust

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the request to withdraw without prejudice the Miller Family Trust.

Commissioner Shimazu had a question regarding the withdrawal of the trust application. Deputy Ciau clarified that any distributions would come from the estate and that a transfer of shares would be brought before the Commission for approval.

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

6. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):  
Aldo's Cardroom: Waldo Esquivel, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the renewal of the state gambling license for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

Commissioner Vuksich made a comment regarding the gap in the sale of the establishment and the licensure of the new owner and whether there should be another category of licensure. Deputy Ciau stated that during her time here this has historically been the process. Chief Counsel Cy Rickards then stated that, in the future, purchase agreements and license applications by the new owners will be brought to the Commission concurrently.

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

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

- A. Normandie Club:
  - i. Brandon Gordon
  - ii. Robert Oliver
- B. Oaks Card Club: Richard Stuchiner
- C. Turlock Poker Room: Jason Ingle
- D. Village Club: Victor Ramos, II

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended the Commission approve Items 7A through 7D.

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

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

- A. Merced Poker Room: Phong Yang
- B. Napa Valley Casino:
  - i. Kimberly Anderson
  - ii. Jennifer Huie
  - iii. Paul Sutherland
- C. Oasis Card Room: Charles Walters

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve Items 8A through 8C.

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

9. Applications for Work Permit – Request for Withdrawal Without Prejudice (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):

Napa Valley Casino: Jessie Stein

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the request to withdraw the application without prejudice for Jessie Stein.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton, Commissioners 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):

Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Richard Reyes

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the request to withdraw without prejudice the application of Richard Reyes.

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

11. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services 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):

- A. Bay Area Players Group, Inc.: Coleen Jee
- B. Certified Players, Inc.:
  - i. Gabriel McDonald
  - ii. Federico Perez
- C. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.: Richard Reyes
- D. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC: John Weakley
- E. Pacific Palace, Inc.:
  - i. Trung Huynh
  - ii. Nancy Lu
  - iii. Francisco Mendez
  - iv. Joseph Ombico
  - v. Kieu Nhit Sy
  - vi. Phong Vong
  - vii. Shao Zheng
  - viii. Gore Wang
- F. Progressive Gaming Group, Inc.: Joseph Ombico

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the withdrawal requests listed in items 11A through 11F.

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

12. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services 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):

- Progressive Gaming Group, Inc.: Mary Wong

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff concurred with the Division's recommendation to approve the request to withdraw with prejudice the application of Mary Wong.

Commissioner Shimazu asked if the Division would refund any unused funds and Deputy Director Ciau indicated that all monies would be refunded. Chairman Shelton questioned whether violations had been filed and Deputy Ciau indicated that they had not. Chairman Shelton expressed his concern that violations were overlooked and that there appeared to be inconsistencies in the process, which should not occur. He strongly recommended that all similar issues brought before the commission be consistent.

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

13. 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):

Progressive Gaming Group, Inc.:

- i. Progressive Gaming Group, Inc.
- ii. Wendy Huang
- iii. Stanley Yeung

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission deny the applications to convert the registration to licensure for Progressive Gaming Group, Inc, Wendy Wang and Stanley Young.

Chairman Shelton then asked if the parties were notified and Deputy Director Ciau stated letters were sent certified mail and that the designated agent did pick up the letter, but the owners did not.

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

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

- A. HCAL Corporation:
  - i. Erin Corbett
  - ii. Gerald Tuthill
- B. JCM American Corporation: Tatsuya Urata

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the request to withdraw without prejudice for applications listed in Agenda Items 14A and 14B.

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

**Consent Calendar Items:**

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve Agenda Items 15, 16, and 17 under the consent calendar.

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

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

- A. Central Coast Casino – Grover Beach:
  - i. Lloyd Moser
  - ii. Mark Ullstrom
- B. Lake Bowl Cardroom:
  - i. William Johnson
- C. Merced Poker Room:
  - i. Thong Moua
- D. Outlaws Card Parlour:
  - i. Lori Manfredi
  - ii. Christopher Moore
- E. The 101 Casino:
  - i. Robin Boyce

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

- A. Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians – Augustine Casino:
  - Scott Colon
  - Dora Lechuga
  - Milica Miljkovic
  - Alma Munoz
- B. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians – Fantasy Springs Casino: Keith Huhn
- C. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – River Rock Casino: Emily Saynorath
- D. Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation – Casino Pauma: Alan Dinwiddie
- E. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation – Pechanga Resort and Casino: Queena Chan
- F. Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians – Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino:
  - Jason Herren
  - Thao Lee
- G. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah's Rincon:
  - Duke Hoang
  - Robert Treasure
- H. Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians – Cache Creek Casino Resort: Khoeuth Khorn
- I. San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation – San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino:
  - Danny Kim
  - Shailendra Patel
  - Terry Raymer
- J. Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino: Teap Rorn
- K. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation – Chumash Casino:
  - Annette Hoosier
  - Steven Salazar
- L. Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Santa Ysabel Casino:
  - Stephanie Bucaro
  - Richard Zelner
- M. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians- Soboba Casino:
  - William Craig
  - Jill Tucker
- N. Susanville Indian Rancheria – Diamond Mountain Casino:
  - Resa Mullen
  - Ralph Olsen
- O. Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Sycuan Casino: Jennifer Ng

- P. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino:
    - Jamie Falk
    - Maureen Wagoner
  - Q. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:
    - Joshua Edwards
    - Andrew Henderson
    - Billy Kurts
    - Yuen Li
    - Vuong Nguyen
    - Gerrit Ongers
    - Deborah Snyder
17. Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability Renewals: (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
- A. Alturas Rancheria – Desert Rose Casino:
    - Sandra Hartman
    - Robert Miller
  - B. Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria – Cher-Ae-Heights Casino:
    - Jeb Balsley
    - Shannon Ramsey
  - C. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa: Kenneth True
  - D. Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation – Casino Pauma: Lonnie Keane
  - E. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation – Pechanga Resort and Casino:
    - Corazon Leonida
    - Raymond Miranda
    - Cameron Pellerin
  - F. Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians – Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino:
    - James Jauregui
    - Keith Plante
    - John Soares
  - G. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah’s Rincon:
    - Jean Byrum
    - Ronald Eberly
    - Gene Grigg
    - Lisa O’Steen
  - H. Susanville Indian Rancheria – Diamond Mountain Casino: Claire Chambers
  - I. Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation – Eagle Mountain Casino:
    - Cheng Cha
    - Paula Simonic
  - J. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino:
    - Ruth Main
  - K. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:
    - Kimberley Smith-Kentner

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed session was adjourned at 1:55pm and was reconvened at 1:58pm.

**ADOURNMENT**

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton, Commissioners Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.