

**AMENDMENT TO**

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**AND**

**THE QUECHAN TRIBE OF THE**

**FORT YUMA INDIAN RESERVATION**

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WHEREAS, the State of California (hereinafter “the State”) and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (hereinafter “the Tribe”) entered into a compact in 1999 (hereinafter the “1999 Compact”); and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe have agreed to revise the 1999 Compact to promote good relations between tribal, state, and local governments and to enhance tribal economic development and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe agrees to make a fair revenue contribution to the State, to enter into arrangements to mitigate to the extent practicable the off-reservation environmental and direct fiscal impacts of its Gaming Facility on local communities and local governments, and to offer additional consumer protections; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the revenue contribution and the measures enhancing protections for local governments and the public and to provide a sound basis for the Tribe’s decisions with respect to investment in, and the operation of, its Gaming Activities, the State agrees to amend the 1999 Compact to afford the opportunity to operate additional Gaming Devices and to extend the term of the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe have concluded that this amendment to the 1999 Compact provides for a fair contribution to the State in light of the Tribe’s circumstances and the size of its Gaming Operation, enhances the Tribe’s exclusive right to operate slot machines, protects the interests of the Tribe and the California public, and will promote and secure long-term stability, mutual respect, and mutual benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe recognize that this amendment is authorized and negotiated and shall take effect pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (“IGRA”); and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe agree that all terms of this amendment to the 1999 Compact (collectively the "Amended Compact") are intended to be binding and enforceable.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tribe and the State hereby amend the 1999 Compact as follows:

**I. REVENUE CONTRIBUTION.**

**A. Section 4.3.1 is repealed and replaced by the following:**

**Section 4.3.1.**

The Tribe is authorized to operate up to 1100 Gaming Devices, but its right to operate any Gaming Devices shall be subject to its making the payments set forth under Section 4.3.2.2 and Section 4.3.3 herein in accordance with the terms set forth therein.

**B. Sections 2.15, 4.3.2(a)(iii), 4.3.2.3, and 5.0 are repealed.**

**C. Section 4.3.2.2 is repealed and replaced by the following:**

**Section 4.3.2.2.**

(a) If the Tribe earns over \$75 million in Net Win (as defined in Section 4.3.3, subdivision (c)) generated from the operation of its Gaming Devices in any given calendar year, the Tribe agrees that it shall pay by January 30 of the following year to the California Gambling Control Commission for deposit into the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund the following fees for each Gaming Device in excess of 700 in operation during the preceding calendar year:

<b>Number of Gaming Devices</b>	<b>Annual Fee Per Gaming Device</b>
701-1100	\$900

The Tribe need not make any payment to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund based on the operation of 0-700 Gaming Devices. The number of Gaming Devices over 700 for the preceding calendar year, upon which fees

will be paid, shall be based on the maximum number of Gaming Devices operated during any time in the preceding calendar year.

(b) Fee payments pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be accompanied by a written certification of the maximum number of Gaming Devices operated during the preceding year, which shall be prepared by the chief financial officer of the Gaming Operation. Such certification shall also show the computation for the fees that are due, based on the fee schedule set forth in subdivision (a).

**D. Section 4.3.3 is repealed and replaced by the following:**

**Section 4.3.3.**

(a) (i) The Tribe agrees that in consideration of the exclusive right to operate Gaming Devices within the geographic region specified in Section 3.2 and to do so outside the licensing system established by the 1999 Compact, it shall pay to the State the following percentages of its Net Win (as defined in subdivision (c)) generated from the operation of its Gaming Devices:

<b>Annual Net Win</b>	<b>Percentage Paid To State</b>
\$0 to \$50 million	10%
Over \$50 to \$100 million	14%
Over \$100 million to \$150 million	18%
Over \$150 million to \$200 million	22%
Over \$200 million	25%

(ii) The payment specified herein has been negotiated between the parties as a fair contribution to be made annually in quarterly payments based on the Tribe's circumstances, and the schedule above incorporates and reflects a negotiated reduction of two percentage points for the first two categories (\$0 to \$50 million and \$50 million to \$100 million) in recognition of the Tribe's sizable membership of over 3000 and its concomitant needs.

(b) The Tribe shall remit to such agency, trust, fund or entity, as the State Director of Finance, pursuant to law, from time to time, shall specify to the Tribe in writing, the payment referenced in subdivision (a) in quarterly payments, which quarterly payments shall be based on the Net Win generated from the Gaming Devices during the calendar quarter, due on the

thirtieth day following the end of each calendar quarter (i.e., by April 30 for the first quarter, July 30 for the second quarter, October 30 for the third quarter, and January 30 for the fourth quarter). The specific percentage applied to the quarterly Net Win pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be determined by the cumulative total of the Net Win earned since the beginning of the calendar year. Thus, for instance, if the cumulative Net Win exceeds \$50 million in the second quarter (but is less than \$100 million), the percentage applied to the Net Win earned during that quarter under subdivision (a)(i) would be 10% for the amounts earned in that quarter up to \$50 million and 14% for the amounts in excess of \$50 million. If the Gaming Activities authorized by the Amended Compact commence during a calendar quarter, the first payment shall be due on the thirtieth day following the end of the first full calendar quarter of the Gaming Operation and shall cover the period from the commencement of the Gaming Activities to the end of the first full calendar quarter. Said quarterly payments shall be accompanied by the certification specified in subdivision (d).

(c) For purposes of this subdivision (a),

(i) "Net Win" means the gross revenue ("drop") less all prizes and payouts, fills, hopper adjustments and participation fees. Participation fees shall be defined as payments made to Gaming Resource Suppliers on a periodic basis by the Gaming Operation for the right to lease or otherwise offer for play Gaming Devices that the Tribe does not own and that are not generally available for outright purchase by gaming operators.

(ii) "Gaming Device," as defined in Section 2.6 of the Amended Compact, includes instant lottery game devices and video poker devices, and each player station of a multi-player device constitutes a separate Gaming Device.

(d) The quarterly payments shall be accompanied by a certification of the Net Win calculation prepared by the chief financial officer of the Gaming Operation. The certification shall also specify the percentage applied to the quarterly Net Win, as specified in subdivision (a), and the total amount of the quarterly payment. At any time after the fourth quarter payment (which is due by January 30), but in no event later than April 30, the Tribe shall also provide to the agency, trust, fund or entity specified pursuant to subdivision (b) an annual certification of the Net Win calculation for the immediately preceding year by an independent certified public

accountant who is not employed by the Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Agency, or the Gaming Operation, is only otherwise retained by any of these entities to conduct regulatory or independent audits of the Gaming Operation, and has no financial interest in any of these entities. Copies of the quarterly and annual certifications prepared by the chief financial officer of the Gaming Operation and the independent certified public accountant shall also be sent to the State Gaming Agency. The State Gaming Agency may audit the Net Win calculation, and if it determines that the Net Win is understated, will promptly notify the Tribe and provide a copy of the audit. The Tribe within twenty (20) days will either accept the difference or provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency. If the Tribe accepts the difference or does not provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe must immediately pay the amount of the resulting deficiency plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of 1.0% per month or the maximum rate permitted by state law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less. If the Tribe does not provide a reconciliation satisfactory to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe, once payment is made, may commence dispute resolution under Section 9.0. The parties expressly acknowledge that the certifications and information related to payments herein are subject to subdivision (c) of Section 7.4.3.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 9.0, any failure of the Tribe to remit its payments referenced in subdivision (a) pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (d) will entitle the State to immediately seek injunctive relief in federal or state court, at the State's election, to compel the payments, plus accrued interest thereon at the rate of 1.0% per month or the maximum rate permitted by State law for delinquent payments owed to the State, whichever is less; and further, the Tribe expressly consents to be sued in either court and waives its right to assert sovereign immunity against the State in any such proceeding to enforce said payment obligations, including, but not limited to, a proceeding to enforce any resulting judgment. Failure to make timely payment shall be deemed a material breach of this Amended Compact.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 9.0, if any portion of the payments referenced in subdivision (a) pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (d), is overdue after the State Gaming Agency has provided written notice to the Tribe of the overdue amount with an opportunity to cure of at least 15 business days, and if more than 60 days has passed from the due date, then the Tribe shall cease operating all Gaming

Devices until full payment is made; provided further that if any portion of the payments is overdue as specified above on more than two occasions, the Tribe shall be required to cease operating all Gaming Devices for an additional 30 days after full payment of all outstanding amounts has been made. For purposes of this subdivision, the notice herein shall be provided by certified mail to the address provided pursuant to Section 13.0 as well as to the Tribal Gaming Agency at the last address provided to the State Gaming Agency.

(g) This Section constitutes a "Section 4.3.1" within the meaning of article 6.5 (commencing with Section 63048.6) of Chapter 2 of Division 1 of Title 6.7 of the California Government Code.

**E.** A new **Section 4.3.4** is added as follows:

**Section 4.3.4.** For purposes of Section 4.3.3, the State Gaming Agency shall be the California Gambling Control Commission, unless the State provides otherwise by written notice pursuant to Section 13.0.

