

REDDING RANCHERIA DISTRIBUTION ORDINANCE

The Redding Rancheria, a federally recognized Indian Tribe (the “Tribe”) hereby amends and replaces the Redding Rancheria Distribution Ordinance (the “Distribution Ordinance”) in order to establish rules for the distribution of gaming revenues not otherwise controlled by the Tribe’s Revenue Allocation Plan (“RAP”), approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). This Ordinance shall have the full force and effect of Tribal law with regard to all matters covered herein.

This amended Distribution Ordinance includes changes to reflect final regulations issued under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 at 25 CFR Part 1, including Internal Revenue Code Section 139E and their preamble, including Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, as published in the Federal Register at 90 Fed Reg. 58378 (December 16, 2025), Treasury Regulation Section 1.139E-1 (the “Final Regulations”).

Section 1000 - Findings and Policy

The Tribe finds that:

1. The Redding Rancheria operates a gaming facility which produces revenues which are subject to the control of the Tribal Council, subject to compliance with Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and the Tribe’s BIA-approved Revenue Allocation Plan (the “RAP”).
2. Pursuant to IGRA and the Tribe’s RAP, Net Gaming Revenues may be used to fund government operations or programs; to promote economic development; to donate to charitable organizations; to help fund operations of local government; and to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, including:
 - (i) Current Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits;
 - (ii) Deferred Benefits (which may consist of both Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits and Taxable Trust Benefits); and
 - (iii) Current Per Capita Benefits and other taxable benefits.
3. The Tribe’s RAP and IGRA also require that the interests of minors and other legally incompetent persons are adequately protected and preserved.
4. This Distribution Ordinance is intended to implement allocations called for under the Tribe’s RAP in a manner designed to comply with IGRA while retaining maximum flexibility in the use of gaming revenues to promote the general welfare of the Tribe and its Members.
5. The Distribution Ordinance is further intended to promote the use of gaming revenues for compliance with the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 and Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, the payment of current Non-Taxable General

Welfare Benefits, the payment of current Per Capita Benefits and other Taxable Benefits, the establishment of adult and minors trusts to accumulate and distribute Deferred Benefits from Net Gaming Revenues or other sources approved by the Tribe, including Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits and Taxable Trust Benefits, and the establishment of programs under the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance (the "GWO").

6. In the event of a conflict, IGRA and the Tribe's BIA-approved RAP shall control. General welfare determinations shall be in accordance with Code Section 139E.

The Tribe hereby declares that it is the policy of the Tribe to retain maximum flexibility to regulate the use of Net Gaming Revenues to promote the general welfare of the Redding Rancheria and its Members.

Section 1001 - Definitions

1. **"Adult Deferral Plan" or "Adult Deferral Trust"** refers to optional Deferred Benefits contributed on behalf of an adult Member into a Grantor Trust for future distribution as Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits and/or Taxable Trust Benefits. Deferred Benefits under the Adult Deferral Plan may be accounted for within the Tribal Member Trust.
2. **"Code"** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
3. **"Deferred Benefit"** shall mean a benefit from Net Gaming Revenue paid from Trust (which may consist of both Non-taxable General Welfare Benefits and Taxable Trust Benefits). At the discretion of the Tribal Council, Trusts may also be funded from sources other than Net Gaming Revenues, and may include amounts separately accounted for that have previously been subject tax upon contribution.
4. **"General Welfare Account"** means a bookkeeping account maintained to assist the Tribe in tracking and providing for future Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits that a Member may qualify for. Trust funds that are not held in a bookkeeping account designated specifically for general welfare purposes may be reallocated into the Member's General Welfare Account and/or otherwise used to pay Non-taxable General Welfare Benefits if, on the date of distribution, they meet all requirements of Code Section 139E and Treasury Regulation Section 1.139E-1(c)(5)(iii). The General Welfare Account may include subaccounts (e.g. saving or spending accounts) as necessary for administering the Tribal Member Trust.
5. **"Grantor Trust" or "Trust"** means a trust or trusts, or portion of a trust, established by the Tribe to hold Deferred Benefits, for which the Tribe is the grantor and owner of all trust assets until distributed. For this purpose, the Tribe shall be treated as owner of a trust or portion thereof in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 671 through 677.

