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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth the proper way to display the flags at Redding Rancheria facilities that show respect and reverence. This Policy is intended to provide guidance to Tribal Administration and Staff on how various flags are to be displayed when flown at Redding Rancheria properties.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

Background:

Flags have long been used to represent people, governments, cultures, significant historical events, social movements, and to call attention to injustice. The Redding Rancheria adopted its Tribal Flag as a representation of its pride in its history, culture, natural resources, and the three Tribes that make up its membership. The Tribal Flag contains an image of the Tribal Seal in the center and is bordered by using the traditional symbols of the Pit River, Yana, and Wintu Tribes in an alternating pattern. In addition to the Tribal Flag, Redding Rancheria facilities routinely display the American Flag, Organizational and/or Special Cause Flags.

It is necessary to set forth the proper manner and times for flags to be displayed that reflect the respect and reverence that they deserve because of the people, governments, culture, and events that they seek to represent.

Intent:

The intent of this Policy is to provide guidance to Tribal Administration and Staff on the proper manner to display the Tribal, American, Organizational and/or Special Cause Flags.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

This section shall govern the definitions of words or phrases used within this Policy. All words not defined herein shall be used in their ordinary and everyday use.

- (a) Tribe: Means the Redding Rancheria;
- (b) Tribal Member: Means any enrolled member of the Redding Rancheria;
- (c) Public Works: Means the Public Works Department of the Redding Rancheria with certain responsibilities for the maintenance of real property of the Redding Rancheria, including displaying flags;

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- (d) Senior Director of Public Works: Means the Senior Manager whose duties include providing supervision and guidance to the Public Works Department;
- (e) Chief Executive Officer: Means the Chief Executive Officer, including all administrative powers delegated thereto under TP 1-300;
- (f) Tribal Council: Means the duly elected governing body of the Redding Rancheria pursuant to the terms of its Constitution;
- (g) Tribal Flag: Means the flag adopted by the Redding Rancheria as its Tribal Flag to represent the people, government, and culture of the Redding Rancheria;
- (h) Organizational Flag: means any flag representing an organization or sub-organization of the Redding Rancheria, a local government, an agency of a local government, non-profit, or religious organization;
- (i) Special Cause Flag: Means a flag that represents a special event such as the Stillwater Pow Wow or a special cause recognizing a group of people or historical event such as the POW/MIA Flag;
- (j) State Flag: Means the flag of the State of California often called the "Bear Flag;"
- (k) American Flag Code: Means the United States statute at 4 U.S.C. § 1 et. seq.;
- (l) American Flag: Means the "Stars and Stripes" or "Old Glory" as officially designated by the American Flag Code;
- (m) Half-Staff: Means the position that the flag is flown to represent sorrow at the passing of a person of particular importance and is the position when the flag is one-half (1/2) the distance between the ground and the top of the staff;
- (n) Tribal Fee Land: Means real property, along with improvements and fixtures, owned by the Redding Rancheria or one of its subordinate organizations, in fee status and subject to the jurisdiction of the State of California; and
- (o) Tribal Trust Land: Means all lands held in Trust by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America for the use and benefit of the Redding Rancheria.

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SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Redding Rancheria Tribal Council has been delegated by the Redding Rancheria Constitution to regulate the activities of Tribal agencies. In carrying out this delegated power, Tribal Council ("the Council") passed TP 1-000 entitled "Tribal Government Policies" in which the Council establishes and retains for itself policy making authority. The Council also adopted TP 1-300 entitled "Executive Management" wherein it created the position of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and delegated to the CEO the responsibility to implement the legislative acts of the Council, including implementing administrative rules or procedures to carry out the legislative act, and to exercise direct line authority over work units, programs, and departments of the Tribe. The CEO, as direct line supervisor of the Public Works Department, may direct and delegate duties as set forth in this Policy to the Senior Director of Public Works. The Senior Director of Public Works shall have authority to direct their staff to display flags on the various Redding Rancheria facilities as set forth in this Policy, and where new construction or renovation of existing facilities occurs, shall have authority to review plans and ensure that such facilities are constructed or renovated in a manner that allows for compliance with this Policy.

SECTION 5: POSITION AND MANNER OF DISPLAY

(a) Tribal Trust Land

How to Display Tribal Flag on Tribal Trust Land with other Flags:

- (1) Whenever the Tribal Flag is displayed on tribal lands or at a tribally owned building, the Tribal Flag shall be displayed in a place of respect and prominence.
- (2) When the Tribal Flag is displayed with the American Flag, the Tribal Flag shall be displayed on the right of the American Flag equal in height to, the American Flag.
- (3) When the Tribal Flag is displayed with the American Flag, and an Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag, the Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag shall be flown on its own staff to the left of the American Flag. If a third staff is not available, then the Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag shall be displayed below but on the same staff as the Tribal Flag.