**F.** A new **Section 4.3.5** is added as follows:

**Section 4.3.5.** Except pursuant to the express concurrence of the Governor required by Section 20(b)(1)(A) of IGRA, the Tribe may operate its Gaming Devices only on its Indian lands within the boundaries of its reservation existing as of December 22, 2004, in Imperial County, at one or the other of the following locations, but not both: (1) its existing Paradise Casino Gaming Facility as described in Exhibit C, or (2) its 494.7-acre site on Interstate 8 frontage between Winterhaven Drive and Algodones Road, which site is described in Exhibit D hereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Amended Compact, however, any independent structures or other improvements ancillary to the Gaming Activities, in which no Class III gaming is conducted, including any roads, parking lots, or walkways, may be on contiguous land to the aforesaid Indian lands (i) where said contiguous land is held by the Tribe in fee but if and only if the Tribe's activities thereon are subject to the jurisdiction of State law and the State courts, or (ii) where said contiguous land is Indian lands within the meaning of IGRA.

## **II. *AUTHORIZATION AND EXCLUSIVITY***

**Section 3.0** is repealed and replaced with the following:

**Section 3.0. Authorization and Exclusivity of Class III Gaming.**

**Section 3.1.** The Tribe is hereby authorized and permitted to engage in only the Gaming Activities expressly referred to in Section 4.1 and shall not engage in Class III gaming that is not expressly authorized in that Section.

**Section 3.2.** In recognition of the Tribe's agreement to make the payments specified in Sections 4.3.2.2 and Section 4.3.3, the Tribe shall have the following rights:

(a) For purposes of this Section, the Tribe's core geographic market, as specified in subdivision (b), consists of Imperial County, California.

(b) In the event that the State authorizes any person or entity, other than an Indian tribe with a federally authorized compact, to engage in the Gaming Activities specified in subdivision (a) of Section 4.1 of this Amended Compact, the Tribe shall be relieved of its obligation to make the payments specified in Section 4.3.2.2 and Section 4.3.3, if but only if any such person or entity (other than an Indian tribe with a federally authorized compact) engages in said Gaming Activities within the Tribe's core geographic market, until such time that such gaming ceases.

(c) Notwithstanding the Tribe's cessation of payments under Section 4.3.2.2 or Section 4.3.3, the Tribe shall compensate the State for the actual and reasonable costs of regulation, as determined by the State Director of Finance, or failing agreement on that amount, as determined by arbitration pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Amended Compact.

**III. TESTING OF GAMING DEVICES**

The following new Section is added after Section 7.4.5 of the 1999 Compact:

**Section 7.5. Testing of Gaming Devices.**

(a) No Gaming Device may be offered for play unless:



- (i) The manufacturer or distributor which sells, leases, or distributes such Gaming Device (A) has applied for a finding of suitability by the State Gaming Agency at least 15 days before it is offered for play, (B) has not been found to be unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, and (C) has been licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency;
- (ii) The software for the game authorized for play on the Gaming Device has been tested, approved and certified by an independent or state governmental gaming test laboratory (the "Gaming Test Laboratory") as operating in accordance with either the standards of Gaming Laboratories International, Inc. known as GLI-11 and GLI-12, or the technical standards approved by the State of Nevada, or such other technical standards as the State Gaming Agency and the Tribal Gaming Agency shall agree upon, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld, and a copy of said certification is provided to the State Gaming Agency by electronic transmission or by mail unless the State Gaming Agency waives receipt of copies of certification;
- (iii) The software for the game authorized for play on the Gaming Device is tested by the Tribal Gaming Agency to ensure that each game authorized for play on the Gaming Device has the correct electronic signature prior to insertion into the Gaming Device; and
- (iv) The hardware and associated equipment for the Gaming Device has been tested by the Gaming Test Laboratory to ensure operation in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

(b) The Gaming Test Laboratory shall be an independent or state governmental gaming test laboratory recognized in the gaming industry which (i) is competent and qualified to conduct scientific tests and evaluations of Gaming Devices, and (ii) is licensed or approved by any of the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, or Wisconsin. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall submit to the State Gaming Agency documentation that

demonstrates the Gaming Test Laboratory satisfies (i) and (ii) herein within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Amended Compact, or if such use follows said effective date, within fifteen (15) days prior to reliance thereon. If, at any time, the Gaming Test Laboratory license and/or approval required by (ii) herein is suspended or revoked by any of those states or the Gaming Test Laboratory is found unsuitable by the State Gaming Agency, then the State Gaming Agency may reject the use of such Gaming Test Laboratory, and upon such rejection, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure that such Gaming Test Laboratory discontinues its responsibilities under this Section.

(c) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall ensure that compliance with subdivisions (a) and (b) is audited annually by an independent auditor and shall provide the results of such audits to the State Gaming Agency within five (5) business days of completion. For purposes of this subdivision, an independent auditor shall be a certified public accountant and/or certified internal auditor who is not employed by the Tribe, the Tribal Gaming Agency, or the Gaming Operation, has no financial interest in any of these entities, and is only otherwise retained by any of these entities to conduct regulatory audits or audits under Section 8.1.8.

(d) The State Gaming Agency may inspect the Gaming Devices in operation at the Gaming Facility on a random basis not to exceed four (4) times annually to confirm that they operate and play properly pursuant to the manufacturer's technical standards. Said random inspections conducted pursuant to this subdivision shall occur during normal business hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside of Fridays, weekends, and holidays and shall not remove from play more than 5% of the Gaming Devices operating at the Gaming Facility. The State Gaming Agency shall provide notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency of such inspection prior to the commencement of the random inspection, and the Tribal Gaming Agency may accompany the State Gaming Agency inspector(s). The State Gaming Agency may conduct additional inspections only upon reasonable belief of any irregularity and after informing the Tribal Gaming Agency of the basis for such belief.

(e) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall provide to the State Gaming Agency copies of its regulations for technical standards applicable to the Tribe's Gaming Devices at least thirty (30) days before offering the Gaming Devices for play and at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of any revisions to the regulations.

(f) For purposes of this Section 7.5, the State Gaming Agency shall be the California Gambling Control Commission, unless the State provides otherwise by written notice pursuant to Section 13.0.

#### **IV. BUILDING CODES**

**Subdivision (d) of Section 6.4.2 is repealed and subdivisions (d)-(k) of Section 6.4.2 are added as follows:**

##### **Section 6.4.2.**

(d) Section 6.4.2, subdivision (b), of the 1999 Compact shall apply to any Gaming Facility constructed prior to the effective date of this Amendment, and subdivisions (e) through (k) herein shall apply to the construction of any Gaming Facility after the effective date of this Amendment and to any reconstruction, alteration of, or addition to, any existing Gaming Facility occurring after said effective date ("Covered Gaming Facility Construction").

(e) In order to assure the protection of the health and safety of all Gaming Facility patrons, guests, and employees, the Tribe shall adopt or has already adopted, and shall maintain throughout the term of this Amended Compact, an ordinance that requires any Covered Gaming Facility Construction to meet or exceed the California Building Code and the Public Safety Code applicable to the city or county in which the Gaming Facility is located as set forth in Titles 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations, as those regulations may be amended during the term of this Amended Compact, including but not limited to, codes for building, electrical, energy, mechanical, plumbing, fire, and safety ("the Applicable Codes"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Tribe need not comply with any standard that specifically applies in name or in fact only to tribal facilities. Without limiting the rights of the State under this Section, reference to Applicable Codes is not intended to confer jurisdiction upon the State or its political subdivisions. For purposes of this Section, the terms "building official" and "code enforcement agency" as used in Title 19 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations mean the Tribal Gaming Agency or such other Tribal government agency or official as may be designated by the Tribe's law.

(f) In order to assure compliance with the Applicable Codes, in all cases where said codes would otherwise require a permit, the Tribe shall require inspections and shall, for that purpose, employ for any Covered Gaming Facility Construction appropriate plan checkers or review firms that either are California licensed architects or engineers with relevant experience or are on the list, if any, of approved plan checkers or review firms provided by the city or county in which the Gaming Facility is located, and employ project inspectors that are currently either certified as Class 1 inspectors by the Division of the State Architect or as Class A inspectors by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development or their successors. The Tribe shall require said inspectors to maintain contemporaneous records of all inspections and report in writing any failure to comply with the Applicable Codes to the Tribal Gaming Agency and to an agency designated by the Governor (the "State Designated Agency"). The plan checkers, review firms, and project inspectors shall hereinafter be referred to as "Inspector(s)."

