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### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2007 COMMISSION MEETING

### **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 Shimazu, and Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2007.

Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich to approve the September 20, 2007 Commission meeting minutes, 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 September 20, 2007 minutes.

- 4. Applications for Renewal of State Gambling License Including All Associated Applicants and Endorsees (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876):
  - A. California Grand Casino: Lamar Wilkinson, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal appli9caiton for licensure for California Grand Casino, Item 4.A. for the period of November 1, 2007 through January 31, 2009 with the following key employees: Oscar Breeze, Raymond Callas, Evan Evans, David Horton, Mario Santos, Lawson Smith, Michelle Sylvester Sharon Thomas, Jong Weeks, Michael Wilkinson, and David Samperini. 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.

### B. Central Coast Casino - Paso Robles: David Stearns, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal for licensure for Central Coast Casino, Item 4.B., for the period of November 1, 2007 through January 31, 2009 with the following conditions:

- 1. An application for a state gambling license must be submitted for the new location prior to operating.
- 2. The applicant must submit a security and safety plan for the new location with the application for a state gaming license.
- 3. The gambling establishment cannot operate until the Bureau completes a background investigation of the new site and the Commission concurs with the recommendation.

Commissioner Shimazu voiced concerns regarding the cardroom's unresolved issues, and moved to approve a 90-day extension of the state gambling license to allow time for the issues to be addressed and the bureau to provide an update of the status. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes.

C. Gloria's Lounge and Casino: Gloria Gutierrez, Sole Proprietorship

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal for licensure for Gloria's Lounge and Casino, Item 4.C., for the period of November 1, 2007 through February 28, 2009. In addition remove the condition that within 60 days provide documentation reflecting the mortgage information involving the gambling establishment, and add the condition that chip account statements must be submitted quarterly to the Bureau. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

# D. S & K Card Room: Otho Smith, Sole Proprietor

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal application for licensure for S & K Car Room, Item 4.D., for the period of November 1, 2007 through January 31, 2009 and add the following condition:

This license is conditioned upon the local gambling ordinance coming into compliance with the Gambling Control Act (Bus. & Prof. Code § 19860(a)(4)) within 12 months of issuance/renewal.

Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, 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.

5. Request to Remove Condition from State Gambling License: The Bicycle Casino: The Bicycle Casino, LP

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve removing the condition on the license for The Bicycle Casino, Item 5., that requires Ms. Ayres to submit an application for a state gambling license for the Ayres Family Revocable Trust and an application as a trustee. 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.

- 6. <u>Applications for Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854):</u>
  - A. Diamond Jim's Casino: Won Sung
  - B. Garden City Casino: Scott Hayden
  - C. Golden West Casino: Becky Tam
  - D. Rancho's Club: Richard Weissman

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications for a key employee license for the individuals listed in Items 6.A. through 6.D. 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.

- 7. <u>Applications for Key Employee License Request for Withdrawal (Pursuant to</u> Business and Professions Code section 19869):
  - A. Club Caribe: Tamara Honegan
  - B. Lucky Chances Casino: Thomas Guido

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the requests for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications for a key employee license for the individuals listed in Items 7.A. and 7.B. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, 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. <u>Applications for Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section</u> 19912):
  - A. Brooks Oceana Cardroom: Philip Valerio
  - B. Central Coast Casino Grover Beach: Jerson San Juan
  - C. Empire Sportsmen's Association: Boun Ting
  - D. Lake Bowl Cardroom: Sandy Kasinowicz
  - E. Old Cayucos Tavern: Linda Paredes
  - F. Poker Flats Casino: Lanie Yu

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications for a work permit for the individuals listed in Items 8.A. through 8.F. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

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

i. Certified Players, Inc. ii. Michael LeBlanc

iii. Patricia LeBlanc

iv. Phillip LeBlanc

v. Phillip H. LeBlanc and Patricia A. LeBlanc Revocable Living Trust

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications to convert TPPPS registration to a license for Certified Players, Inc., for the period of Occtober 25, 2007 through October 31, 2009. 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.

- 10. Applications for Request to Convert Third Party Proposition Player Services
  (TPPPS) Registration to a License Request for Withdrawal (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12218):
  - A. California Gaming Consultants: Veth Keo
  - B. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:
    - i. William Jubb

ii. Denny Ngo

- C. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:
  - i. Jessica Burgsoff

ii. Thomas Goodwin iii. Gregory Gridler

- iv. Michael Winn
- D. Premier Player Providers, Inc: Russell Tan

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended approval of the request for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications to convert TPPPS registration to a license for Items 10.A. through 10.D. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

- 11. Applications for Request to Convert Gambling Business Registration to a License Request to Withdraw (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 12234):
  - A. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.
    - i. William Jubb

ii. Denny Ngo

B. Premier Player Providers, Inc.: Russell Tan

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended approval of the request for withdrawal, without prejudice, of the applications to convert gambling business registration to a license for Items 11.A. and 11.B. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

- 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. Innovations in Native-American Gaming, Inc.: Mark Jones

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal of the finding of suitability for 90-days from November 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, in order to allow the Commission time to review information that was recently submitted by Mr. Jones' legal representative.

