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Honorable Mark Leno, Chair
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Attention: Ms. Keely Bosler, Staff Director (2)

Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Attention: Mr. Christian Griffith, Chief Consultant (2)

Subject: Notification of Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Revenue Shortfall for FY 2011-12

Dear Senator Leno and Assemblymember Blumenfield:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 12012.90(e)(1), the California Gambling Control Commission (Commission) hereby provides to the committee in the Senate and Assembly that considers the State Budget the anticipated total amount of shortfalls in payment likely to occur in the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) to be transferred from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund (SDF) for the upcoming fiscal year.

The RSTF serves as the depository for payments made by Tribes that acquire and maintain gaming device licenses and provides disbursements to eligible, Non-Compact Indian tribes (federally-recognized tribes that are operating fewer than 350 Gaming Devices). The Commission, as the trustee of the RSTF, is required to make quarterly distributions from the RSTF in accordance with the Tribal-State Gaming Compacts (Section 4.3.2.1) and Government Code section 12012.90(e)(2). Each eligible Tribe receives \$275,000 quarterly, for an annual total distribution of \$1.1 million per eligible Tribe.

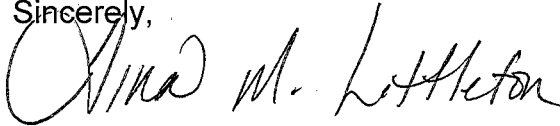
Annual RSTF revenues are insufficient to fully fund RSTF distributions to eligible Non-Compact Tribes. Government Code sections 12012.85 and 12012.90 authorize moneys in the SDF to be used to make payments to eligible Non-Compact Tribes for shortfalls that occur in the RSTF, in addition to other authorized purposes.

For the 2011-12 fiscal year, the Commission estimates that 71 Tribes would be eligible for RSTF distributions of \$1.1 million each, for total estimated RSTF payments of \$78.1 million. RSTF revenue for 2011-12 is projected to total approximately \$51 million. Accordingly, the Commission anticipates RSTF shortfalls of \$27.1 million to be transferred from the SDF in FY 2011-12.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Anna Carr, Deputy Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, at (916) 263-0494.

Sincerely,



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