(g) In all cases where the Applicable Codes would otherwise require plan check, the Tribe shall require those responsible for any Covered Gaming Facility Construction to provide the documentation set forth below:

- (i) The Tribe shall cause the design and construction calculations, and plans and specifications that form the basis for the planned Covered Gaming Facility Construction (the "Design and Building Plans") to be provided to the State Designated Agency within fifteen (15) days of their final plan check and approval;
- (ii) In the event that material changes to a structural detail of the Design and Building Plans will result from contract change orders or any other changes in the Design and Building Plans, the Tribe shall provide such change orders or other changes to the State Designated Agency within five (5) days of the change's execution or approval, and such changes shall be reviewed by the Inspectors for compliance with the Applicable Codes;
- (iii) The Tribe shall maintain during construction all other contract change orders for inspection and copying by the State Designated Agency upon its request;

(iv) The Tribe shall maintain the Design and Building Plans for the term of this Amended Compact.

(h) The State Designated Agency may designate an agent or agents to be given reasonable notice of each inspection by an Inspector required by Section 108 of the California Building Code, and said State agents may accompany the Inspector on any such inspection. The Tribe agrees to correct any Gaming Facility condition noted in said inspection that does not meet the Applicable Codes (hereinafter "deficiency"). Upon not fewer than three (3) business days' notice to the Tribal Gaming Agency, except in circumstances posing an immediate threat to the life or safety of any person, in which case no advance notice is required, the State Designated Agency shall also have the right to review all records of the Inspectors and conduct an independent inspection of the Gaming Facility to verify compliance with the Applicable Codes before public occupancy and shall report to the Tribal Gaming Agency any alleged deficiency; provided, however, that prior to any exercise by the State of its right to inspect without advance notice based upon alleged circumstances posing an immediate threat to the life or safety of any person, the State Designated Agency shall provide to the Tribal Gaming Agency notice in writing specifying in reasonable detail those alleged circumstances.

(i) Upon final certification by the Inspector that a Gaming Facility meets Applicable Codes, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall forward the Inspector's certification to the State Designated Agency within ten (10) days of issuance. If the State Designated Agency objects to that certification, the Tribe shall make a good faith effort to address the State's concerns, but if the State Designated Agency does not withdraw its objection, the matter will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of Section 9.0.

(j) Any failure to remedy within a reasonable period of time any material and timely raised deficiency shall be deemed a violation of the Compact unless the State has acted unreasonably in reporting the deficiency to the Tribe, and furthermore, any deficiency that poses a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants shall be grounds for the State Designated Agency to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility pursuant to a court order until the deficiency is corrected.

(k) The Tribe shall also take all necessary steps to (i) reasonably ensure the ongoing availability of sufficient and qualified fire suppression services to the Gaming Facility and (ii) reasonably ensure that the Gaming Facility satisfies all requirements of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations applicable to similar facilities in the city or county in which the Gaming Facility is located. Not more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Amendment, and not less than biennially thereafter, and upon at least ten (10) days' notice to the State Designated Agency, the Gaming Facility shall be inspected, at the Tribe's expense, by a Tribal official, if any, who is responsible for fire protection on the Tribe's lands, or by an independent expert, for purposes of certifying that the Gaming Facility meets a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety. The State Designated Agency shall be entitled to designate and have a qualified representative or representatives present during the inspection. During such inspection, the State's representative(s) shall specify to the Tribal official or independent expert, as the case may be, any condition which the representative(s) reasonably believes would preclude certification of the Gaming Facility as meeting a reasonable standard of fire safety and life safety. Within fifteen (15) days of the inspection, the Tribal official or independent expert shall issue a report on the inspection, identifying any deficiency in fire safety or life safety at the Gaming Facility or in the ability of the Tribe to meet reasonably expected fire suppression needs of the Gaming Facility. Within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the report, the Tribal official or independent expert shall also require and approve a specific plan for correcting deficiencies, whether in fire safety at the Gaming Facility or in the Tribe's ability to meet the reasonably expected fire suppression needs of the Gaming Facility, including those identified by the State's representative(s). A copy of the report shall be served on the State Designated Agency, upon delivery of the report to the Tribe. Immediately upon correction of all deficiencies identified in the report, the Tribal official or independent expert shall certify in writing to the State Designated Agency that all previously identified deficiencies have been corrected. Any failure to correct all deficiencies identified in the report within a reasonable period of time shall be deemed a violation of the Compact, and any failure to promptly correct those deficiencies that pose a serious or significant risk to the health or safety of any occupants shall be a violation of the Compact and grounds for the State Gaming Agency or other State Designated Agency to prohibit occupancy of the affected portion of the Gaming Facility pursuant to a court order until the deficiency is corrected.

## **V. PATRON DISPUTES AND PROBLEM GAMBLING**

- A. Section 8.1.10(d) of the 1999 Compact is repealed and replaced by the following:**

**Section 8.1.10(d).** The Tribal Gaming Agency shall promulgate regulations governing patron disputes over the play or operation of any game, including any refusal to pay a patron any alleged winnings from any Gaming Activities, which regulations must meet the following minimum standards:

- (i) A patron who makes a complaint to personnel of the Gaming Operation over the play or operation of any game within seven (7) days of said play or operation shall be advised in writing of his or her right to request, within fifteen (15) days of such written notification, resolution of the complaint by the Tribal Gaming Agency, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, to seek binding arbitration of the dispute before a retired judge pursuant to the terms and provisions in subparagraph (iii).
- (ii) Upon request by the patron for a resolution of his or her complaint, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall conduct an investigation, shall provide to the patron a copy of its regulations concerning patron complaints, and shall render a decision consistent with industry practice extant in Nevada and New Jersey. The decision shall be issued within sixty (60) days of the patron's request, shall be in writing, shall be based on the facts surrounding the dispute, and shall set forth the reasons for the decision.
- (iii) If the patron is dissatisfied with the decision of the Tribal Gaming Agency, or no decision is issued within the sixty (60) day period, the patron may request that any such complaint over any claimed prizes or winnings and the amount thereof, be settled by binding arbitration before a single arbitrator, who shall be a retired judge, in accordance with the streamlined arbitration rules and procedures of JAMS (or if those rules no longer exist, the

closest equivalent). Upon such request, the Tribe shall consent to such arbitration and agree to abide by the decision of the arbitrator; provided, however, that if any alleged winnings are found to be a result of a mechanical, electronic or electromechanical failure, which is not due to the intentional acts or gross negligence of the Tribe or its agents, the arbitrator shall deny the patron's claim for the winnings but shall award reimbursement of the amounts wagered by the patron which were lost as a result of any said failure. To effectuate its consent to arbitration, the Tribe shall, in the exercise of its sovereignty, waive its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection with the arbitrator's jurisdiction and in any action to (A) enforce the parties' obligation to arbitrate, (B) confirm, correct, modify, or vacate the arbitral award rendered in the arbitration, or (C) enforce or execute a judgment based upon said award. The cost and expenses of such arbitration shall be initially borne by the Tribe but the arbitrator shall award to the prevailing party its costs and expenses (but not attorney fees). Any party dissatisfied with the award of the arbitrator may at the party's election invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (and if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent); provided that the party making such election must bear all costs and expenses of JAMS and the arbitrators associated with the Appeal Procedure regardless of the outcome.

- B.** The following new **Section 8.5** is added after **Section 8.4.1** of the 1999 Compact:

**Section 8.5. Problem Gambling.**

- (a) **Signage.** The Tribal Gaming Agency shall display at all public entrances, ATM's, and exits of the Gaming Facility signage bearing a toll-free help-line number where patrons may obtain assistance for gambling problems.
- (b) **Self-exclusion.** The Tribal Gaming Agency shall establish self-exclusion programs whereby a self-identified problem gambler may request the halt of promotional mailings, the revocation of



privileges for casino services, denial of or restraint on the issuance of credit and check cashing services, and exclusion from the Gaming Facility.

- (c) Involuntary exclusion. The Tribal Gaming Agency shall establish an involuntary exclusion program that allows the Gaming Operation to halt promotional mailings, deny or restrain the issuance of credit and cash checking services, and deny access to the Gaming Facility to patrons who have exhibited signs of problem gambling.
- (d) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall make diligent efforts to prevent underage individuals from loitering in the area of the Gaming Facility where the Gaming Activities take place.
- (e) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall assure that advertising and marketing of the Gaming Activities at the Gaming Facility contain a responsible gaming message and a toll-free help-line number for problem gamblers, where practical, and that it make no false or misleading claims.
- (f) The Tribal Gaming Agency shall adopt a code of conduct, derived, inter alia, from that of the American Gaming Association, that addresses responsible gambling and responsible advertising.

## **VI. *THIRD PARTY INJURIES***

**Section 10.2(d)** of the 1999 Compact is repealed and replaced by the following:

### **Section 10.2(d)**

- (i) The Tribe shall obtain and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy consistent with industry standards for non-tribal casinos and underwritten by an insurer with an A.M. Best rating of A or higher ("Policy") which provides coverage of no less than \$10 million per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury arising out of, connected

with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities. In order to effectuate the insurance coverage, the Tribe shall waive its right to assert sovereign immunity up to the limits of the Policy, in accordance with the tribal ordinance referenced in subparagraph (ii) below, in connection with any claim for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Facility or Gaming Activities, including, but not limited to, injuries resulting from entry onto the Tribe's land for purposes of patronizing the Gaming Facility or providing goods or services to the Gaming Facility; provided, however, that nothing herein requires the Tribe to agree to liability for punitive damages or to waive its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection therewith. The Policy shall acknowledge that the Tribe has waived its right to assert sovereign immunity for the purpose of arbitration of those claims up to the limits of the Policy referred to above and for the purpose of enforcement of any ensuing award or judgment and shall include an endorsement providing that the insurer shall not invoke tribal sovereign immunity up to said limits of the Policy; however, such endorsement or acknowledgement shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise limit the Tribe's sovereign immunity beyond the policy limits.