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- (4) The Tribal Flag and American Flag shall all be displayed in the same size. Organizational and/or Special Cause Flags shall be displayed no larger than three-fourths (3/4) the size of the Tribal Flag, and American Flag.

(b) Tribal Fee Land

How to Display Tribal Flag on Tribal Fee Land with other Flags:

- (1) Whenever the Tribal Flag is displayed on Tribal Fee Land, it shall be displayed in a place of respect and prominence. When displayed with the American Flag, it shall be displayed to the right of the American Flag and either slightly lower or at the same height.
- (2) When displayed with the American Flag, and an Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag, the Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag shall be displayed on its own staff to the left of the American Flag.
- (3) If a third staff is not available, then the Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag shall be displayed below but on the same staff as the Tribal Flag.
- (4) Tribal, Flags and American Flags shall all be displayed in the same size. Organizational and/or Special Cause Flags shall be displayed no larger than three-fourths the size of the Tribal Flag, and the American Flag.

SECTION 6. TIME OF DISPLAY

Time for Display

- (a) Every location where the Tribal Flag, and any other flags, are displayed on tribal lands shall be designated by the CEO as either a daylight display location or a 24-hour display location.
 - (1) Daylight display locations will display the Tribal Flag and other flags from sunrise to sunset each day unless that location is closed.
 - (2) 24-Hour display locations shall display the Tribal Flag and other flags for the full 24-hour day but shall have the flags illuminated by flood lamp or other means from sunset to sunrise each day.

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SECTION 7: DISPLAY FLAGS IN TIMES OF MOURNING

(a) Half-Staff

- (1) The American Flag shall be flown at half-staff in accordance with 4 U.S.C. § 1 et. seq., including:
 - (A) Thirty days after the death of a sitting or past President of the United States.
 - (B) Ten days after the death of a sitting or past vice-president of the United States or other designated, principal government leaders.
 - (C) From sunrise until noon on Memorial Day.
 - (D) All day on Patriot Day (September 11).
 - (E) As otherwise directed by the President of the United States.
- (2) The Tribal Flag shall be flown at half-staff:
 - (A) For seven consecutive days following the death of a Redding Rancheria Tribal Member. Seven consecutive days will begin from the date the CEO has been notified of a member's passing.
 - (B) Whenever the American Flag is flown at half-staff in accordance with the American Flag Code, except at locations where there is only one flag staff and the Tribal Flag is the sole flag displayed, the Tribal Flag will remain at its normal height and not be displayed at half-staff.
 - (C) As otherwise directed by the CEO or the Tribal Council of the Redding Rancheria.
- (3) Organizational, and/or Special Event Flags
 - (A) Organizational and/or Special Event Flags will be displayed at half-staff any time the Tribal Flag is at half-staff.

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SECTION 8: DISPLAY OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND/OR SPECIAL CAUSE FLAGS

(a) Organizational Flags

Flags of Redding Rancheria businesses or organizations may be flown, in accordance with this Policy, in front of the buildings or offices of the subject organization, e.g, if Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Services commissions and approves a flag, then it may display that flag at all tribal healthcare campuses.

(b) Special Cause Flags

Special Cause Flags can be flown only at such times and conditions as established by the CEO.

SECTION 9: FLAG STAFF

(a) When Only One Flag Staff

At locations where there is only one flag staff available the Tribal Flag shall be displayed and no other flag.

(b) When Two Flag Staffs

At locations where there are two flag staffs, the Tribal Flag and American Flag will be displayed in accordance with Section 5.

(c) When Three or More Flag Staffs

At locations with three or more flag staffs, the Tribal Flag, The American Flag, and an Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag shall be flown in accordance with Section 5, and when approved by the CEO.

(d) When No Flag Staff

When a location has no flag staff but wishes to display the Tribal Flag American Flag, and an Organizational and/or Special Cause Flag, it may display the flag by hanging the flag vertically on a wall of a building with the section of the flag that would otherwise be affixed to the staff being on the top of the wall with the flag hanging downward.

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SECTION 10: IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

(a) Existing Buildings and Tribal Campuses

To fully comport with the requirements of this Policy, tribal lands may require additional flag staffs or other capital improvements and modifications to existing Redding Rancheria properties. These may be affected by funding and time constraints. Until such time as the modifications can be made, the Senior Director of Public Works will make reasonable efforts to comply with the spirit of this Policy.

(b) New Construction

All new construction of Redding Rancheria facilities, buildings, parade grounds, etc., shall be built to specifications that provide for full compliance with this Policy.

(c) Interpreting the Policy

Where this Policy is ambiguous or does not address a situation, the American Flag Code may be used as a guide.

SECTION 11: NO DISPLAY OF STATE FLAG

It shall be the policy of the Redding Rancheria not to display the State Flag on tribal buildings, tribal facilities, or tribal lands.

SECTION 12: REVIEW

The CEO shall review this Policy each year and make such recommendations, if any, for its amendment as appropriate for the effective administration hereof.

Legislative History:

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