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Supervisors Again Deadlocked on Proposed Buena Vista ISA

(Jackson, Calif.) *In reference to the Blue Slip item on today's Board of Supervisors regular meeting agenda: "Buena Vista Rancheria: Discussion and possible action relative to ratification of an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (ISA) with the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians including modifications presented to the Tribe by the Board on March 4, 2008" the following statement is delivered by Terri Daly, County Administrative Officer.*

"Today, with Supervisor Oneto again abstaining from deliberating or voting, the Amador County Board of Supervisors voted 2-2 on a motion to approve the revised ISA with the Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians. With no alternate motion, and no majority decision on either vote, the board remains deadlocked. Voting in favor of the ISA were Supervisors Escamilla and Novelli; rejecting were Supervisors Boitano and Forster."

"Following a letter from the Tribe received by the County the morning of March 10, 2008, accepting the counter-offer proposed by the Board of Supervisors at last weeks' regular board meeting, Board Chairman Richard Forster initiated Blue Slip protocol to insert the item on the agenda for the March 11, 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting."

"The letter from the Tribe gave a deadline of a vote today to formally ratify the modified ISA and stated it would terminate negotiations effective March 12, 2008 and proceed with binding arbitration as soon as the seven-day notice is complete on March 19, 2008. According to the 2004 Compact, the next step would be for one of the parties to invoke arbitration before an arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association. A decision by the arbitrator could be made in 60-90 days."

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