- (ii) Prior to the effective date of this Amendment, the Tribe shall adopt, and at all times hereafter shall maintain in continuous force, an ordinance that provides for the following:
  - (A) The ordinance shall provide that California tort law shall govern all claims of bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury arising out of, connected with, or relating to the operation of the Gaming Facility or the Gaming Activities, including, but not limited to, injuries resulting from entry onto the Tribe's land for purposes of patronizing the Gaming Facility or providing goods or services to the

Gaming Facility, provided that California law governing punitive damages need not be a part of the ordinance.

- (B) Said ordinance shall also expressly provide for waiver of the Tribe's right to assert sovereign immunity with respect to the arbitration of such claims but only up to the limits of the Policy; provided, however, such waiver shall not be deemed to waive or otherwise limit the Tribe's sovereign immunity beyond the policy limits.
- (C) Said ordinance shall provide for the Tribe's consent to binding arbitration before a single arbitrator, who shall be a retired judge, in accordance with the comprehensive arbitration rules and procedures of JAMS (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent) to the extent of the limits of the Policy, that discovery in the arbitration proceedings shall be governed by Section 1283.05 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, that the Tribe shall initially bear the cost of JAMS and the arbitrator, but the arbitrator may award costs to the prevailing party not to exceed those allowable in a suit in California Superior Court, and that any party dissatisfied with the award of the arbitrator may at the party's election invoke the JAMS Optional Arbitration Appeal Procedure (or if those rules no longer exist, the closest equivalent), provided that the party making such election must bear all costs and expenses of JAMS and the arbitrators associated with the Appeal Procedure regardless of the outcome. To effectuate its consent to the foregoing arbitration procedure, the Tribe shall, in the exercise of its sovereignty, waive its right to assert its sovereign immunity in connection with the arbitrator's jurisdiction and in any action to (1) enforce the parties' obligation to arbitrate, (2) confirm, correct, modify, or vacate the arbitral

award rendered in the arbitration, or (3) enforce or execute a judgment based upon said award.

- (D) The ordinance may also require that the claimant first exhaust the Tribe's administrative remedies for resolving the claim (hereinafter the "Tribal Dispute Process") in accordance with the following standards: The claimant must bring his or her claim within 180 days of receipt of written notice of the Tribal Dispute Process as long as notice thereof is served personally on the claimant or by certified mail with an executed return receipt by the claimant and the 180-day limitation period is prominently displayed on the front page of said notice. The ordinance may provide that any arbitration shall be stayed until the completion of the Tribal Dispute Process or 180 days from the date the claim is filed, whichever first occurs, unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period.
- (iii) Upon notice that a claimant claims to have suffered an injury or damage covered by this Section, the Tribe shall provide notice by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, that the claimant is required within the specified limitation period to first exhaust the Tribal Dispute Resolution Process, if any, and if dissatisfied with the resolution, entitled to arbitrate his or her claim before a retired judge.
- (iv) Failure to comply with this Section 10.2, subdivision (d), shall be deemed a material breach of the Compact.

## **VII. MITIGATION OF OFF-RESERVATION IMPACTS**

**Section 10.8** is repealed and replaced by the following:

### **Section 10.8. Off-Reservation Impact(s).**

**Section 10.8.1. Tribal Environmental Impact Report.** (a) Before the commencement of any Project as defined in Section 10.8.7 herein, the Tribe shall cause to be prepared a tribal environmental impact report, which is hereinafter referred to as a TEIR, analyzing the potentially significant off-reservation environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to the process set forth in this Section 10.8; provided, however, that information or data which is relevant to such a TEIR and is a matter of public record or is generally available to the public need not be repeated in its entirety in such TEIR, but may be specifically cited as the source for conclusions stated therein; and provided further that such information or data shall be briefly described, that its relationship to the TEIR shall be indicated, and that the source thereof shall be reasonably available for inspection at a public place or public building. The TEIR shall provide detailed information about the Significant Effect(s) on the Off-Reservation Environment which the Project is likely to have, including each of the matters set forth in Exhibit A, shall list ways in which the Significant Effects on the Environment might be minimized, and shall include a detailed statement setting forth all of the following:

- (i) All Significant Effects on the Environment of the proposed Project;
- (ii) In a separate Section:
  - (A) Any Significant Effect on the Environment that cannot be avoided if the Project is implemented;
  - (B) Any Significant Effect on the Environment that would be irreversible if the Project is implemented;
- (iii) Mitigation measures proposed to minimize Significant Effects on the Environment, including, but not limited to, measures to reduce the wasteful, inefficient, and unnecessary consumption of energy;

- (iv) Alternatives to the Project; provided that the Tribe need not address alternatives that would cause it to forgo its right to engage in the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands;
- (v) Whether any proposed mitigation would be feasible;
- (vi) Any direct growth-inducing impacts of the Project; and
- (vii) Whether the proposed mitigation would be effective to substantially reduce the potential Significant Effects on the Environment.

(b) In addition to the information required pursuant to subdivision (a), the TEIR shall also contain a statement briefly indicating the reasons for determining that various effects of the Project on the off-reservation environment are not significant and consequently have not been discussed in detail in the TEIR. In the TEIR, the direct and indirect Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment, including each of the items on Exhibit A, shall be clearly identified and described, giving due consideration to both the short-term and long-term effects. The discussion of mitigation measures shall describe feasible measures which could minimize significant adverse effects, and shall distinguish between the measures that are proposed by the Tribe and other measures proposed by others. Where several measures are available to mitigate an effect, each should be discussed and the basis for selecting a particular measure should be identified. Formulation of mitigation measures should not be deferred until some future time. The TEIR shall also describe a range of reasonable alternatives to the Project or to the location of the Project, which would feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the Project and which would avoid or substantially lessen any of the Significant Effects on the Environment, and evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives; provided that the Tribe need not address alternatives that would cause it to forgo its right to engage in the Gaming Activities authorized by this Compact on its Indian lands. The TEIR must include sufficient information about each alternative to allow meaningful evaluation, analysis, and comparison. The TEIR shall also contain an index or table of contents and a summary, which shall identify each Significant Effect on the Environment with proposed measures and alternatives that would reduce or avoid that effect, and issues to be resolved, including the choice among alternatives and whether and how to mitigate the Significant

Effects on the Environment. Previously approved land use documents, including, but not limited to, general plans, specific plans, and local coastal plans, may be used in cumulative impact analysis. The Tribe shall consider any recommendations from the Board of Supervisors of Imperial County concerning the person or entity to prepare the TEIR.

**Section 10.8.2. Notice of Preparation of Draft TEIR.**

(a) Upon commencing the preparation of the draft TEIR, the Tribe shall issue a Notice of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse in the State Office of Planning and Research ("State Clearinghouse") and to the County of Imperial (the "County") for distribution to the public. The Notice shall provide all Interested Persons with information describing the Project and its potential Significant Effects on the Environment sufficient to enable Interested Persons to make a meaningful response or comment. At a minimum, the Notice shall include all of the following information:

- (i) A description of the Project;
- (ii) The location of the Project shown on a detailed map, preferably topographical, and on a regional map; and
- (iii) The probable off-reservation environmental effects of the Project.

(b) The Notice shall also inform Interested Persons of the preparation of the draft TEIR and shall inform them of the opportunity to provide comments to the Tribe within thirty (30) days of the date of the receipt of the Notice by the State Clearinghouse and the County. The Notice shall also request Interested Persons to identify in their comments the off-reservation environmental issues and reasonable mitigation measures that the Tribe will need to have explored in the draft TEIR.

**Section 10.8.3. Notice of Completion of the Draft TEIR.**

(a) Within no less than thirty (30) days following the receipt of the Notice of Preparation by the State Clearinghouse and the County, the Tribe shall file a copy of the draft TEIR and a Notice of Completion with the State Clearinghouse, the County, and the California Department of Justice. The Notice of Completion shall include all of the following information:

- (i) A brief description of the Project;
- (ii) The proposed location of the Project;
- (iii) An address where copies of the draft TEIR are available;  
and
- (iv) Notice of a period of forty-five (45) days during which  
the Tribe may receive comments on the draft TEIR.

