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**MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2015
COMMISSION MEETING**

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lopes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners.

Roll Call of Commissioners was taken, with Chairman Richard Lopes and Commissioners Tiffany Conklin, Lauren Hammond and Richard Schuetz present.

3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes for:
 - A. January 29, 2015 - Regulations Workshop
 - B. February 10, 2015
 - C. February 18, 2015 - GCA Hearing

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the minutes for the January 29, 2015 Regulations Workshop, the February 10, 2015 Commission Meeting, and the February 18, 2015 GCA Hearing.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Consent Calendar item 14, Village Club was moved to Open Session following agenda item 12.

4. California Problem Gambling Treatment Services Program, Overview & Update:
Presenter: Terri Sue Canale, Chief, Office of Problem Gambling, California Department of Public Health

Terri Sue Canale presented the latest achievements of the Office of Problem Gambling. No action was taken on this item.

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5. Applications for Consideration of Renewal of State Gambling Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 19852 and 19876; CCR, Title 4 section 12345):

A. St. Charles Place: Robert Bertges, Sole Proprietor
Lori Bertges, Community Property Interest Holder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Application through March 31, 2017 with the condition noted below:

The owner-licensee may not open or offer controlled games until the Bureau of Gambling Control has inspected the cardroom and determined that the cardroom is in compliance with all pertinent regulatory standards.

B. Tommy's Casino and Saloon: Tommie Wayne Buck, Inc.
Tommie Wayne Buck, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Shareholder
Alicia Gomez Buck, Community Property Interest Holder

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond, and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Application through March 31, 2017 and removed the existing condition noted below:

Condition to be Removed:

The Bureau of Gambling Control is to be notified as to the outcome of the outstanding litigation on the Worker's Compensation issue.

6. Applications for Consideration of Initial Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12350):

A. David Hoang

Comments Received From:

David Hoang, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through April 30, 2015.

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B. Erica Ledda

Comments Received From:

Erica Ledda, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through April 30, 2015 with the condition noted below:

Beginning April 1, 2015, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Ledda must submit a written update to the Bureau of Gambling Control regarding her fines owed to the Internal Revenue Service.

C. Samuel Ludwig

Comments Received From:

Samuel Ludwig, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Key Employee License through May 31, 2015.

7. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):

A. Reyna Duckett

Comments Received From:

Reyna Duckett, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through March 31, 2017 and removed the existing condition noted below:

Condition to be Removed:

Within 120 days, Ms. Reyna Duckett must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control written evidence that the outstanding delinquent credit accounts have been cleared.

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B. Richel Suffoletti

Comments Received From:

Richel Suffoletti, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Key Employee License through March 31, 2017 and amended the existing condition noted below:

Existing Condition:

Beginning December 1, 2014, and every 180 days thereafter, Ms. Suffoletti must submit a written update to the Bureau of Gambling Control regarding her amended taxes for 2011 and 2012.

Amended Condition:

Effective April 15, 2015, Ms. Suffoletti must submit to the Bureau of Gambling Control a copy of her amended 2011 and 2012 federal income taxes.

8. Application for Consideration of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):

The 101 Casino: Christina Toleu

Comments Received From:

Christina Toleu

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Work Permit through January 31, 2016.

9. Application for Consideration of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):

The Deuce Lounge and Casino: Eric Capello

Comments Received From:

Eric Capello, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Schuetz, seconded by Chairman Lopes and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Renewal Work Permit through March 31, 2017 and removed the condition noted below:

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Condition to be Removed:

Beginning April 1, 2015, and every 180 days thereafter, Mr. Capello must submit a written update to the Bureau of Gambling Control regarding his failure to pay fine in collections with the Franchise Tax Board.

By Commissioner's concurrence, the following agenda items in 10 were considered simultaneously:

10. Applications for Consideration of Conversion of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services Player Registrations to License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12218):

PT Gaming, LLC:

Players:

Sovann Thiem

Silvia Torres

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Conklin and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairmen Lopes and Commissioners Conklin and Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Conversion Applications through March 31, 2017.