6. **"Legally Incompetent"** refers to an individual who is eligible to participate in a per capita payment or other distribution of net gaming revenues and who has been declared to be under a legal disability, other than being a minor, by a court of competent jurisdiction, including tribal justice systems or as established by the Tribe. The Tribe reserves the right to extend legal incompetency protections to any member when the Tribal Council, in its discretion, determines such protections are necessary to protect the health, education, or welfare of a member. In making these decisions, the Tribal Council shall follow any ordinances adopted by the General Council, if applicable.

7. **"Legally Incompetent Member General Welfare Plan" or "Legally Incompetent Trust"** refers to amounts contributed into a Grantor Trust for the benefit of a Legally Incompetent Member in accordance with the RAP for future distribution as Deferred Benefits. Deferred Benefits under the Legally Incompetent Member General Welfare Plan may be accounted for within the Tribal Member Trust.

8. **"Minor"** means a Tribal Member under the age of 18 whose date of birth and certified copy of a birth certificate have been provided to the Tribe. A Minor shall be considered an adult Tribal Member, if the Minor is emancipated in accordance with the laws of the Tribe.

9. **"Minors Deferral Plan" or "Minors Trust"** refers to amounts contributed for the benefit of a Minor Member into a Grantor Trust in accordance with the RAP for future distribution as Deferred Benefits. Deferred Benefits under the Minors Deferral Plan may also include an amount specifically set aside for the payment of Senior Benefits as defined in the Tribal Member Trust. Minors Trust benefits that are deferred or held for payment as future Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits may, at the option of the Tribe, be retained within the Minors Trust or accounted for under the Adult Deferral Plan. All Deferred Benefits under the Minors Deferral Plan may be accounted for within the Tribal Member Trust.

10. **"Net Gaming Revenues"** means gross revenues of an Indian gaming activity less amounts paid out as, or paid for, prizes and total operating expenses, excluding management fees.

11. **"Net Gaming Revenues Account"** means an accounting fund within the accounting books and records of the Redding Rancheria to which all Net Gaming Revenues are credited and accounted for.

12. **"Non-taxable General Welfare Benefits"** means benefits that qualify as Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits under the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance and under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E. The determination of whether a benefit is treated as a Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefit under Code Section 139E is made at the time the benefit is distributed. Payments for general welfare may also qualify for tax exemption under the common law general welfare doctrine or other exemptions under the Code to the extent recognized by the IRS independent of

Code Section 139E. Benefits that do not meet the requirements of Code Section 139E at the time the benefit is distributed, or are not otherwise exempt from tax under the Code, are reported as taxable benefits even if intended by the Tribe for distribution for the health, education and welfare of the recipient.

12. **"Operating Expenses"** means all expenses of an Indian gaming activity including, without limitation, debt service payments, amounts set aside in a separate reserve account(s) at the direction of Tribal Council, and amounts approved as working capital by Tribal Council in the gaming operations annual budget.

13. **"Per Capita Benefit"** means the distribution of money or other thing of value to all members of the Tribe, or to identified groups of members, which is paid directly from the Net Gaming Revenues of any Tribal gaming activities. This definition does not apply to Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits or other payments which have been disclaimed or otherwise set aside by the Tribal Council for special purposes or programs, such as payments made for social welfare, medical assistance, education, housing or other similar, specifically identified needs.

14. **"Program"** means, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, a program established by the Tribe to pay Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits per Code Section 139E.

15. **"RAP" or "Revenue Allocation Plan"** means the Revenue Allocation Plan adopted by the Tribe to comply with IGRA and as approved by the General Council and by the Secretary of the Interior, BIA.

16. **"Taxable Benefits"** means distributions outside of a trust arrangement that do not meet requirements of Code Section 139E for treatment as Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits or are not otherwise exempt from tax under the Code.

17. **"Taxable Trust Benefits"** means distributions from the Adult Deferral Plan, the Legally Incompetent Member General Welfare Plan or the Minors Deferral Plan that do not meet the requirements of Code Section 139E for treatment as Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits or are not otherwise exempt from tax under the Code.