(b) The Tribe will submit forty-five (45) copies of the draft TEIR and Notice of Completion to the County, which will be asked to serve in a timely manner the Notice of Completion to all Interested Persons and asked to post public notice of the draft TEIR at the office of the County Board of Supervisors and to furnish the public notice at the public libraries serving the County. In addition, the Tribe will provide public notice by at least one of the procedures specified below:

- (i) Publication at least one time by the Tribe in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Project. If more than one area is affected, the notice shall be published in the newspaper of largest circulation from among the newspapers of general circulation in those areas; or
- (ii) Direct mailing by the Tribe to the owners and occupants of property adjacent to, but outside, the Indian lands on which the Project is to be located. Owners of such property shall be identified as shown on the latest equalization assessment roll.

**Section 10.8.4. Issuance of Final TEIR.** The Tribe shall prepare, certify and make available to the County and the State Gaming Agency at least fifty-five (55) days before the completion of negotiations pursuant to Section 10.8.8 a Final TEIR, which shall consist of:

- (i) The draft TEIR or a revision of the draft;



- (ii) Comments and recommendations received on the draft TEIR either verbatim or in summary;
- (iii) A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the draft TEIR;
- (iv) The responses of the Tribe to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process; and
- (v) Any other information added by the Tribe.

**Section 10.8.5.** The Tribe shall reimburse the County for copying and mailing costs resulting from making the Notice of Preparation, Notice of Completion, and Draft TEIR available to the public under this Section 10.8.

**Section 10.8.6.** The Tribe's failure to prepare a TEIR when required may warrant an injunction where appropriate.

**Section 10.8.7. Definitions.** For purposes of this Section 10.8, the following terms shall be defined as set forth in this subdivision.

(a) "Project" is defined as any activity occurring on Indian lands after the effective date of this Amendment, a principal purpose of which is to serve the Tribe's Gaming Activities or Gaming Operation and which may cause either a direct physical change in the off-reservation environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the off-reservation environment. This definition shall be understood to include, but not be limited to, the construction or planned expansion of any Gaming Facility and any construction or planned expansion, a principal purpose of which is to serve a Gaming Facility, including, but not limited to, access roads, parking lots, a hotel, an entertainment facility, utility or waste disposal systems, or water supply, as long as such construction or expansion causes a direct or indirect physical change in the off-reservation environment.

(b) "Significant Effect(s) on the Environment" is the same as "Significant Effect(s) on the Off-Reservation Environment" and occur(s) if any of the following conditions exist:

- (i) A proposed Project has the potential to degrade the quality of the off-reservation environment, curtail the range of the environment, or to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals.
- (ii) The possible effects on the off-reservation environment of a Project are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. As used herein, "cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual Project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effect of probable future projects.
- (iii) The off-reservation environmental effects of a Project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

For purposes of this definition, reservation refers to Indian lands within the meaning of IGRA or lands otherwise held for the Tribe in trust by the United States.

(c) "Interested Persons" means (i) all local, State, and federal agencies, which, if a Project were not taking place on Indian lands, would have responsibility for approving the project or would exercise authority over the natural resources that may be affected by the project, or (ii) persons, groups, or agencies that request in writing a notice of preparation of a draft TEIR or have commented on the Project in writing to the Tribe or the County.

#### **Section 10.8.8. Intergovernmental Agreements.**

(a) Before the commencement of a Project, and no later than the issuance of the Final TEIR to the County, the Tribe shall offer to commence negotiations with the County, and upon the County's acceptance of the Tribe's offer, shall negotiate with the County and shall enter into an enforceable written agreement with the County with respect to the matters set forth below:

- (i) Timely mitigation of any Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment (which effects may include, but are not limited to, aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, water resources, land use, mineral resources, traffic, noise, utilities and service systems, and cumulative effects), where such effect is attributable, in whole or in part, to the Project unless the parties agree that the particular mitigation is infeasible, taking into account economic, environmental, social, technological, or other considerations.
- (ii) Compensation for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical services and any other public services to be provided by the County to the Tribe for the purposes of the Tribe's Gaming Operation as a consequence of the Project.
- (iii) Reasonable compensation for programs designed to address gambling addiction.
- (iv) Mitigation of any effect on public safety attributable to the Project, including any compensation to the County as a consequence thereof.

(b) Before the commencement of a Project, and no later than the issuance of the Final TEIR to the State Gaming Agency, the Tribe shall negotiate with the State Department of Transportation or other agency designated by the Governor (the "State Designated Agency") and shall enter into an enforceable written agreement with the State Department of Transportation or the State Designated Agency to timely mitigate the off-reservation traffic impacts of the Project on the State highway system and facilities, where such impacts are attributable, in whole or in part, to the Project. The State Department of Transportation shall have authority to enter into such agreement with the Tribe in order to implement this subdivision.

**Section 10.8.9. Arbitration.** In order to foster good government-to-government relationships and to assure that the Tribe is not unreasonably

prevented from commencing a Project and benefiting therefrom, if either an intergovernmental agreement with the County or an intergovernmental agreement with the State Department of Transportation (or State Designated Agency) is not entered within fifty-five (55) days of the submission of the Final TEIR, or such further time as the Tribe and the County, or Tribe and the State Department of Transportation (or State Designated Agency) (for purposes of this Section "the parties") may mutually agree in writing, any party that has not reached agreement may demand binding arbitration before a single arbitrator pursuant to the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association as set forth herein with respect to any remaining disputes arising from, connected with, or related to the negotiation of its respective agreement:

(a) The arbitration shall be conducted as follows: Each party shall exchange with the other within five (5) days of the demand for arbitration its last, best written offer made during the negotiation pursuant to Section 10.8.8. The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing to be heard within thirty (30) days of his or her appointment unless the parties agree to extend the time. As between the Tribe and the County, or the Tribe and the State Department of Transportation (or State Designated Agency), the arbitrator shall be limited to awarding only one or the other of the two offers submitted, without modification, based upon that proposal which best provides feasible mitigation of Significant Effects on the Off-Reservation Environment and on public safety (or in the case of the negotiations under Section 10.8.8, subdivision (b), which best provides feasible mitigation of the off-reservation traffic impacts of the Project on the State highway system and facilities) and most reasonably compensates for public services pursuant to Section 10.8.8, without unduly interfering with the principal objectives of the Project or imposing mitigation measures which are different in nature or scale from the type of measures that have been required to mitigate impacts of a similar scale of other projects in the surrounding area, to the extent there are such other projects. The arbitrator shall take into consideration whether the final TEIR provides the data and information necessary to enable the County and/or the State Department of Transportation (or State Designated Agency) to determine both whether the Project may result in a Significant Effect on the Off-Reservation Environment and whether the proposed measures in mitigation are sufficient to mitigate any such effect. If a respondent does not participate in the arbitration, the arbitrator shall nonetheless conduct the arbitration and issue an award, and the claimant shall submit such evidence as the arbitrator may require therefor.

(b) Review of the resulting arbitration award is waived.

(c) In order to effectuate this provision, and in the exercise of its sovereignty, the Tribe agrees to waive its right to assert sovereign immunity in connection with the arbitrator's jurisdiction and in any action to (i) enforce the other party's obligation to arbitrate, (ii) enforce or confirm any arbitral award rendered in the arbitration, or (iii) enforce or execute a judgment based upon said award.

### **VIII. LICENSURE OF FINANCIAL SOURCES**

**Section 6.4.6 is repealed and replaced by the following:**

#### **Section 6.4.6. Financial Sources.**

(a) Subject to subdivision (e) of this Section 6.4.6, any person or entity extending financing, directly or indirectly, to a Tribe for a Gaming Facility or a Gaming Operation (a "Financial Source") shall be licensed by the Tribal Gaming Agency prior to extending that financing.

(b) A license issued under this Section shall be reviewed at least every two years for continuing compliance. In connection with such a review, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall require the Financial Source to update all information provided in the previous application. For purposes of Section 6.5.2, such a review shall be deemed to constitute an application for renewal.

(c) Any agreement between the Tribe and a Financial Source shall include a provision for its termination without further liability on the part of the Tribe, except for the bona fide repayment of all outstanding sums (exclusive of interest) owed as of the date of termination, upon revocation or non-renewal of the Financial Source's license by the Tribal Gaming Agency based on a determination of unsuitability by the State Gaming Agency. The Tribe shall not enter into, or continue to make payments pursuant to, any contract or agreement for the provision of financing with any person whose application to the State Gaming Agency for a determination of suitability has been denied or has expired without renewal.

(d) A Gaming Resource Supplier who provides financing exclusively in connection with the provision, sale, or lease of Gaming

Resources obtained from that Supplier may be licensed solely in accordance with licensing procedures applicable, if at all, to Gaming Resource Suppliers, and need not be separately licensed as a Financial Source under this Section.

