



California Valley Miwok Tribe, California

(formerly the Sheep Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California)

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To whom it may concern:

Regarding Silvia Burley's claim to represent the Tribe and her efforts to have the government release tribal money to her.

Silvia Burley persistently claims to be the authority for the California Valley Miwok Tribe, which she is NOT. Briefly, the facts of this matter are as follows. For some 30 years, the Federal government recognized Yakima Dixie as the authority. Mr. Dixie was encouraged to give tribal status to Ms. Burley to help him organize the Tribe; but rather than do that, she usurped his authority in 2000 and had funds from the Federal government and the State of California improperly directed to her custody which she then used almost exclusively for herself and her immediate family, including the purchase of a residential mansion at 10601 Escondido Pl. Stockton, California 95212. She claims this personal residence to be "Miwok land", but it is NOT.

Mr. Dixie and other legitimate members of the Tribe objected and appealed this situation; and in 2005 the Federal government withdrew its recognition of any authority, mandated that the Tribe become organized under Secretarial supervision, and all Federal grants and State Revenue Sharing were suspended. Ms. Burley eventually ran out of money, having spent several million dollars of tribal money on lawyers fees to prosecute her claim to authority (all failed) and over a million dollars of tribal money on mortgage payments and on the up-keep on her residence and to maintain an affluent life-style at tribal expense.



The bank having repossessed her residence, she is now facing eviction. This is the basis of her protesting against the Federal government in an attempt to force the government to release the suspended grants and to recognize her as the authority so that she can recover her residence and continue on with her expensive life-style. She uses the rubric of "tribal sovereignty"; but she grossly misrepresents and distorts that idea. The Tribe regrets Ms. Burley's obstruction of due process in tribal organization and wishes peace to all. Please visit the Tribe's web-site for further information - <http://www.californiavalleymiwok.com> For the full report on Tiger's and Silvia's house which they claim to be Miwok property, Please see:

<http://www.californiavalleymiwok.com/2009-04-08-Escondido-Pl-Final-Report-Full-numbered.pdf>

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