18. **"Tribal Member" or "Member"** means any person, regardless of age, who is an enrolled member of the Redding Rancheria for the entire period for which member benefits covered by this Ordinance are paid, set aside, or contributed into Trust.

19. **"Tribal Member Trust"** means a Grantor Trust established by the Tribe to hold and account for funds that may be used by the Tribe to assist in the payment of Deferred Benefits under the Minors Deferral Plan, the Legally Incompetent Trust or the Adult Deferral Plan. Benefits within the Tribal Member Trust may be separately accounted, as necessary, to track Minors Trust, Adult Trust, or Legally Incompetent Trust benefits.

20. **"Tribal Programs Account"** means an accounting fund established to account for amounts allocated for Tribal programs under the Revenue Allocation Plan.

21. **"Trust"** See "Grantor Trust".

Section 1002 - Division of Net Gaming Revenues

1. Net Gaming Revenues received by the Redding Rancheria shall be credited to the Net Gaming Revenues Account.
2. By the twelfth day of each month, an accounting of the total Net Gaming Revenues in the Net Gaming Revenues Account from the previous month shall be prepared. Upon approval by the Tribal Council, sixty percent (60%) of such total Net Gaming Revenues shall be authorized to be distributed as General Welfare Benefits, Per Capita Benefits and/or contributions to Trusts as set forth in the RAP, and forty percent (40%) shall be credited to the Tribal Programs Account.
3. A report shall be prepared and presented to the Tribal Council at its next regular meeting reflecting the balance of the Net Gaming Revenues Account and Tribal Programs Accounts, and the amount of the Per Capita Benefits and/or General Welfare Benefits for the month (hereafter, "the monthly report").

Section 1003 - Administration of Benefits

1. Notice shall be provided to Tribal Members or the parents or guardians of Minors or Legally Incompetent Members of their options, as applicable, to receive, defer or disclaim benefits from Net Gaming Revenues or otherwise covered by this Ordinance. Such notice shall be in such form or at such time as shall be directed by the Tribal Council through implementing policies.
2. The Tribal Member or his or her parent or legal guardian, as applicable, must provide the Tribe with a current address and other information required to process benefits or payments. The Tribe shall be entitled to rely on the address and other information provided by the Member, or other authorized instructions. The Member or authorized recipient shall provide picture identification when he or she picks up a check. Checks shall be released only upon presentation of adequate identification.
3. Failure to provide current address or other required information, or failure to exercise any deferral or disclaimer option shall not give that Tribal Member any right of action or claim against the Tribe, its officers, agents or employees, or impose any obligation on the Tribe or any of its officers, agents or employees.
4. By no later than the 20th day of each month, the Tribe shall:

- a. Make payment of Per Capita Benefits, Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits, or other disbursements authorized under this Ordinance, as applicable, for the previous month to each adult Tribal Member of amounts not otherwise deferred or disclaimed, by mailing checks, transferring funds or issuing and holding checks or payments as directed by the Tribal Member. In the absence of specific instructions from the Member, the Tribe shall mail the Tribal Member's check to the address on file with the Tribe.
 - b. Set aside funds in Trust for each Minor and Legally Incompetent Member as called for under the RAP or as otherwise directed by the Tribal Council for the purpose of paying Deferred Benefits consistent with applicable Trust instruments and elections.
 - c. Set aside funds in Trust for each adult Member opting into the Adult Deferral Plan or as otherwise directed by the Tribal Council for the purpose of paying Deferred Benefits consistent with applicable Trust instruments and elections.
5. The Tribal Council is authorized to adopt additional procedures for electronic processing of payments in lieu of or in addition to checks.
6. Notice regarding taxable payments and tax withholding shall be administered pursuant to the RAP and applicable provisions of the Code. The Tribal Council may establish withholding amounts for federal and/or state taxes at amounts above the minimum IRS or State thresholds if deemed in the interest of the membership. The Tribe will report taxable Per Capita Benefits to the IRS on Form 1099 as required for compliance with the Internal Revenue Code.
7. Eligibility for Per Capita Benefits shall be administered pursuant to the RAP.
8. Nothing herein or in the RAP is intended to vest or vests in any Tribal Member or any other person any right or interest in the Tribe, any of its enterprises, the income produced by the Tribe of its enterprises, or any other tribal assets or the income produced by such assets. The General Council reserves the right to amend or repeal this Ordinance at any time and such amendment or repeal shall not represent a taking of any vested property right.
9. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish any accounts as may be necessary or appropriate in the administration of benefits called for herein. All such accounts are bookkeeping accounts only. The establishment of an account shall not create a current economic benefit or be subject to assignment or alienation for the benefit of the beneficiary of such account. Until distributed, the Tribe shall be the sole owner of all assets in such accounts, with the sole discretion to determine the manner and timing of distributions.
10. The distribution of all Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits from any Trust(s) called for herein shall be on an application basis, subject to approval by the Trustee or its