(e) (1) The Tribal Gaming Agency may, at its discretion, exclude from the licensing requirements of this Section, the following Financial Sources under the circumstances stated:

- (A) A federally-regulated or state-regulated bank, savings and loan association, or other federally- or state-regulated lending institution.
- (B) An entity identified by Regulation CGCC-2, subdivision (f) (as in effect on July 1, 2004) of the California Gambling Control Commission, when that entity is a Financial Source solely by reason of being (i) a purchaser or a holder of debt securities issued directly or indirectly by the Tribe for a Gaming Facility or for the Gaming Operation or (ii) the owner of a participation interest in any amount of indebtedness for which a Financial Source described in subdivision (e)(1)(A) is the creditor.
- (C) An investor who, alone or together with any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with such investor, holds less than 10% of all outstanding debt securities issued directly or indirectly by the Tribe for a Gaming Facility or for the Gaming Operation.
- (D) An agency of the federal, state or local government providing financing, together with any person purchasing any debt securities of the agency to provide such financing.

(2) The following are not Financial Sources for purposes of this Section:

- (A) An entity identified by Regulation CGCC-2, subdivision (h) (as in effect on July 1, 2004) of the California Gambling Control Commission.
- (B) A person or entity whose sole connection with a provision or extension of financing to the Tribe is to provide loan

brokerage or debt servicing for a Financial Source at no cost to the Tribe or the Gaming Operation, provided that no portion of any financing provided is an extension of credit to the Tribe or the Gaming Operation by that person or entity.

(f) In recognition of changing financial circumstances, this Section shall be subject to good faith renegotiation by both parties in or after five (5) years from the effective date of this Amended Compact upon request of either party; provided such renegotiation shall not retroactively affect transactions that have already taken place where the Financial Source has been excluded or exempted from licensing requirements.

#### **IX. LABOR AND WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

A. Section 10.2(e) is repealed and replaced by the following:

(e) Adopt and comply with federal and state workplace and occupational health and safety standards. The Tribe will allow for inspection of Gaming Facility workplaces by state inspectors, during normal hours of operation, to assess compliance with these standards, and consents to the jurisdiction of the state agencies charged with the enforcement of those laws, including the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board and Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board, and of the courts of the State of California for purposes of enforcement.

B. Section 10.7 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

**Section 10.7. Labor Relations.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this Amendment, the Tribe shall repeal its existing Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance ("TLRO") and adopt the amended TLRO set forth in Exhibit B, which affords employees with the right to self-organization and to select a representative through secret ballot. Said ordinance shall remain in effect during the term of this Amended Compact.

#### **X. AUTHORITY AND OPTION TO TERMINATE**

A. Section 15.4 is hereby repealed.

**B. A new Section 15.7 is hereby added as follows:**

**Section 15.7.** The Tribe expressly represents that, as of the date of the Tribe's execution of this Amended Compact, the undersigned president has the authority to execute this Amendment on behalf of the Tribe, including any waivers of the right to immunity therein, and will provide written proof of such authority and of the ratification of this Amendment by the tribal governing body to the Governor no later than 30 days after this Amendment's execution by the Tribe's president. In entering into this Amendment, the State expressly relies upon the foregoing representations by the Tribe, and the State's entry into this Amendment is expressly made contingent upon the truth of those representations. If the Tribe fails to provide written proof of authority to execute this Amendment or written proof of ratification by the Tribe's governing body within 30 days of the Tribal president's execution of this Amendment, the Governor may declare this Compact null and void by written notice filed with the California Secretary of State within 90 days of the Governor's execution of this Amendment.

## **XI. TERM**

**A. Section 11.1 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:**

**Section 11.1. Effective Date.** This Amended Compact shall not be effective unless and until all of the following have occurred: (a) The amendment herein is ratified by statute in accordance with state law; and (b) Notice of approval or constructive approval is published in the Federal Register as provided in 25 U.S.C. Section 2710 (d)(3)(B).

**B. Section 11.2.1 (a) is repealed and replaced by the following:**

**Section 11.2.1. Term.** (a) Once effective, this Amended Compact shall be in full force and effective until December 31, 2025.

**C. Section 11.2.1, subdivision (b) is repealed.**

**D. Section 12.4 is repealed.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned sign this Amendment on behalf of the State of California and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**QUECHAN TRIBE OF THE  
FORT YUMA INDIAN  
RESERVATION**

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By Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of the State of California

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By Mike Jackson, Sr.  
President of the Quechan Tribe of  
the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation

Executed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2006, at Sacramento, California

Executed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2006, at \_\_\_\_\_, California

**ATTEST:**

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Bruce McPherson  
Secretary of State, State of California

## EXHIBIT A

### OFF-RESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS CHECKLIST

#### I. AESTHETICS

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
b) Substantially damage off-reservation scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
c) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views of historic buildings or views in the area?				

#### II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Involve changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of off-reservation farmland to non-agricultural use?				

#### III. AIR QUALITY

	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?				
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions, which				

<b>Would the project:</b>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p>exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?</p> <p>d) Expose off-reservation sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?</p> <p>e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people off-reservation?</p>				

#### **IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

<b>Would the project:</b>	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
<p>a) Have a substantial adverse impact, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?</p> <p>b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any off-reservation riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?</p> <p>c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected off-reservation wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act?</p> <p>d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?</p> <p>e) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?</p>				

## V. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an off-reservation historical or archeological resource?				
b) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique off-reservation paleontological resource or site or unique off-reservation geologic feature?				
c) Disturb any off-reservation human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				

## VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Expose off-reservation people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.</li> <li>ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?</li> <li>iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?</li> <li>iv) Landslides?</li> </ul>				
b) Result in substantial off-reservation soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				

## VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Create a significant hazard to the off-reservation public or the off-reservation environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				

- b) Create a significant hazard to the off-reservation public or the off-reservation environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed off-reservation school?
- d) Expose off-reservation people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires.

**VIII. WATER RESOURCES**

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
b) Substantially deplete off-reservation groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there should be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation off-site?				
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding off-site?				
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff off-reservation?				
f) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures, which would impede or redirect off-reservation flood flows?				
g) Expose off-reservation people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				

## IX. LAND USE

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Conflict with any off-reservation land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
b) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan covering off-reservation lands?				

## X. MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known off-reservation mineral resource classified MRZ-2 by the State Geologist that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
b) Result in the loss of availability of an off-reservation locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				

## XI. NOISE

Would the project result in:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Exposure of off-reservation persons to noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b) Exposure of off-reservation persons to excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the off-reservation vicinity of the project?				
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the off-reservation vicinity of the project?				

## XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Induce substantial off-reservation population growth?				
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere off-reservation?				

## XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered off-reservation governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the off-reservation public services:				
Fire protection?				
Police protection?				
Schools?				
Parks?				
Other public facilities?				

## XIV. RECREATION

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Increase the use of existing off-reservation neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				

## XV. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Cause an increase in off-reservation traffic, which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume-to-capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?				
b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated off-reservation roads or highways?				
c) Substantially increase hazards to an off-reservation design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				
d) Result in inadequate emergency access for off-reservation responders?				

## XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Exceed off-reservation wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant off-reservation environmental effects?				
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant off-reservation environmental effects?				
d) Result in a determination by an off-reservation wastewater treatment provider (if applicable), which serves or may serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				



## XVII. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

Would the project:	<i>Potentially Significant Impact</i>	<i>Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporation</i>	<i>Less than Significant Impact</i>	<i>No Impact</i>
a) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable off-reservation? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past, current, or probable future projects.				

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **TRIBAL LABOR RELATIONS ORDINANCE**

#### **Section 1: Threshold of applicability**

- (a) Upon the employment of 250 or more persons in a Tribal Casino and Related Facility, if any, once they are open to the public, the provisions of this Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance (TLRO or Ordinance) shall become effective immediately. For purposes of this ordinance, a "Tribal Casino" is one in which class III gaming is conducted pursuant to a tribal-state compact between the State of California and this Tribe. A "Related Facility" is one for which the only significant purpose is to facilitate patronage of the class III gaming operations.
- (b) Upon the request of a labor organization, the Tribal Gaming Agency shall certify the number of employees in the Tribal Casino or other Related Facility as defined in 1(a) above. Either party may dispute the certification of the Tribal Gaming Agency to the Tribal Labor Panel.

#### **Section 2: Definition of Eligible Employees**

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to any person (hereinafter "Eligible Employee") who is employed within the Tribal Casino or other Related Facility, except for any of the following:

- (1) any employee who is a supervisor, defined as any individual having authority, in the interest of the Tribe and/or employer, to hire, transfer, suspend, lay off, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward, or discipline other employees, or responsibility to direct them or to adjust their grievances, or effectively to recommend such action, if in connection with the foregoing the exercise of such authority is not of a merely routine or clerical nature, but requires the use of independent judgment;

- (2) any employee of the Tribal Gaming Agency;
- (3) any employee of the security or surveillance department, other than those who are responsible for the technical repair and maintenance of equipment;
- (4) any cash operations employee who is a “cage” employee or money counter, or auditor; or
- (5) any dealer.

### **Section 3: Non-interference with regulatory or security activities**

Operation of this Ordinance shall not interfere in any way with the duty of the Tribal Gaming Agency to regulate the gaming operation in accordance with the Tribe’s National Indian Gaming Commission-approved gaming ordinance. Furthermore, the exercise of rights hereunder shall in no way interfere with the Tribal Casino’s surveillance/security systems, or any other internal controls system designed to protect the integrity of the Tribe’s gaming operations. The Tribal Gaming Agency is specifically excluded from the definition of Tribe and its agents.

