

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 13, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) announced today that the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) has joined the association. The UAIC application was approved by a unanimous vote of the CNIGA Board of Directors at the association's annual meeting on December 12, 2013

"We are thrilled to welcome the United Auburn Indian Community into the CNIGA family," said Daniel J. Tucker, Chairman of CNIGA. "Having a forum for tribal leaders to discuss issues of importance is critical to the protection of tribal government gaming and tribal sovereign rights."

"This year is going to be a significant year in the legislature for Native Americans in California," said UAIC Chairman Gene Whitehouse. "Joining CNIGA will allow the United Auburn Indian Community to be a part of a unified voice with other gaming tribes in 2014."

The historic Auburn Rancheria is located in the Sierra Nevada Foothills near Auburn, CA. The UAIC operates the successful Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln, California

The Board of Directors also approved two associate member applications submitted by BIS² and Indian Land Capital. BIS

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provides visually enabled analytic solutions that offer business insights to casino managers, which allow casinos to adapt to changes in customer behavior to increase profits from gaming and non-gaming operations, as well as improving the overall property-wide customer experience. Indian Land Capital Company (ILCC), is an American Indian owned and managed financial institution (CDFI), specializing in providing alternative loan options to Indian nations for tribal land acquisition.

"CNIGA welcomes our new members to the association. We look forward to their participation and unique contributions," said Tucker. "Together, CNIGA and our member tribes will continue our work to preserve and protect tribal sovereign rights now and for generations to come."

Daniel J. Tucker, Chairman of the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation in San Diego County was unanimously re-elected to serve his third consecutive term as Chairman. Members also unanimously re-elected the association's treasurer, Dennis Hendricks, who serves as Councilmember for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians in Tuolumne County

About CNIGA Representing 30 federally recognized tribal governments; CNIGA is the largest and most influential tribal organization in California. CNIGA is dedicated to protecting the sovereign right of Indian tribes to have gaming on their land. It serves as a planning and coordinating agency for legislative, policy, legal and communications efforts on behalf of its members and serves as an industry forum for information and resources.

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