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Supervisor Deadlock on Proposed Buena Vista ISA Continues Into Arbitration Proceedings

(Jackson, Calif.) *Thefollowing statement is delivered by Terri Daly, Amador County Administrative Officer regarding the March* 18, 2008 *arbitration notification process deadline:*

"The Board of Supervisors' deadlocked vote on March 11th resulted in the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians issuing the seven-day notice to terminate negotiations. March 18, 2008 at midnight marked the deadline for both parties to exchange their last-best-and-final offer."

"Consistent with previous votes on the subject, the Board of Supervisors remains deadlocked on the proposed ISA. As a result, the Board did not submit a last-best-and-final offer. Further, the Board will not participate in any arbitration proceedings."

"At this time, the Tribe has indicated it will proceed with the binding arbitration process. A decision by an arbitrator assigned by the American Arbitration Association could be made within 30-90 days from today."

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