
MEMORANDUM

TO: TRIBAL COUNCIL
FROM: MIKE SCANLON
SUBJECT: UPDATE
DATE: JULY 10, 2003

Please find below a brief update of some recent developments impacting the compact renegotiations in Sacramento, including staff changes and developments in the recall campaign. Our team is monitoring the situation closely and will continue to keep you abreast of any and all impacts on the renegotiations.

Recall

It has become evident that the effort to secure enough signatures to qualify for a recall election has reached its finish line. Our sources indicate that there will not only be a recall election as has been widely reported, but also, it will more than likely occur in October. It appears very likely that the signature petition will be validated by the end of this month, thus requiring the Lt. Governor to call for an election within 60 to 90 days of validation. We have a number of formal and informal meetings scheduled with members of the Governor's staff to determine what this will mean for the renegotiations. We will follow up with you next week to discuss our findings.

Staff Changes

An additional development in Sacramento is the removal of David Rosenberg as the senior advisor to Governor Davis on Indian Gaming. He has been replaced by Tal Finney, who will act as the lead on these issues. Our sources indicate that Finney will not likely remain in this position, but will more than likely appoint someone to act on his behalf. Our ground team has some time scheduled with Finney and Rosenberg to discuss our concerns and our objectives for the compact renegotiations, as well as to determine who the key players will be.

Furthermore, it is important to note that Rosenberg's departure was the result, in large part, of the efforts of two tribes' direct lobbying of the Governor. We believe that the Pechanga and Morango Bands directly called for, and received, Mr. Rosenberg's dismissal.

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Again, these events, while not surprising, will undoubtedly have an impact on the negotiations, their timing, and the players involved. We wanted to bring this information to your attention to keep the Council apprised of these developments, and will follow up in short order to discuss their repercussions in greater detail. As always feel free to contact Chris Cathcart or me at [REDACTED] at any time.

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