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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2007
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Shelton called the meeting to order at 1:35 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 Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2007.

Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich to approve the October 25, 2007 Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, Commissioner Schmidt abstaining, the Commission adopted the October 25, 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. Caesar's Club: Jose Cahue, Sole Proprietorship

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal license for the period of December 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009, with Margarito Ruiz-Corona as the key employee. Deputy Director Ciau further indicated that key employee Margarito Ruiz-Corona, would only be endorsed on the license through April 28, 2008. Upon motion of Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call

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

B. Delta Club Cardroom: Delta Club Cardroom, A General Partnership

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the renewal license for the period of December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, with the following shareholders and condition revisions:

Shareholders: Tony Lee and Michael Lee, General Partners, Karen Lee and Hsiao Lee, Community Property Interest Holders.

Conditions removed:

1. This 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.
2. The landlord and its principals identified in the renewal application maybe required to submit an application for a finding of suitability at the request of the Commission if it is not currently licensed. Per Business and Professions Code section 19859(a)(2), the Commission currently has the authority to require a person who owns an interest in the premises of a licensed gambling establishment, or in real property to apply for registration or finding of suitability.

Conditions continued and/or added:

1. A shareholder or a licensed key employee must be at the gambling establishment during operating hours. Anyone working in a key employee capacity pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19850 must have a Commission issued key employee license.
2. The gambling establishment must maintain formal records for the progressive Bad Beat Jackpot and Daily Bad Beat Jackpot.
3. The gambling establishment must maintain sufficient documentation to support transactions or events surrounding their chips in use and/or financing associated with the liabilities.
4. Pursuant to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 12403, the gambling establishment must submit yearly financial statement by the due date.

Tony Lee, General Partner, through his interpreter Huy Que, responded to questions raised by the Commissioners concerning financial reporting, ongoing litigation, persons working in a key employee capacity, and fair market value of the lease.

Norm Pierce, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, responded to concerns raised by the Commission regarding the Bureau's site visit in September 2007. Mr. Pierce indicated that an application for a key employee license was filed subsequent

to the Bureau's September 2007 site visit where it was found that there was an employee working in the capacity of a key employee.

Commissioner Shimazu moved to approve the renewal license from December 1, 2007 through May 29, 2008, with the shareholders and condition revisions recommended by staff. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion, which unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes.

C. Don Juan Club and Casino: Juan Guzman, Sole Proprietorship

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for two months, from December 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, to work with the Bureau to determine if Mr. Guzman has met the conditions of the stipulated agreement. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

D. Duffy's Card Room and Casino: Faye E. Stearns, Sole Proprietorship

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission extend the renewal license for two months, from December 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008, with the following conditions:

1. The applicant must obtain a business license from the City of Sacramento prior to operating.
2. An application for a state gambling license must be submitted for the new location prior to operating.
3. The applicant must submit the security and safety plan for the new location with the application for state gambling license.
4. The Bureau of Gambling Control must inspect the new location prior to opening.

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

E. Hemphill's Cardroom: Estate of Billy Long, Sole Proprietorship

Deputy Director Ciau presented staff's recommendation of two options for consideration by the Commission.

Option A: Extend the license for four months to allow Commission's legal staff time to review the purchase agreement that was recently submitted and process the request for a temporary license that was submitted with initial state applications for

the new buyer. This option would continue the three existing conditions on the license.

Option B: Allow the license to expire.

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that the applications for the new owners and request for temporary license has been received by the Commission and are currently under review.

Chief Counsel Rickards responded to concerns raised by the Commission indicating that allowing the current license to expire, as indicated in staff's recommendation Option B, will not prevent the Commission from approving the pending sale or the forthcoming application from the buyer.

The Commission requested that staff conduct further research on the legal effect of allowing the license to expire.

Chairman Shelton moved to adopt the staff recommendation Option B. Commissioner Shimazu seconded the motion, which unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes.

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

- A. Artichoke Joe's Casino: Samantha Sengthit
- B. Casino Real: Ted Bui
- C. Crystal Casino & Hotel:
 - i. Zarik Esmaili
 - ii. Joseph Padilla
- D. Hawaiian Gardens Casino:
 - ii. Rebecca Gray
- E. Phoenix Casino and Lounge: Allan Mendoza
- F. Poker Flats Casino: Misty Alonzo

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the applications for a key employee license for Samantha Sengthit, Item 5.A., Ted Bui, Item 5.B., Zarik Esmaili and Joseph Padilla, Item 5.C., Rebecca Gray, Item 5.D., Allan Mendoza, Item 5.E., and Misty Alonzo, Item 5.F. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

- D. Hawaiian Gardens Casino:
 - i. Mino Etesami

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended that the Commission approve the application for a key employee license for Mino Etesami, Item 5.D.

