



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Indian Gaming; Approval by Operation of Law of the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the approval by operation of law of the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria governing the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities.

**DATES:** The compact takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Troy M. Woodward, Acting Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, [IndianGaming@bia.gov](mailto:IndianGaming@bia.gov); (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, (IGRA) provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with 45 days to review and approve or disapprove the Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of class III gaming activity on the Tribe's Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8). If the Secretary does not approve or disapprove a Tribal-State compact within the 45 days, IGRA provides the Tribal-State compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The IGRA also requires the Secretary to publish in the *Federal Register* notice of approved Tribal-State

compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. (d)(8)(D). As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary.

The Secretary took no action on the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria within the 45-day statutory review period. Therefore, the compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

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