designee. Approved distributions shall be processed, when possible, within 30 days of receipt of a completed application, unless otherwise specified in a Program policy. While all General Welfare Benefits are intended to promote the general welfare of the Tribe, the taxability of all benefits under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E shall be determined as of the date of distribution. Approved distributions or portions thereof that do not meet all requirements for tax-free treatment under Code Section 139E shall be reported as taxable payments.

11. With regard to any benefits subject to constructive receipt restrictions under the Internal Revenue Code, and as recognized in the Preamble to the Final Regulations, “a Tribal program participant’s election to defer a Tribal General Welfare Benefit that is made before the Tribal program participant would have rights to the Tribal General Welfare Benefit under Tribal law will not be treated as constructively received by the Tribal program participant for Federal income tax purposes.” Per this Ordinance, the Tribal Council or its designee specifically retains the right to deny any application for General Welfare Benefits up until an application for benefits is approved in writing, and no Member or other Program participant shall have rights to any Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits under Tribal law prior to such approval. An application for distribution of benefits may be denied or delayed for any reason based upon Tribal policy or Tribal law. Nothing herein shall subject deferral of tax-exempt benefits under Code Section 139E to constructive receipt and economic benefit restrictions otherwise not required under the Internal Revenue Code.

12. The Tribal Council is authorized to offset Trust or other benefits called for herein for the collection or reimbursement of debts owed to the Tribe or for the application of other debt repayments as permitted under applicable Tribal laws. This provision shall not be administered in a manner that would violate Section 1003.9 above, cause a non-vested account to become vested, or apply until a benefit otherwise becomes subject to distribution.

13. Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits are not intended to be treated as income for any purpose. The Tribe reserves the right to ensure that Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits are provided solely for qualified beneficiaries, and may defer (or cancel) benefits if applied to the detriment of a Member or the Tribe.

14. To the fullest extent permitted at law or provided in an approved Program guideline, Tribal benefits and distributions under this Ordinance are intended for the exclusive benefit of Tribal Members and shall not be treated as an asset, resource, or income for other purposes not expressly required by federal or Tribal law. This shall include, without limitation, the implementation of protections and limitations as needed to retain a Member’s eligibility for public assistance and exemptions from the division of Member assets upon divorce, regardless of whether benefits are otherwise taxable for federal or state income tax purposes.

15. The Tribal Council may implement such further restrictions as needed to ensure that Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits are not lavish or extravagant under Code

Section 139E and to substantiate compliance with all requirements of the Code. Whether a benefit is lavish or extravagant for purposes of this section is based on the facts and circumstances at the time the benefit is provided. Relevant facts and circumstances include the Tribe's culture and cultural practices, history, geographic area, traditions, resources, and economic conditions or factors. The Tribal Council approves attestations of the facts and circumstances to support compliance with Code Section 139E. A benefit will be presumed to not be lavish or extravagant if it is described in, and provided in accordance with, written Program guidelines at the time that the benefit is provided to the Tribal Program participant.