### **Section 4: Eligible Employees free to engage in or refrain from concerted activity**

Eligible Employees shall have the right to self-organization, to form, to join, or assist employee organizations, to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, and to engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection, including picketing and leafleting adjacent or leading to, but not inside, the Tribal Casino, and shall also have the right to refrain from any or all such activities, including the right to agree to restrict or prohibit striking pursuant to the terms contained in a collective bargaining agreement.

### **Section 5: Unfair Labor Practices for the tribe**

It shall be an unfair labor practice for the Tribe and/or employer or their agents:

- (1) to interfere with, restrain or coerce Eligible Employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed herein;

- (2) to dominate or interfere with the formation or administration of any labor organization or contribute financial or other support to it, but this does not restrict the Tribe and/or employer and a certified union from agreeing to union security or dues checkoff;
- (3) to discharge or otherwise discriminate against an Eligible Employee because s/he has filed charges or given testimony under this Ordinance;
- (4) to refuse to bargain collectively with the representatives of Eligible Employees.

#### **Section 6: Unfair Labor Practices for the union**

It shall be an unfair labor practice for a labor organization or its agents:

- (1) to interfere, restrain or coerce Eligible Employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed herein;
- (2) to engage in, or to induce or encourage any individual employed by any person engaged in commerce or in an industry affecting commerce to engage in, a strike or secondary boycott or a refusal in the course of his or her employment to use, manufacture, process, transport or otherwise handle or work on any goods, articles, materials, or commodities or to perform any services; or to threaten, coerce, or restrain any person engaged in commerce or in an industry affecting commerce: provided, that nothing contained in this clause (2) shall be construed to make unlawful any primary strike or primary picketing;
- (3) to force or require the Tribe and/or employer to recognize or bargain with a particular labor organization as the representative of Eligible Employees if another labor organization has been certified as the representative of such Eligible Employees under the provisions of this TLRO;
- (4) to refuse to bargain collectively with the Tribe and/or employer, provided it is the representative of Eligible Employees subject to the provisions herein; or

- (5) to attempt to influence the outcome of a tribal governmental election, provided, however, that this section does not apply to tribal members.

#### **Section 7: Tribe and union right to free speech**

The Tribe's and labor organization's expression of any view, argument or opinion or the dissemination thereof, whether in written, printed, graphic or visual form, shall not constitute or be evidence of interference with, restraint or coercion if such expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit.

#### **Section 8: Access to Eligible Employees**

- (a) Access shall be granted to the labor organization for the purposes of organizing Eligible Employees, provided that such organizing activity shall not interfere with patronage of the Tribal Casino or Related Facility or with the normal work routine of the Eligible Employees and shall be done on non-work time in non-work areas that are designated as employee break rooms or locker rooms that are not open to the public. The Tribe may require the labor organization and/or union organizers to be subject to the same licensing rules applied to individuals or entities with similar levels of access to the Tribal Casino or Related Facility, provided that such licensing shall not be unreasonable, discriminatory, or designed to impede access.
- (b) The Tribe, in its discretion, may also designate additional voluntary access to the labor organization in such areas as employee parking lots and non-Casino facilities located on tribal lands.
- (c) In determining whether organizing activities potentially interfere with normal tribal work routines, the labor organization's activities shall not be permitted if the Tribal Labor Panel determines that they compromise the operation of the Tribal Casino in the following areas:
  - (1) security and surveillance systems throughout the Tribal Casino, and reservation;

- (2) access limitations designed to ensure security;
  - (3) internal controls designed to ensure security;
  - (4) other systems designed to protect the integrity of the Tribe's gaming operations, tribal property and/or safety of casino personnel, patrons, employees or tribal members, residents, guests or invitees.
- (d) The Tribe shall provide to the labor organization, upon a thirty percent (30%) showing of interest to the Tribal Labor Panel, an election eligibility list containing the full first and last name of the Eligible Employees within the sought after bargaining unit and the Eligible Employees' last known address within ten (10) working days. Nothing herein shall preclude a tribe from voluntarily providing an election eligibility list at an earlier point of a union organizing campaign.
- (e) The Tribe agrees to facilitate the dissemination of information from the labor organization to Eligible Employees at the Tribal Casino by allowing posters, leaflets and other written materials to be posted in non-public employee break areas where the Tribe already posts announcements pertaining to Eligible Employees. Actual posting of such posters, notices, and other materials, shall be by employees desiring to post such materials.

#### **Section 9: Tribal preference explicitly permitted**

Nothing herein shall preclude the Tribe from giving a preference in employment, seniority, lay-offs or retention to members of the Tribe or shall in any way affect the Tribe's right to follow tribal law, ordinances, personnel policies or the Tribe's customs or traditions regarding granting a preference to members of the Tribe in employment, seniority, lay-offs or retention.

#### **Section 10: Secret ballot elections**

- (a) Dated and signed authorized cards from thirty percent (30%) or more of the Eligible Employees within the bargaining unit verified by the elections officer will result in a secret ballot election to be held within 30 days from presentation to the elections officer.

- (b) The election shall be conducted by the election officer. The election officer shall be a member of the Tribal Labor Panel chosen pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions herein. All questions concerning representation of the Tribe and/or Employer's Eligible Employees by a labor organization shall be resolved by the election officer. The election officer shall be chosen upon notification by the labor organization to the Tribe of its intention to present authorization cards, and the same election officer shall preside thereafter for all proceedings under the request for recognition; provided however that if the election officer resigns, dies or is incapacitated for any other reason from performing the functions of this office, a substitute election officer shall be selected in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions herein.
- (c) The election officer shall certify the labor organization as the exclusive collective bargaining representative of a unit of employees if the labor organization has received the majority of votes by employees voting in a secret ballot election that the election officer determines to have been conducted fairly. If the election officer determines that the election was conducted unfairly due to misconduct by the Tribe and/or employer or labor organization, the election officer may order a re-run election. If the election officer determines that there was the commission of serious Unfair Labor Practices by the Tribe that interfere with the election process and preclude the holding of a fair election, and the labor organization is able to demonstrate that it had the support of a majority of the employees in the unit at any point before or during the course of the Tribe's misconduct, the election officer shall certify the labor organization.
- (d) The Tribe or the labor organization may appeal any decision rendered after the date of the election by the election officer to a three (3) member panel of the Tribal Labor Panel mutually chosen by both parties.
- (e) A labor organization which loses an election and has exhausted all dispute remedies related to the election may not invoke any provisions of this labor ordinance at the Tribal Casino or Related Facility until one year after the election was lost.

### **Section 11: Collective bargaining impasse**

Upon recognition, the Tribe and the labor organization will negotiate in good faith for a collective bargaining agreement covering bargaining unit employees represented by the labor organization. If collective bargaining negotiations result in impasse, and the matter has not been resolved by the tribal forum procedures set forth in section 13 (b) governing resolution of impasse within sixty (60) working days or such other time as mutually agreed to by the parties, the labor organization shall have the right to strike.

### **Section 12: Decertification of bargaining agent**

- (a) The filing of a petition signed by thirty percent (30%) or more of the Eligible Employees in a bargaining unit seeking the decertification of a certified labor organization, will result in a secret ballot election to be held 30 days from the presentation of the petition.
- (b) The election shall be conducted by an election officer. The election officer shall be a member of the Tribal Labor Panel chosen pursuant to the dispute resolution provisions herein. All questions concerning the decertification of the labor organization shall be resolved by an election officer. The election officer shall be chosen upon notification to the Tribe and the labor organization of the intent of the employees to present a decertification petition, and the same election officer shall preside thereafter for all proceedings under the request for decertification; provided however that if the election officer resigns, dies or is incapacitated for any other reason from performing the functions of this office, a substitute election officer shall be selected in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions herein.
- (c) The election officer shall order the labor organization decertified as the exclusive collective bargaining representative if a majority of the employees voting in a secret ballot election that the election officer determines to have been conducted fairly vote to decertify the labor organization. If the election officer determines that the election was conducted unfairly due to misconduct by the Tribe and/or employer or the labor



organization, the election officer may order a re-run election or dismiss the decertification petition.

- (d) A decertification proceeding may not begin until one (1) year after the certification of a labor union if there is no collective bargaining agreement. Where there is a collective bargaining agreement, a decertification petition may only be filed no more than 90 days and no less than 60 days prior to the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement. A decertification petition may be filed anytime after the expiration of a collective bargaining agreement.
- (e) The Tribe or the labor organization may appeal any decision rendered after the date of the election by the election officer to a three (3) member panel of the Tribal Labor Panel mutually chosen by both parties.