Robert Tabor, attorney for Innovations in Native-American Gaming, Inc., presented comments to the Commission on behalf of Innovations in Native-American Gaming, Inc., and urged the Commission to approve a finding of suitability for his client.

Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

B. Station California, LLC:

i. Frank Fertitta, III

iv. Lee Isqur

vii. James Nave

x. William Warner

ii. Lorenzo Fertitta

iii. Richard Haskins

v. Lowell Lebermann vi. Robert Lewis

viii. Scott Nielson

ix. Station Casino, Inc.

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal application for a finding of suitability for the period of November 1, 2007 through May 31, 2009. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

C. United States Playing Card Company

i. lan Ashken

ii. Rene-Pierre Azria

iv. Bicycle Holding, Inc.v. Douglas Huemme

iii. Martin Franklin

vi. International Playing

Card Company

vii. Jardin Corporation viii. Charles Kaye

ix. James Lillie

x. Jason Lockwood

xi. Richard Molen

xii. Irwin Simon

xiii. John Tolbert

xiv. USPC Holding, Inc.

xvi. Robert Wood

xv. Douglas Wilson

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal application for a finding of suitability for the period of November 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

13. <u>Application for Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier – Financial Sources Finding of Suitability – Request for Withdrawal (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19869):</u>

Bally Gaming, Inc.:

i. Robert Miodunski

ii. Robert Saxton

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the withdrawal, without prejudice, for Bally Gaming, Inc. 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.

14. <u>Applications for Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Authority Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):</u>

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

Eric Martinez

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the application for a finding of suitability for Eric Martinez. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich 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.

## **CONSENT CALENDER**

- 15. Applications for Renewal Work Permit (Authority Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19870):
  - A. Oasis Card Room: Grace Gates
  - B. The 101 Casino:
    - i. Jessica Chavez
- ii. Seng Heng

iii.Lynda Mendoza

- 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:

Marissa Bojorquez

Yi Fei Chen

Michael Pellegrino

- B. Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria Colusa Casino and Bingo: Yer Vang
- C. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians River Rock Casino: Joshua Switzer

D. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:

Melodie Meyer

Robert Wootan

- E. Pala Band of Mission Indians Pala Casino: Eddie Ho
- G. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation Pechanga Resort and Casino:

Bryan Hayes

Rebecca Kaminski

Victor Valle

H. Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians – Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino:

**Dennis Peterson** 

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

Beverly Rivas

Uyen Savage

- J. San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians of the San Manuel Reservation

   San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino: Alfredo Guzman
- K. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation Chumash Casino: Brandy Gaver
- L. Santa Ysabel Band of Band of Diegueno Mission Indians Santa Ysabel Casino:

Bibiana Osuna

**Rose Sissons** 

- M. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians- Soboba Casino: Richard Kline
- N. Table Mountain Rancheria Table Mountain Casino: Olivia Mondragon
- O. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria Black Oak Casino:

Ger Vang

- P. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians Spotlight 29 Casino: Robert Williams
- Q. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria Thunder Valley Casino:

Kaung Cho Sharon Trau

Samuel Evans

Dan Nguyen

- 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. Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria Colusa Casino and Bingo: Heather Motacek
  - B. Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians River Rock Casino:

Shane Mooney

Jesus Ortiz Alonso

C. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria – Sho-Ka-Wah Casino:

Rachel Whetstone

D. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:

Stephen Bendon

Muriel Ferrante

Eliseo Granados

Richie Inthasone

Carl Rathke

Marilyn Tobin

E. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation - Pechanga Resort and Casino:

An Le

Christina Lozoya

Hsiao Wang

F. Redding Rancheria – Win-River Casino:

Leann Scott

**Anthony Semore** 

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

Philip Erwin

Jorge Lopez

- H. Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation Chumash Casino: Paul Woodney
- Santa Ysabel Band of Digueno Mission Indians Santa Ysabel Casino: Philip Pepple
- J. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians- Soboba Casino:

Elena Carriere

Phillip De Anda

Judith Seymour

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

Jamie Falk

Janine Nelson

L. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Spotlight 29 Casino:

Keith Brown

Joe Carrillo

Carlos Cordova, Jr.

Sharon Culhane

Russell Dhooge

Anna Martinez

Oralia Meza Richa

Richard Montigny

Yesenia Rapan

Maria Sandoval

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

Paul Barnett

David LeLucia

Jose Maninang

Kunthea Stroud

N. Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians - Viejas Casino and Turf Club:

Dewey Belvin

Timothy Coghe

John Ngo

Theresa Torres

Richie Wallace

James Wild

18. <u>Validation of Commercial Operation of New Issued License Gaming Devices</u> (<u>Pursuant to Tribal State Gaming Compact section 4.3.2.2(e)</u>

- A. Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians
- B. Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the Consent Calendar agenda items 15. through 18. Upon motion of Commissioner Shimazu, seconded by Chairman Shelton 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.

### **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 Shimazu, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.