11. Application for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Gaming Resource Supplier Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.5):

Connections IT, Inc.:

Victoria Carlson, President and Sole Shareholder
Brody Carlson, Secretary and Treasurer

Comments Received From:

Brody Carlson, via telephone

Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Application through March 31, 2017.

12. Application for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

Quechan Casino Resort – Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Charles De Grande

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Schuetz and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved the Initial Finding of Suitability Application through July 2, 2016.

By concurrence of the Commissioners, Closed Session Item 14, Village Club was considered after Item 12 in Open Session.

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Item 14:

Consideration of Additional Permanent Authorized Tables (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19841(p); CCR Title 4, section 12359):

Village Club: VC Cardroom, Inc.

Comments Received From:

Jarhett Blonien, Designated Agent

Frances Asuncion, DOJA II, Bureau of Gambling Control

Action:

Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and unanimously carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved to allow Village Club to increase from 14 to 18 tables.

13. Application for Approval to Convert Third Party Provider of Proposition Services

Owner Registration to a License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984 and CCR, Title 4, sections 12218 and 12552):

Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against: Arise, LLC and Darrell Stuart Miers, Managing Member (CGCC Case No. 2012-08301, BGC Case No. HQ2013-00009AL)

Comments Received From:

Bill Torngren, Attorney General

John Maloney, Attorney and Designated Agent

Open Session item 13 was considered in Closed Session.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

15. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Portable Personal Key Employee License (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19854; CCR Title 4, section 12351):

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| A. Efren Antonio | N. Valerie Maldonado |
| B. Sarah Bohm | O. Debora Millan |
| C. Richard Chaffino | P. David Mosikian |
| D. Daniela Cicu | Q. Ralph Nunley |
| E. Jesse Contreras | R. Tem Phit |
| F. Pattie Filippini | S. Michael Sana |
| G. Mark Fuller | T. Jacob Silva |
| H. John Griffo | U. Shao Sun |
| I. Eric Harris | V. Nenita Taburaza |
| J. Robert Ketchum | W. Glenn Tracey |
| K. Deven Kumar | X. Travis Wakefield |
| L. Mike Kusano | Y. Cynthia Winters |
| M. Steve Lee | Z. Alan Wong |

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16. Application for Consideration of Initial Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):

Merced Poker Room: Lai Meng Saetern

17. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Work Permit (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19912; CCR Title 4, section 12104):

A. Empire Sportsmen's Association:

Davy Boon Tem Mao Talisa Ungchy

B. Lake Bowl Cardroom:

Jacqueline Bolyan

C. Napa Valley Casino:

James Craig Phavanh Daraseng Tyler Hill
Angela Hwang Quynh Le San Saechao
Paworawan Suebdee-Macias Belinda Yin

D. The 101 Casino:

Chris Dinh Tracy Lo Monica Nowak
Casey O'Shea Aldrich Saplan Lili Shan
Stacy Wassana Justin Whitecotton

18. Applications for Consideration of Renewal of Third Party Providers of Proposition Player Services Supervisor/Player Licenses (Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 19984; CCR, Title 4, section 12218.8):

A. Gaming Fund Group, Inc.:

Player: Michael Carr

B. Pacific Gaming Services, LLC:

Supervisor: Thuc Phan

C. PT Gaming, LLC:

Supervisors: Kamal Rahi Noel Salcedo Paul Zamacona

Players: Hien Dinh Brian Malibiran Jessica Ng
Oscar Perez Sotheary Sou Ronald Williams
Areg Zargarian

19. Applications for Consideration of Initial Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):

A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:

Reynaldo Agriam Carolyn Cara Russell Holcomb
Erika Mendoza Rebecca Phipps Salvador Sifuentes Jr.

B. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:

Megan Myers

C. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:

Cesar Pelayo

D. Chicken Ranch Casino - Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:

Tony Hernandez

E. Chumash Casino Resort - Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians of the Santa Ynez Reservation:

Chuck Reyes

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- F. Colusa Casino Resort - Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community of the Colusa Rancheria:
Edith Frutos
- G. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:
Mary Berry
- H. Graton Resort & Casino - Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
Debbie Butler Beverly Carmichael Jose Flores Sandoval
Jonathan Friedman Brian Gayten Luyan Guo
Gary Hernishin Tien Luong John Mastromarino
Barry Mok Tawni Tilden Anita Turner
Mollie Valle Lisa Wright-James Mong Yang
James Ybarra
- I. Havasu Landing Resort & Casino - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation:
Robin Stone
- J. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
Edgar Arango Ryan Chhouen Leah Smith
- K. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Karrie Baraichi
- L. Pit River Casino - Pit River Tribe:
Eugene Hinze
- M. Quechan Casino Resort - Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation:
Victoria Craun Rigoberto Frausto Jr. Larry Onaka
Ronnie Ruiz
- N. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Anna Rudman Shaun Spillers Mary Springsteen
- O. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Aaron Ball
- P. Running Creek Casino - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake:
Ruban Plevney Jr. Ashley Watkins
- Q. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Elizabeth Johnson
- R. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Joshua Brown Young Chor Vue Gordon Woods Jr.
- S. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
Raul Hernandez Jr Anthony Jauregui
- T. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Justin Horn
- U. Valley View Casino & Hotel - San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians:
Preoung Chottikhun Samuel Roth

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20. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Tribal-State Compact Key Employee Finding of Suitability (Pursuant to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact, section 6.4.4):
- A. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Randy Cohen Carla Coyne Jackie De Guzman
Silvia Hernandez Robert Maloney Jr Thai Phan
- B. Barona Resort and Casino - Barona Group of Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians:
Bewar Alzakholy Jeffty Connelly Gabriel Kitchen
Robert Loveless Garrett Williams
- C. Blue Lake Casino and Hotel - Blue Lake Rancheria:
Barton Reed Jr.
- D. Cache Creek Casino Resort - Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation:
Karry Chao Sabrina Jones Tay Khorn
Diem Le Rebecca Saeteun Tommy Saeteurn
Scott Tomlin Richard Tyler
- E. Coyote Valley Casino - Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians:
Mary Clark Enrique Muniz Jimmy Vaca
- F. Elk Valley Casino - Elk Valley Rancheria:
Sylvia Hernandez
- G. Fantasy Springs Resort Casino - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians:
John Winters III
- H. Jackson Rancheria Casino & Hotel - Jackson Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians:
John Lemos Colleen McCarthy Edward Meeker II
Patricia Talley
- I. Lucky 7 Casino - Smith River Rancheria:
Diane Fournier
- J. Mono Wind Casino - Big Sandy Rancheria Band of Western Mono Indians:
David Reynolds
- K. Morongo Casino Resort and Spa - Morongo Band of Mission Indians:
Steven Field Jennifer Lobendahn Roger Ray
- L. Pala Casino Spa Resort - Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation:
John Clausen Olga Corona Perez Shahira Dentith
Sal Enriquez Jr Mario Ferro Oliva Ho
Vivian Imai Stephanie McQuade Reyes Reyes
Laura Sanchez Laurie Smith
- M. Pechanga Resort & Casino - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pechanga Reservation:
Richmon Deas III Leo Flasch Soda Heaps
Richard Jenkins William Maroney
Michael May Kevin Page
- N. Red Earth Casino - Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians:
Sharon France Rodolfo Gaxiola Nicola Joukovsky
Edelmira Murillo
- O. Red Hawk Casino - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, Shingle Springs Rancheria:
Amanda Garcia Richard Hudson Hugh McKiernan
Thanh Nguyen Wei Tan

