



# Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians

**STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN DONALD ARNOLD**

**SCOTTS VALLEY BAND OF POMO INDIANS**

**February 23, 2010**

Recent statements made by Mr. Les Miller, a member of the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, to the media and others about the Tribe's casino project are incorrect, misleading and inappropriate. The Tribe continues to actively pursue approvals for its Sugar Bowl Casino from the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Tribe's site in North Richmond, California. We continue to be extremely optimistic that our project will be approved this year and that the land in North Richmond will be taken into trust by the Federal Government for the purposes of our Tribe's economic independence.

Mr. Miller is a former Tribal Chairman whom Tribal members recalled from office in 2000. He has repeatedly lost elections seeking leadership positions within the Tribal Council. All attempts by Mr. Miller to challenge Tribal Council elections have failed. Mr. Miller does not speak for, nor represent, the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians or its Tribal Council.