Norm Pierce, Deputy Director, Bureau of Gambling Control, responded to concerns raised by Commissioner Vuksich regarding the applicants non-disclosure of a revoked real estate license indicating that the revocation was not significant enough to take action to deny the key employee license.

Commissioner Vuksich moved to adopt the staff recommendation. Commissioner Shimazu seconded the motion, which carried in a vote by roll call with Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes. Chairman Shelton voted no.

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

- A. Gloria's Lounge & Casino: Shannon Pacheco-Rose
- C. Poker Flats Casino: Jeffery Houston
- D. The 101 Casino: Gavin Gee

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended approval of the applications for a work permit for Shannon Pacheco-Rose, Item 6.A., Jeffery Houston, Item 6.C., and Gavin Gee, Item 6.D. Upon motion of Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission adopted the staff recommendation.

- B. Gold Rush Gaming Parlor: Orlando Torres

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommended approval of the application for a work permit for Orlando Torres, Item 6.B.

Chairman Shelton asked what the applicant did for the period of time he was not licensed or employed at the cardroom? Deputy Director Ciau indicated the applicant was working as a painter for construction projects.

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

7. Audit of General Fund Fee Payments (Pursuant to Tribal-State Gaming Compact Section 4.3.1):

- Viejas Band of Mission Indians

The Commission took no action on agenda item 7, which was tabled and rescheduled to the January 10, 2008 meeting in San Diego California.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

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

- A. Oasis Card Room: Sandra Ratto
- B. Outlaws Card Parlour: Daniel Delaney
- C. The 101 Casino: Romeo Manangquil, Robert Orr

9. 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:
Myra Riley
- B. Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria – Colusa Casino and Bingo:
Karen LeRoy
- C. Elk Valley Rancheria – Elk Valley Casino:
Donald Green
- D. Middletown Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians – Twin Pine Casino:
Kristen Trejo
- E. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:
Leonard Rosignoli, Jr. Thomas Webb Richard Williams
- F. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation – Pechanga Resort and Casino:
Robert Bunch Magdalene Perez-Guerrero
- G. Redding Rancheria – Win-River Casino:
Brandon Rhodes
- H. Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah's Rincon:
David Ertley Daniel Stout
- I. Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians – Cache Creek Casino Resort :
James Phung
- J. Sycuan Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Sycuan Casino:
Adam Morris
- K. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino:
Stacey Bernardo Michael George Mark Mather
- L. Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians – Spotlight 29 Casino:
Piyapong Pongpaitoon
- M. United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino:
Vinh Duong

10. 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:
Alejandro Donato Antonio Rodriguez
- B. Blue Lake Rancheria – Blue Lake Casino:
Jessica Le Clere Mandi Lewis
- C. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians – Fantasy Springs Casino:
Shirley Abreu Lance Allen Soledad Arguilez
Randy Boyd Russell Boyd Robert Bruner

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| | Tessa Charles | Raul Chavez | Angelo Cibotti |
| | Jesse Diaz | Angelica Espinoza | Veronica Espinoza |
| | Ismael Felix | Cletis Gunnell | Malcolm Lhotka |
| | Todd Lockway | Javier Lopez | Carol McGuffin |
| | Carmen Melendy | Ginger Murray | Paul Pilch |
| | Steve Titelman | Axel Van Der Velden | Christopher Windham |
- D. Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation – Havasu Landing Resort and Casino:
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| | Roger Barrick | James Cole | Wayne Fauerbach |
| | Jacqueline Gordon | Manuel Jacques | Mervin Smith |
- E. Cher-Ae-Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria – Cher-Ae-Heights Casino:
- Kelli Costa
- F. Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians – Coyote Valley Shodakai Casino:
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| | Barbara Inong | William Laster, Jr. | Doran Lincoln |
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- G. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria – Sho-Ka-Wah Casino:
- Juan De Los Santos
- H. Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians – Feather Falls Casino:
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| | Noreen Atkins | Andrew Durocher | Darrell Loomis |
| | Jayne Paramore | | |
- I. Morongo Band of Cahuilla Indians of the Morongo Reservation – Morongo Casino Resort & Spa:
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| | Jeffrey Cimino | Ambika Nand | |
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- J. Pala Band of Mission Indians – Pala Casino:
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| | Kimberly Adams | Cecil Cardwell | Milton Contreras |
| | Perla Donato | Thomas Fabek | Katherine Garcia |
| | Michael Ka'ahanui | Ronald Newman | |
- K. Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma and Yuima Reservation – Casino Pauma:
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| | Carol Gadsden | Elena Gonzales | Michael Hanson |
| | James Paris | David Rich | Jefferson Sardilla |
- L. Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation – Pechanga Resort and Casino:
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| | Joyce Hernandez | Kyong Sook Iwaki | Athanasios Kapetsonis |
| | Brenda Martinez | Wilma McFarlin | Deborah Pearce |
| | Jennifer Romero | | |
- M. Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians – Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino:
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| | Teresa Haggard | Somchai Tang | Oscar Yeppez |
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- N. Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation – Paradise Casino California:
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| | Jerry Allison | William Billingsley | Barrett Defay |
| | Mary Dugan | Christopher Duran | Keeny Escalanti, Jr. |
| | Mark Escalanti | Donna Foster | Boyd Hill |
| | Dorinda IronCloud | Peggy Jefferson | Carmen Keenan |
| | Paul Kochis | Jerry Lawrence | Wanda Magana |
| | Patrick McCoy | Eldon Miguel | Bridgette Miller |

