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Darren Rose, Vice Chairman
Alturas Rancheria
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Dear Mr. Rose:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the documents received by facsimile at this Agency Wednesday, April 8, 2009, requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take action concerning the Alturas Rancheria Business Council's action to remove Phillip Del Rosa, Chairman, from the Alturas Rancheria Business Council during the March 14, 2009, General Membership Meeting.

After the Agency's initial review of these documents, received Wednesday, April 8, 2009, it appears to the Agency review committee that the documents are incomplete, and there is not sufficient evidence for the Agency to make a definitive decision at this time, concerning the removal of Phillip Del Rosa from the Business Council. Regarding what appears to be missing for this Agency's review, this will be provided under a separate cover to all parties. Further, the total membership of the Tribe is unclear; documents forwarded to this Agency indicate there may be 5, 6, 7, or 8 members. As stated previously, to all inquiries, internal and external to the Tribe, regarding the composition of the Alturas Rancheria Business Council, the Agency reaffirms its May 30, 2008, letter, copy enclosed, signed by Robert Eben, Acting Superintendent, acknowledging the Tribe's April 7, 2008, election results. In addition, as previously stated, PL 93-638 activity with the Agency will be handled on a case by case basis.

As related to the Tribal economic activities the Business Council, corresponding to the Agency's May 30, 2008, letter, is encouraged to work together in the decision making capacity for the Tribe. In all my conversations with you and Mr. Del Rosa, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northern California Agency, is always available to assist with the mediation of issues which the Tribe is now facing. The Tribal Business Council's activities must continue to function for the benefit of all members.

It is regrettable that, on occasions, tribes have internal differences; however, through the cooperative spirit of working together toward the best interest of the tribe, tribes will become more successful.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virgil Akins
Superintendent

Enclosures

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