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- P. River Rock Casino - Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians:
Jerry Arretche Della Barker Debra Pacheco
Susan Smith
- Q. Soboba Casino - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians:
Carole Bennett Jose Celaya Melissa Gates
Oscar Juarez Jessica Kelly Eugene Whitman
- R. Spa Resort Casino - Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians:
Charles Arrage Joydelyne Balanay Geraldine Baltazar
Christopher Baruth Marilou Carino Ernesto Hernandez Jr.
Carlos Valverde
- S. Sycuan Casino and Resort - Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:
Anton Christensen Neil Lambert David Penn
Sherwin Perez
- T. Table Mountain Casino - Table Mountain Rancheria:
Mark Garcia Anthony Hernandez Outhay Insyarath
Arthur Negrete
- U. Tachi Palace Hotel and Casino - Santa Rosa Indian Community:
John Gerwe III Dane Hansen
- V. Thunder Valley Casino Resort - United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria:
Kim Arnsdorff Joseph Bakken Mary Doeuk
Ria Fe Galindez James Heinemann Sean Manisap
Cuang Mooc Lucas Newman Daniel Paulo
James Smith
- W. Win-River Casino - Redding Rancheria:
Timothy Barry Jeffrey Fish Jessica Freeman
Christi Hines Sherri Stripling

21. Applications for Consideration of Renewal Interim State Licenses for Bingo Manufacturers and Distributors (Pursuant to Penal Code sections 326.3, 326.5, and CCR, Title 4, section 12492):

- A. LIF Capital Group, LLC: Lee Ira Fried and Nancy Fried Lew 2000 Revocable Trust
Lee Ira Fried, Trustee, Beneficiary, Trustor
Nancy Fried Lew, Trustee, Beneficiary, Trustor
Steven Rockwell, Member
- B. Madison Capital Corp.: Nevada Madison Capital Corporation
Martha McKinney, President, Secretary, Treasurer
The D.A. Facciani Living Trust
Martha McKinney, Trustee
- C. Pacific Gaming, LLC: Lee Ira Fried and Nancy Fried Lew 2000 Revocable Trust
Lee Ira Fried, Trustee, Beneficiary, Trustor
Nancy Fried Lew, Trustee, Beneficiary, Trustor
Steven Rockwell, Member

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Action:

Upon motion of Chairman Lopes, seconded by Commissioner Hammond and carried in a vote by roll call with Chairman Lopes and Commissioners Conklin, Hammond and Schuetz voting yes, the Commission approved Consent Calendar Items 15 through 21.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kyle Kirkland

CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE:

Prior to holding closed session, Chief Counsel disclosed that Closed Session item II. A., II. B., II. C., II. D., and II. E. would be addressed by the Commission in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION: 10:51 a.m.

- I. Litigation: (Government Code section 11126(e)):
 - A. *Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians v. Gambling Control Commission; and Arnold Schwarzenegger*, U.S. Dist Court S. D. California (09 CV01955 LAB AJB)
 - B. *San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians v. State of California, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court (BC431469)
 - C. *Bingo Innovations of California, Inc. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2012-80001139)
 - D. *Robert Saucier, et al. v. California Gambling Control Commission*, Sacramento County Superior Court (34-2013-80001594)
 - E. *Stand Up For California, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Madera County Superior Court (MCV062850)
 - F. *California Valley Miwok Tribe v. The California Gambling Control Commission*; Court of Appeal of the State of California, Fourth Appellate District, Division One (D0645271), San Diego County Superior Court (37-2008-00075326-CU-CO-CTL).

- II. Deliberation of Decision regarding Disciplinary Matter (Government Code Section 11126 (c)(3)):
 - A. Stipulated Settlement; Decision and Order In the Matter of the Accusation and Statement of Issues Against: Arise, LLC and Darrell Stuart Miers, Managing Member (CGCC Case No. 2012-08301, BGC Case No. HQ2013-00009AL)
 - B. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal License for John Su'a, (CGCC Case No. 2013-1030-7B)
 - C. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal License for Joseph Beltran, (CGCC Case No. 2013-0523-1)
 - D. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Initial Key Employee Portable Personal License for Richard Kwan, (CGCC Case No. 2013-0626-8D)
 - E. In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Conversion of Third-Party Provider of Proposition Player Services Player Registration to a License for Idanay Cheris Phillips (CGCC-2014-0828-10A)

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RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: 11.05 a.m.

Closed Session Item II. A.

The Commissioners approved the Stipulated Settlement.

Closed Session Items II.B. through II. E.

A decision was made and parties will be notified in writing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Lopes adjourned the Commission Meeting at 11:05 a.m.