California Gambling Control Commission

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MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2014 COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chairman Richard Lopes and Commissioners Lauren Hammond and Tiffany Conklin present. Commissioner Richard Schuetz was not present.

- 3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. January 14, 2014 GCA Hearing
 - B. March 6, 2014

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the minutes for the Commission Hearing on January 14, 2014 and the March 6, 2014 Commission Meeting.

4. <u>Applications for Approval of Renewal of State Gambling Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19876; CCR, Title 4 section 12345):</u>

A. Delta Casino, downtown: Delta C, LP

Comments Received From:

Frances Asuncion, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal state gambling license application through April 30, 2016 and removed the existing conditions noted below:

- Each Lender and/or Pledgee must receive Commission approval before a lender, under any of the Financing Agreements or amendments thereto, could foreclose on, take over, or otherwise exercise any secured creditor's right (or ownership right), over or against any asset of Delta CM, Inc., Delta C, LP or Delta Casino, downtown.
- 2. Each substantive amendment to the Financing Agreements that implicates gaming regulatory matters should be with the Commission's prior approval; and that whether substantive or otherwise, all proposed amendments to any of the Financing Agreements shall be provided to Commission staff for review at least ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated effective date of such amendment.
- 3. Delta Casino, downtown must provide to the Bureau of Gambling Control and the California Gambling Control Commission the financial statements pursuant to Title 4, California Code of Regulations, Division 18, Chapter 7, section 12403 for the 2010 and 2011 reporting periods by April 30, 2012.
- B. Limelight Cardroom

Peter Mikacich, Sole Proprietor Barbara Mikacich, Endorsee

Comments Received From:

Barbara Mikacich
Aaron Wong, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal state gambling license application through April 30, 2016 with the following condition noted below:

- Within 60 days of this approval, Mr. Pete Mikacich must provide proof to the Bureau of Gambling Control (Bureau) that a new surveillance system, in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 18, Chapter 7, Article 3, Section 12396, has been installed.
- 5. Applications for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12350):
 - A. Alexander Bond, Jr.
 - B. Ronald Buckley
 - C. Joshua Cerone
 - D. Justin Liddicoat

- E. Jason Medenceles
- F. Leandro Padilla, II
- G. Johnny Reeves
- H. Jack Tumasian

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the initial key employee license applications A-D and F-H valid through the period listed on the reports.

E. Jason Medenceles

Comments Received From:

Jason Medenceles

Frances Asuncion, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the initial key employee license application valid through April 30, 2016.

Application for Approval of Renewal of Third Party Provider of Proposition
 Services/Gambling Business Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12218.8 and 12238):

 Mega Gaming, LLC: Michael Tang, Sole Member

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal of the Third Party Provider of Proposition Services application for Mega Gaming, LLC valid through April 30, 2016 and removed the existing condition noted below:

- Beginning May 31, 2012, and quarterly thereafter for a one-year period, licensee shall provide to the Commission and Bureau of Gambling Control documentation which confirms that all employees have a valid work permit and Commission-issued registration or license.
- 7. Applications for Approval of Conversion of Third-Party Providers of Proposition
 Player Services /Gambling Business Supervisor/Player Registrations to Licenses
 (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections
 12218 and 12233):

A. Certified Network M, Inc.:

Players: Marlene Gonzalez Fernando Palma

Steve Simmons, Jr.

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Players: Ricky Bonner Quinshon Moreland

Fue Moua Vilai Moua Melinda Phouglonghong Kathryn Wint

Eddie Zacarias

Comments Received From:

Yolanda Morrow, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the conversion applications valid through April 30, 2016.

8. <u>Application for Approval of Renewal of Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5)</u>:

Gasser Chair Company, Inc.: Gary Gasser, Chief Executive Officer, Director,

Shareholder

Mark Gasser, President, Director, Shareholder

Janet Gasser, Director

Evelyn Mihin, Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer,

Secretary

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the renewal Finding of Suitability application for Gasser Chair Company, Inc. and its principals, valid through April 30, 2016.

9. <u>Applications for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):</u>

A. Desert Rose Casino-Alturas Indian Rancheria: Cody Rice

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability application valid through May 13, 2015.

B. Sho-Ka-Wah Casino-Hopland Band of Pomo Indians: Justin Clark

Comments Received From:

Justin Clark

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability application valid through January 7, 2015.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

10. <u>Applications for Approval of Renewal Key Employee Portable Personal License</u> (<u>Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351</u>):

A. Phillip Argol
B. Peter Buqeileh
C. Samuel Davis
D. Russell Duarte
E. Robyn Fox
F. Della Kat-Kuoy
G. Erle Mankin
H. Cameron Martin
J. Alice Ousley
K. Manuel Perez
L. Lai Saechao
M. Seng Yang
N. Shaun Yaple

11. <u>Applications for Approval of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912):</u>

A. Napa Valley Casino: Roger Moore Narin Phorth

B. The 101 Casino: Nathan Gronenthal

12. <u>Applications for Approval of Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player Services/Gambling Business Supervisor/Player Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, sections 12218.8 and 12238):</u>

A. Certified Network M, Inc.:

Players: Nicholas Chin Luis Escobar

Orion Foresee Ubaldo Muro Sophea Polson Arthur Robles

Arrin Stoner

B. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisor: Marvin Ancheta Player: Bryant Nguyen

- 13. <u>Applications for Approval of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):</u>
 - A. Augustine Casino Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Mark Mohrmann

B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:

Richard Aramburo Serah Starcher

C. Bear River Casino Hotel - Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria: Shawn Olson

D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel – Blue Lake Rancheria:

