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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

To set forth uniform guidance for the Tribal government to ensure that in all communication and working relationships with other governments and entities, Tribal government is professionally and correctly represented, and that the interests of the Tribe are appropriately protected.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

The Tribal Council has recognized that as a government the Tribal Organization shall develop working relationships with other governments and entities. In addition, individual members of the Tribe will need access to Tribal government to obtain information.

The Tribal Council is concerned that all Tribal representatives and work units conduct themselves in the most professional and cooperative manner and that representation of the Tribe and its positions and business be consistent and correct at all times.

It is the intent of the Tribal Council that this policy will lead to effective and consistent direction to all Tribal representatives and work units in the conduct of business and in relations with Tribal members and other entities.

It is the expectation of the Tribal Council that effective governmental relations will earn a reputation for the Redding Rancheria of being a professional, cooperative and effective organization. Such a reputation will lead to increased opportunities to achieve Tribal goals, promote a positive Tribal identity and enhance community pride.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS (Reserved)

SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY (Reserved)

SECTION 5: GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Relationships with Tribal Members and other governments and entities are the responsibility of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall conduct all formal relations with these parties in the conduct of Tribal business, except as otherwise authorized by policy or resolution.

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SECTION 6: PROFESSIONALISM IN GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

All members of the Tribal Council, committees and employees are expected to conduct themselves professionally in all dealings with Tribal members, other governments and other entities. In all matters these relations are to be carried on courteously and in a spirit of cooperation.

SECTION 7: PUBLIC INFORMATION

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer shall establish a public information program to ensure consistency and accuracy of all information released by the Tribal Organization to the public and to ensure that all Tribal Members are kept informed about Tribal Government, its programs and services, and important matters under discussion. Specific goals of the public information program shall be to;
- (1) Provide an effective access point for Tribal members and other entities to request information about the Tribe.
  - (2) Provide for an informed membership which can effectively guide the development of Tribal government.
  - (3) Ensure that all Tribal members are fully informed of programs and services available to them to ensure equal access to services.
  - (4) Ensure that Tribal Government reports effectively to Tribal members on all matters, including federal requirements for reporting on programs operated for their benefit.

SECTION 8: FAIR AND EQUAL ACCESS TO SERVICES

All Tribal members shall be entitled to receive fair and equal access to all Tribal services and programs operated for their benefit.

SECTION 9: PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Chief Executive Officer shall assist the Tribal Council in carrying out an effective program of public relations to promote the image of the Tribe and to inform other governments and neighboring communities about the Tribe and its efforts.

SECTION 10: OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL

The Chief Executive Officer shall assist the Tribal Council in the selection and engagement of legal counsel and in coordinating the work of such legal counsel as shall be approved by the Tribal Council. Invoices of legal counsel for work

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authorized by the Tribal Council and in accordance with approved Tribal budgets shall be approved for payment by the Chief Executive Officer.

**SECTION 11: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

The Tribal Council shall be the primary contact of the Tribe in dealings with other governments. The Tribal chairperson or other members of the Tribal Council, as designated by the Tribal Council, shall act as primary spokespersons for the Tribe. The Chief Executive Officer shall assist the Tribal Council in communications with other governments as to the positions, needs and goals of the Tribe.

Agreements with other governments shall be authorized by resolution of the Tribal Council.

**SECTION 12: AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

- (a) The Tribal Council shall authorize all agreements with the federal government by Resolution. Prior to authorizing any agreement, the Tribal Council shall ensure that such agreement
- (1) Contains no provision that in any way diminishes or waives any trust obligation of the Federal Government.
  - (2) Clearly sets forth the expectations of the Tribe for the roles and services to be performed by the federal government with respect to such agreement.
  - (3) Accepts no obligation on the part of the Tribe which cannot be met with federal or Tribal resources available to carry out the provisions of such agreement.
  - (4) Is consistent in all respects with established Tribal goals and priorities.

**SECTION 13: WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

Any waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity must be explicitly made by the Tribal Council, by resolution, and the terms and conditions of such waiver explicitly set forth in such resolution.

Legislative History:

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