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February 24, 2011

SENT VIA U.S. MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Re: California Valley Miwok Tribe v. Salazar et al.
U.S.D.C. (Dist. Col.) Case No. 1:11-cv-00160

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Chairperson of the California Valley Miwok Tribe ("Tribe"), formerly known as the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California. (Please see documentation regarding the Tribe's name change marked as Attachment One). This Tribe is a federally recognized tribe that shares a nation-to-nation relationship with the United States. This correspondence is not intended, and in no way shall be construed, as an appearance by the Tribe in the above-entitled matter, nor shall it be construed as a waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity.

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the issue that the named Plaintiffs in the above-entitled matter have sued in the capacity of the Tribe itself and its Tribal Council without authorization or permission by the Tribe. The Tribe has not commenced the above-entitled action, nor has it authorized the named attorneys for the Plaintiffs to represent the Tribe or its Tribal Council.

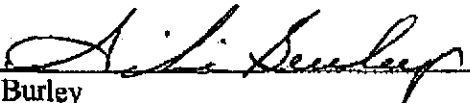
The Tribe and Tribal Council have not consented to be plaintiffs to this action, nor does the Tribe believe this is an action by which the other Plaintiffs, as a group, can legitimately utilize the name and sue on behalf of the Tribe, as the Plaintiffs wholly lack the requisite authority to do so.

The Tribe believes that initiating an action in the name of the Tribe and its Tribal Council is a direct violation of the professional rules by which Plaintiffs' counsel are mandated to follow as attorneys and professionals. As such, I have filed complaints with the California State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar Association against the Plaintiffs' legal counsel for their violations of the Business & Professions Code.

Further, this is not the first instance in which the Plaintiffs and their counsel have attempted to mislead a court. On October 23, 2009, Honorable John A. Mendez, District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, signed an order granting my motion for sanctions.

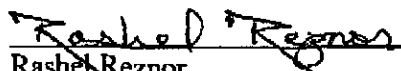
As a result of this unprofessional conduct and the blatant misrepresentations made to the Court by the Plaintiffs and their legal counsel in the above-entitled action, the Tribe submits this correspondence in order to inform the Court of these matters so that it may act as it sees fit.

Respectfully,



Silvia Burley
Chairperson, California Valley Miwok Tribe

Also attested to by:



Rashel Reznor
Secretary/Treasurer, California Valley Miwok Tribe

Feb 24, 2011
Date

EXHIBIT 1