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| | Charles Montague | Patricia Montijo | Kermit Olson |
| | Danell Ortega | Steven Pancrazi | Melvin Pastores |
| | Barbara Potts | Leslie Potts | Michelle Raveles |
| | Rene Rivera | Ronnie Ruiz | Gerado Talamantes |
| | Benjamin Velasquez | Christine Ward | Lenora Warner |
| | John Weeks | | |
| O. | Redding Rancheria – Win-River Casino: | | |
| | Monique Cassells | Heather Couch | Michael Paczynski |
| P. | Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians – Harrah’s Rincon: | | |
| | Dancette Carrasco | Richard Davis | Jeffrey Hart |
| | Robert Livingston | Frederick McMahon | Josh Nakelsky |
| | Nhatnam Nguyen | Valerie Pemberton | Paul Rusthoven |
| | Daniel Spence | Michael Swift | Leslie Wallace |
| | Theresa White | Terry Williams | Robin Zetts |
| Q. | Rumsey Indian Rancheria of Wintun Indians – Cache Creek Casino Resort : | | |
| | Thanh Thuy Ha | Kee Kang | Doris Ly |
| | Jonathan Olson | Lai San | Tonci Sinkovic |
| | Mark Tateyama | | |
| R. | San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians – Valley View Casino: | | |
| | Christopher Alvarado | Linda Bach | Kevin Beltran |
| | Shantell Boston | Angela Davis | Allen Esparza |
| | Michael Gorczynski | Gentry Hanson | Todd Jackson |
| | Katharine Laird | Christina McLaughlin | Gloria Myers |
| S. | Santa Rosa Indian Community of the Santa Rosa Rancheria – Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino: | | |
| | Kristopher Gerleman | Joaquin Gonzales | Maestella Grube |
| | Wilfred Kimbley | Annette Miller | Valerie Cardoza Morales |
| | Bora Phan | Koy Saechao | |
| T. | Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation – Chumash Casino: | | |
| | Joanna Arriola | Rachel LeMieux | Timothy Regis |
| U. | Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians- Soboba Casino: | | |
| | Martin Barrios | | |
| V. | Susanville Indian Rancheria – Diamond Mountain Casino: | | |
| | Phillip Babb | Jacob Fogal | David Sweeney |
| W. | Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation – Eagle Mountain Casino: | | |
| | Victoria Christman | Joe Duran | Dennis Hunter |
| | Joseph Rodriguez | Thomas Stewart | Susan Williams |
| X. | Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria – Black Oak Casino: | | |
| | Sandra Hornback | | |
| Y. | United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria – Thunder Valley Casino: | | |
| | Steven Aguiar | Gregory Fox | Teddy Kernan |
| | So Keo | James Le | Cuang Mooc |
| | Lucas Newman | Tamara Sullivan | Will Thomas |

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

Duane Anderson	Shawn Baldi	Rosanna Cham
Patricia Embleton	Tracy Huynh	Wanna Khamphan
Paul Smoot		

Deputy Director Ciau indicated that staff recommends that the Commission approve the consent calendar agenda items 8. through 10. Upon motion of Chairman Shelton, seconded by Commissioner Vuksich and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the Commission approved consent calendar items.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Vuksich, seconded by Commissioner Shimazu, and unanimously carried in a roll call vote, with Chairman Shelton and Commissioners Schmidt, Shimazu, and Vuksich voting yes, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.