Section 1004 – Establishment of Trusts, Declaration of General Welfare Benefits, and Implementation of Elections

1. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish a Grantor Trust or Trusts to hold, invest and accumulate Deferred Benefits from Net Gaming Revenues and/or other sources approved by the Tribal Council. The Trusts and accounts thereunder shall be established to track benefits for compliance with Code Section 139E, as applicable. Distribution of any Trusts called for herein may be delayed or cancelled when in the interest of the Trust beneficiary. The Tribal Council shall approve the final timing and the final form of all distributions from said Trust(s) and may combine Minors, Adult and Legally Incompetent Member benefits into a single Grantor Trust, with separate accounting, if deemed necessary, for benefits therein.
2. The Grantor Trust(s) called for herein shall be maintained at all times in a manner designed to satisfy the definition of an ordinary trust in Section 301.7701-4(a) of the Procedure and Administration Regulations, that grants the Tribe a power, an interest, or a combination thereof, described in Sections 673 through 677, and that would cause the Tribe to be treated as owner of the trust under Subpart E. Grantor Trust assets are not available to or for the benefit of a beneficiary until actual distribution in accordance with the terms of the Trust and applicable Tribal plans, Programs or policies. All Trusts referred to herein are Grantor Trusts unless expressly indicated otherwise.
3. Legal Incompetent Trust benefits shall not be payable prior to the date the beneficiary ceases to be Legally Incompetent, except for distributions for the health, education, or welfare of the beneficiary made at the discretion of the Trustee pursuant to the governing Trust instrument. The Trustee may approve a distribution plan consisting of regularly scheduled payments, provided the guardian, conservator, or power of attorney provides sufficient justification to the Trustee. If approved by the Trustee, that portion of a current General Welfare Benefit distributions consistent with the approved distribution plan may be paid by the Tribe to the guardian, conservator or power of attorney (for the benefit of the Legally Incompetent Member) in lieu of prior contribution into Trust. All such payments are subject to verification by the Trustee and repayment by the guardian, conservator or power of attorney if used in violation of the approved distribution plan.

4. Minors Trust benefits shall not be payable prior to the date the beneficiary ceases to be a Minor, except for distributions for the health, education, or welfare of the beneficiary made at the discretion of the Trustee pursuant to the governing Trust instrument.
5. Of the amounts set aside for each Minor beneficiary in Trust pursuant to Section 1003.4.b. above:
 - a. The Tribal Council shall designate an amount each year to be available for the health, education and welfare of the Minor at the request of a parent or legal guardian until the minor reaches the age of 18. Amounts remaining when the minor reaches the age of 21 shall be retained for distribution pursuant to subparagraph (c) below.
 - b. Prior to each Minor's 18th birthday, the Tribal Council shall set aside an amount within the Minor's Trust account projected to provide monthly senior benefit payments beginning at age 50 equal to the amount of senior benefits established by the General Council at that time. Senior benefits are dependent on account balances at the time of distribution and are not guaranteed as to any specific amount.
 - c. All remaining balances of each Minor's Trust account shall be available for distribution for the beneficiary's health, education and welfare upon application to the Trustee beginning at age 21 as follows: Up to 25% of such account at age 21; up to 33% of the remaining account at age 22 (plus any amounts previously eligible but unpaid); up to 50% of the remaining account at age 23 (plus any amounts previously eligible but unpaid); and up to the remainder of the account at and after age 24. The Tribal Council or its designee may implement policies, procedures and limitations, as needed, to ensure that the foregoing application process does not result premature taxation under the Code, including under IRS doctrines of constructive receipt or economic benefit, as applicable.
6. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish rules and procedures for the distribution of benefits to a contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries upon death of a primary beneficiary, and to hold benefits pending final determinations hereunder.
7. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish deferral agreements for benefits that would otherwise be taxable. Where applicable, deferral agreements shall comply with all requirements for the deferral of taxation including IRS doctrines of constructive receipt and economic benefit.
8. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish agreements for the disclaimer of benefits. Where applicable, disclaimer agreements shall comply with all requirements for the disclaimer of taxable benefits including IRS doctrines of constructive receipt and economic benefit.

9. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish agreements to disclaim, defer and accumulate Deferred Benefits in Trust, and to establish general welfare Programs and guidelines subject to the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance and Code Section 139E.

10. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish annual amounts to be allocated to General Welfare Benefits subject to the requirements of the RAP and in accordance with the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance, and Code Section 139E.

11. The Tribal Council retains final discretion in re-allocating Trust benefits for the purpose of paying Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits in accordance with the RAP, the Redding Rancheria General Welfare Ordinance, and Code Section 139E. This includes the authority to reallocate Trust benefits, regardless of source, for the payment of Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits in lieu of deferred Per Capita or other taxable benefits in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.139E-1(c)(5)(iii).

12. The Tribal Council is authorized to restrict any health, education or welfare payments referred to herein as needed to qualify as Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits, and to restrict such other benefits or distributions as necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable laws.

13. The Tribal Council is authorized to adopt and amend trust instruments not inconsistent with this Ordinance, to serve as Trustee to any Trusts called for herein, and to retain third-party service providers to serve as Trustee and/or to assist with administration of the Trust(s).

14. The Tribal Council is authorized to adopt Program guidelines, to adopt attestations of facts and circumstances, and to establish amounts, limits, substantiation requirements, and other restrictions designed to satisfy all criteria set forth in Code Section 139E.

15. The Tribal Council is authorized to establish additional implementing policies, procedures, Program guidelines, and forms, for administering deferrals, disclaimers, Trusts, Per Capita Benefits, and Non-Taxable General Welfare Benefits.

Section 1005 - Tribal Programs Funds

1. Prior to the commencement of the Tribe's fiscal year the Chief Executive Officer shall prepare, in consultation with the heads of the tribal departments, a proposed budget for the funds contained in the Tribal Programs Account. During the budget planning process, opportunities for input shall be afforded to the General Council. The proposed budget shall be reviewed by the Tribal Council, which may direct such changes as it deems appropriate. The proposed budget shall then be recommended by the Tribal Council to the General Council for approval.

a. The proposed budget shall consist of two parts:

- (1) The budget shown in columns reflecting the proposed expenditures compared to the current year budget and reflecting anticipated budget authority carried forward from the current and previous years; and
 - (2) A budget narrative describing and explaining each purpose, program or project, including any instructions and limitations.
2. The permissible uses of Tribal Programs Account funds shall include, but are not limited to, the following uses.
 - a. Long-Term Investments
 - (1) Transfers to Permanent Trust Funds
 - (2) Economic Development Venture Capital Fund
 - (3) Land Acquisition Fund
 - (4) Capital Project Fund
 - (5) Disaster Recovery Fund
 - b. Current Services
 - (1) Member meeting and gatherings
 - (2) Political Activities and promotion/protection of Redding Rancheria interests and rights
 - (3) Tribal programs and services
 - (4) Cultural activities
 - (5) Administrative support
 - c. Direct Member Benefits
 - (1) Health and welfare
 - (2) Education and Member development
 - (3) Housing assistance
 - (4) Other general welfare benefits

3. No Tribal Programs Account funds shall be used to make payments to or on behalf of individual Tribal Members, unless a specific program authorizing such payment has been approved by the Tribal Council. The approved program must include objective standards for determining eligibility for the payments and the amount of the payment. Subject to the availability of funds, the program must be available equally to all Tribal Members who meet the eligibility requirements, which shall not discriminate among Tribal Members on the basis of race, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, income, geographic location or physical or mental disability. The foregoing language prohibiting discrimination is not intended to prohibit program and trust features designed to achieve bona fide goals in promoting the general welfare or interests the Tribe including, by way of example, programs supporting students or elders, age-based distinctions for Minor and Adult status under the trusts, member-based distinctions, or disability-based distinctions for benefits attributable to legally incompetent members. Benefits provided with Tribal program funds are intended to qualify as General Welfare Benefits.