David Bambauer

E. Cache Creek Casino Resort – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Nai Saetern

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

Diego Ortiz

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

Mercedes Villaruz-Labastida

H. Colusa Casino Resort – Cahill DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Nevda Torres

- I. Eagle Mountain Casino Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation: Ricardo Prieto Jr.
- J. Elk Valley Casino Elk Valley Rancheria:

Nathaniel Pincombe

K. Havasu Landing Resort and Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:

Janelle Nelson

- L. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel Jackson Rancheria of the Me-Wuk Indians Sally Phung Jeffrey Schwing
- M. Mono Wind Casino Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians Fedencio Gonzalez, Jr. Micheal Stoddard Jose Flores
- N. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa Morongo Band of Mission Indians:

Amy Didion Sovannarith Lay Aliya Phommasack

Michael Smith

O. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation

Farrah Fink Ronald Machingo

P. Pechanga Resort & Casino – Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

Yvonne Harrison

Q. Quechan Casino Resort/Paradise Casino California – Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:

Donna Hannum

R. Red Hawk Casino – Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:

Austin Anderson Anthony Neves

S. Soboba Casino – Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

Jose Celava Araceli Hernandez Frank Almendariz

T. Spa Resort Casino – Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Wayne Evans

U. Spotlight 29 Casino – Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians Brian Davis Lacy Henthorn

- 14. Applications for Approval of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Findings of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
 - A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Anabel Giron Maria Arellano Alex Nyeki

Shonna Parker Curtis Sebastian

B. Augustine Casino - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Exequiel Arellano

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

Steven Nolan

D. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

Denice Jensen-Larkins Shannon Murphy James Nelson

E. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Zachary Hayden Ramon Madrigal Jr. Naba Thapa

F. Casino Pauma - Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pauma & Yuima Reservation:

Rosti Valcho Bagorio Joseph Collins

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

Billy Gritts

H. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Michael Aanerud Consuelo Ubaldo

I. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:

Ong Thao Stephanie Vega

J. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:

Lynn Mueck

K. Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel - Susanville Indian Rancheria: Robert Kennedy

L. Harrah's Rincon Casino & Resort - Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Rincon Reservation:

Dancette Carvalho Robin Coffman Terry Dunavan

Robert Faraguna Randall Gray
Stanley Johnson Jr. Toan Nguyen
Soukanda Thammavong
Charompol Hongthong
Christopher Sikora
Anthony Wenger

M. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Damien Dinh James Grim Ronald Ramirez

Claudia Tomberlin

N. Paiute Palace Casino - Bishop Paiute Tribe:

Pamela Frank

O. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:

Tam Bandith Richard Davison Stephanie Miyaji Tom Nguyen Robert O'Brien Gary Phillips

Diego Santos

P. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:

David Barron Susan Clark Anthony Covington
Jerome De Jesus Phillip Demarest Sarah Gibeson
John Jaimes Samantha Koeller Jonas Lanuzga
Alex Morais Souksavanh Phimmala Silverio Ruiz
Ariel Santos Miguel Segovia Matthew Spurr

Taresa Ziemer

Q. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:

Lynn Hart

R. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

David Fendrick Matt Lemley Yi Li

Ryan Winn

S. Robinson Rancheria Resort, Casino & Bingo - Robinson Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:

Natalie Rodriguez

T. San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians:

John Armoush Viroj Chaisomboonpan Sim Chang

Bianca Duran Adrian Nicholas Manuel Rodriguez

Erik Segura Razmik Shabany Lealia Silva

Alan Tan

U. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:

Carissa Hulsey-Espinoza Michelle Priest

V. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Charles Arrage Christopher Dodge Ernesto Hernandez Jr.

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

Richard Kothlow III

X. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:

Anton Christensen George Cruz Ketkeo Inthavong

Kin Lee Eric Lisowski Mary Meier

Joyce Christine Ray David Schleicher Sam Tedesco JR

Larry Turley Wayne Yuen

Y. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:

Eric Saechao Michael Stone Cheryl Vetter

Pao Xiong

Z. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:

James Keuangthirath Julian Martinez Shannon Souza

Gino Vang Senen Vita

AA. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn

Rancheria:

Estella Champion Marysabel Chavez Chamroeun Chheang

Janet Donoho Louis Penner

BB. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:

Jesus AdameRaul ArceMitra BakhtiariFely BlanzRobert ColemanCorey PalmerRandy ReedyLynne SchmidtJoseph Tripp

Brian Ulrich

CC. Viejas Casino and Resort - Viejas Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission

Indians of the Viejas Reservation:

Esmeralda Samson Venerando Tecson John Webb

Alfredo Zermeno

DD. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:

Jessica Franks Mario Ramirez

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond voting yes, the Commission approved Consent Calendar items 10 through 14.

CLOSED SESSION: 10:24 AM

- I. <u>Litigation</u>: (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians v. Gambling Control Commission; and Arnold Schwarzenegger, U.S. Dist Court S. D. California (09 CV01955 LAB AJB)
 - B. San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)
 - C. Bingo Innovations of California, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-80001139)
 - D. Yavapai Apache Nation v. lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel, the State of California, and the California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-001199727)
 - E. Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
 - F. Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al., Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
- II. <u>Hearing Deliberations Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3):</u> In the Matter of the Application for Renewal of Key Employee Portable Personal License for Lawson Smith, Case No. CGCC-2013-0221-7

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 10:40 AM

Chairman Lopes reported the Commissioners were briefed and given updates on litigation for Items I.D., I.E. and Item II. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lopes adjourned the Commission Meeting at 10:41 AM.