### **Section 13: Binding dispute resolution mechanism**

- (a) All issues shall be resolved exclusively through the binding dispute resolution mechanisms herein, with the exception of a collective bargaining negotiation impasse, which shall only go through the first level of binding dispute resolution.
- (b) The first level of binding dispute resolution for all matters related to organizing, election procedures, alleged unfair labor practices, and discharge of Eligible Employees shall be an appeal to a designated tribal forum such as a Tribal Council, Business Committee, or Grievance Board.

The parties agree to pursue in good faith the expeditious resolution of these matters within strict time limits. The time limits may not be extended without the agreement of both parties. In the absence of a mutually satisfactory resolution, either party may proceed to the independent binding dispute resolution set forth below. The agreed upon time limits are set forth as follows:

- (1) All matters related to organizing, election procedures and alleged unfair labor practices prior to the labor organization becoming certified as the collective bargaining representative of bargaining unit employees,

shall be resolved by the designated tribal forum within thirty (30) working days.

- (2) All matters after the labor organization has become certified as the collective bargaining representative and relate specifically to impasse during negotiations, shall be resolved by the designated tribal forum within sixty (60) working days;
- (c) The second level of binding dispute resolution shall be a resolution by the Tribal Labor Panel, consisting of ten (10) arbitrators appointed by mutual selection of the parties which panel shall serve all tribes that have adopted this ordinance. The Tribal Labor Panel shall have authority to hire staff and take other actions necessary to conduct elections, determine units, determine scope of negotiations, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, take testimony, and conduct all other activities needed to fulfill its obligations under this Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance.
- (1) Each member of the Tribal Labor Panel shall have relevant experience in federal labor law and/or federal Indian law with preference given to those with experience in both. Names of individuals may be provided by such sources as, but not limited to, Indian Dispute Services, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and the American Academy of Arbitrators.
  - (2) Unless either party objects, one arbitrator from the Tribal Labor Panel will render a binding decision on the dispute under the Ordinance. If either party objects, the dispute will be decided by a three-member panel of the Tribal Labor Panel, which will render a binding decision. In the event there is one arbitrator, five (5) Tribal Labor Panel names shall be submitted to the parties and each party may strike no more than two (2) names. In the event there is a three (3) member panel, seven (7) Tribal Labor Panel names shall be submitted to the parties and each party may strike no more than two (2) names. A coin toss shall determine which party may strike the first name. The arbitrator will generally follow the American Arbitration

**Association's procedural rules relating to labor dispute resolution. The arbitrator or panel must render a written, binding decision that complies in all respects with the provisions of this Ordinance.**

**(d) Under the third level of binding dispute resolution, either party may seek a motion to compel arbitration or a motion to confirm an arbitration award in Tribal Court, which may be appealed to federal court. If the Tribal Court does not render its decision within 90 days, or in the event there is no Tribal Court, the matter may proceed directly to federal court. In the event the federal court declines jurisdiction, the Tribe agrees to a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity for the sole purpose of compelling arbitration or confirming an arbitration award issued pursuant to the Ordinance in the appropriate state superior court. The parties are free to put at issue whether or not the arbitration award exceeds the authority of the Tribal Labor Panel.**

## **EXHIBIT C**

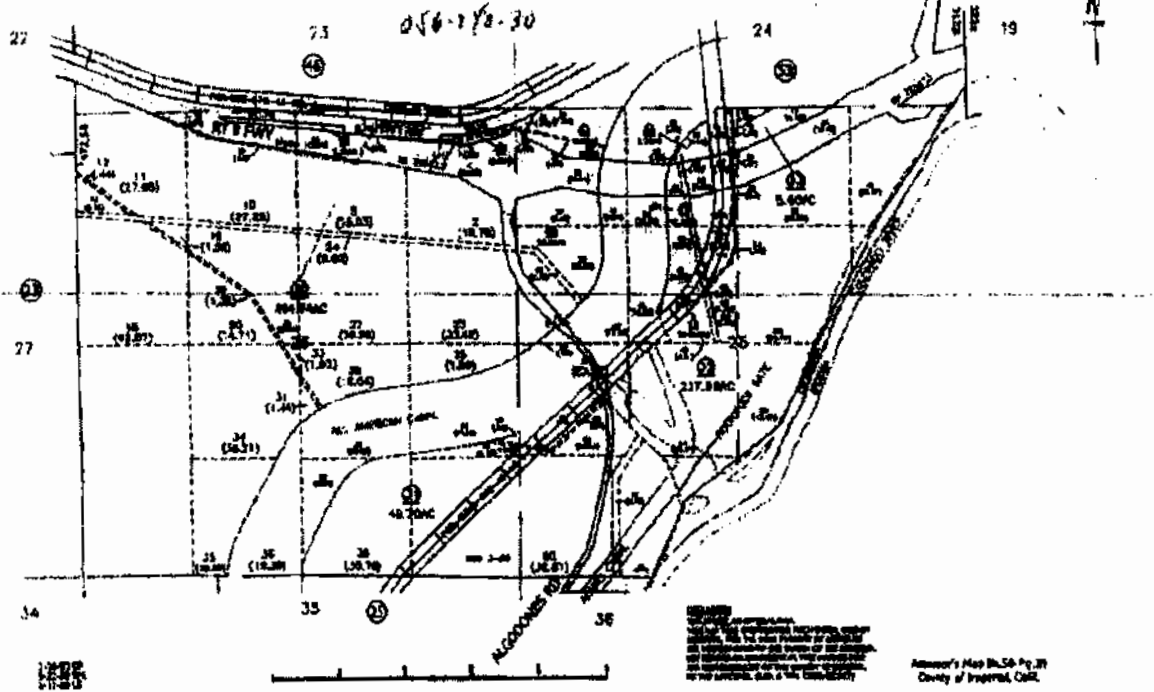
### **Paradise Casino Gaming Facility**

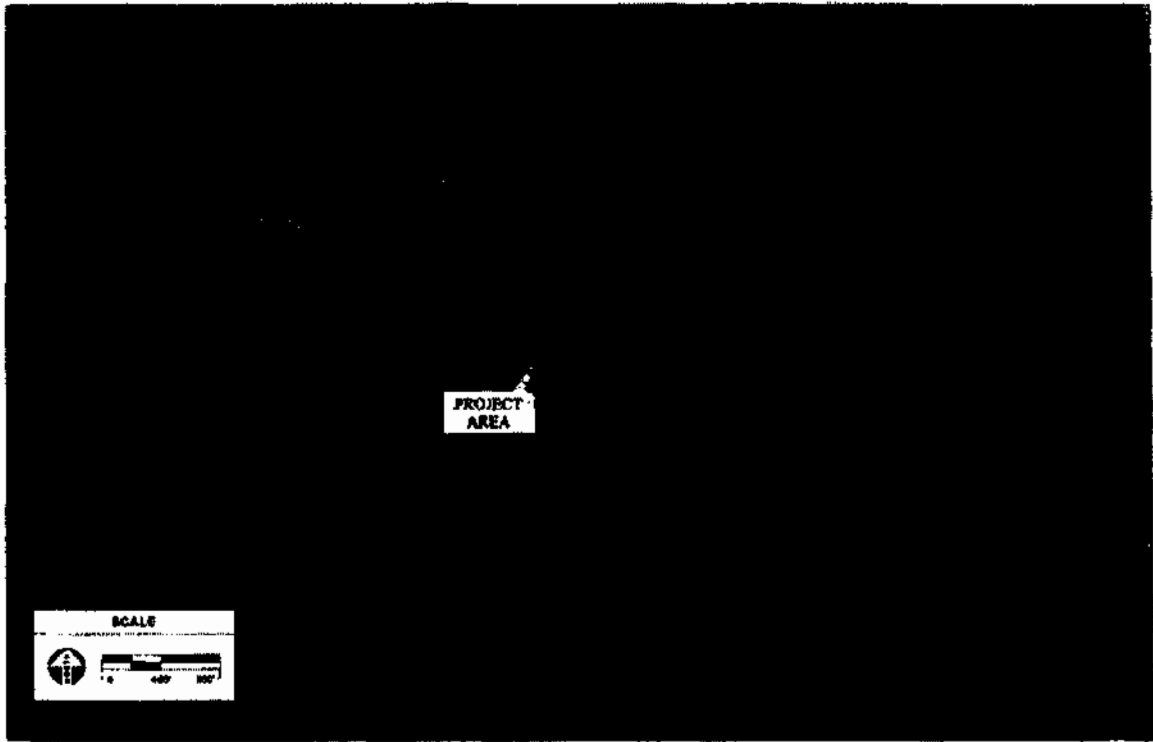
The Paradise Casino is located at 450 Quechan Drive, Winterhaven, California 92283.

## **EXHIBIT D**

### **The 494.7-Acre Site**

This site is assessor parcel number 056-240-30, which is in Section 26 within Township 16S, Range 21E of the "Yuma, California" U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute topographical quadrangle. It is adjacent to Interstate 8 and would be accessed by Algodones Road. A map that shows parcel number 056-240-30 within Section 26 and an aerial photograph of the proposed casino site within that parcel follow.





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Figure 3  
Aerial Photograph