4. The budget shall be approved in accordance with the following procedure.

a. Approval by the General Council

- (1) The General Council shall consider the budget as further provided herein and may approve, modify or reject the budget by a majority vote at a duly called General Council meeting at which a quorum is present.
 - (a) Prior to the General Council meeting, at which the budget is to be presented, the CEO shall provide notice by first class mail of the meeting to all members who have an address on file. The notice shall state the time, date and place of the meeting and shall enclose a copy of the proposed budget.
 - (b) Copies of the proposed budget shall also be available at the tribal office for any member requesting one.
- (2) At the meeting, the CEO shall review the budget for the members, after which the Tribal Chairperson shall call for a vote on the budget.
- (3) If a quorum fails to attend the General Council meeting within 15 minutes after the time when the meeting was scheduled to begin, the Chairperson shall adjourn the meeting and reschedule the consideration of the budget for a later General Council meeting.
- (4) If a meeting is not held prior to the beginning of the new Fiscal Year, the Tribal Council may adopt a continuing resolution to assure continuation of authorized budget purposes, pending a meeting of the General Membership. Under the continuing resolution authorized

budget authority for each budget item shall be the prior year budget authority.

- (5) The Tribal Council may, in its discretion, authorize alternative voting methods to obtain General Membership approval of the budget.

b. Approval by the Tribal Council

If the General Council fails to act on the budget as provided in Section 1005.4.a, the Tribal Council shall consider the proposed budget at a noticed public hearing.

- (1) The notice mailed to each Tribal Member and made through other Tribal communication channels shall state the date, time and place of the budget consideration, which may be a regular or special Tribal Council meeting and shall notify Tribal Members where the budget is available for review for a period of 10 days prior to the hearing.
- (2) At the hearing the Tribal Council shall allow any Tribal Member to submit written or oral comments and shall consider written or oral comments on the proposed budget.
- (3) After opening the hearing, the Tribal Council may continue the budget consideration without re-noticing it.
- (4) After consideration of the budget and comments, the Tribal Council shall approve, modify or reject the budget.

Section 1006 - Administrative Provisions

1. The Tribal Council shall adopt such implementing policies as it deems appropriate to provide for the proper administration of this Ordinance.
2. All actions of the “Tribe” or “Redding Rancheria” contemplated by this Ordinance shall be carried out by the Tribal Council or its designee except as reserved to the General Council under the Constitution, the laws of the Tribe or duly adopted General Council Resolution.
3. Any notice called for herein shall be provided in accordance with procedures adopted by the Tribal Council. Objections to notice shall not invalidate actions otherwise proper hereunder.

Section 1007 - No Waiver of Tribal Sovereignty

No provision of this Article expressly or impliedly waives the sovereign immunity of the Redding Rancheria and its officers and employees or is intended to operate as a consent to suit.

Section 1008 – Technical, Compliance and Conforming Changes

The Tribal Council is authorized to make such further technical or conforming changes, amendments to reflect changes in procedures for implementing the RAP or Ordinance provisions, amendments for consistency with approved Program, Trust, RAP and other changes approved by the General Council from time to time, and to promote compliance with IGRA, tax, Tribal law and other legal requirements.

Legislative History:

Originally adopted by the General Council of the Redding Rancheria, as Article 2 of Chapter 1, of Division 2 of the Redding Rancheria Tribal Code, entitled: “USE OF GAMING REVENUES,” approved.

As amended by the General Council on August 10, 1999.

As amended by the General Council and certified by Tribal Council Resolution #040-09-09-03, dated September 9, 2003.

As amended by the General Council on August 8, 2006.

As amended by General Council Resolution #001-06-29-09, dated June 29, 2009.

As amended by General Council Resolution #003-03-29-10, dated March 29, 2010.

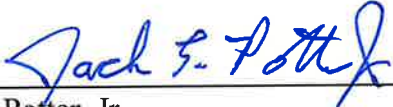
As amended by General Council Resolution #007-11-05-12, dated November 5, 2012.

As amended by General Council Resolution #001-10-09-17, dated October 9, 2017.

As amended by General Council Resolution #005-05-11-26, dated May 11, 2026.

CERTIFICATION

The Redding Rancheria Distribution Ordinance was amended by a vote of 61 for 0 against and 0 abstentions on May 11, 2026, at a duly called General Membership meeting.



Jack Potter, Jr.
Tribal Council Chair

May 11, 2026



Patty Spaulding
Tribal Council Secretary

May 11, 2026