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July 22, 2025

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
Attn: Candace Martinez, Licensing Manager
2400 Del Paso Road, Suite 155
Sacramento, CA 95834

RE: Petition for Condition Modification: Shingle Springs Tribal Gaming Authority, Express Fuel Travel Center, File No. 20-656155

Dear Ms. Candace Martinez,

On June 26, 2025, El Dorado County received a courtesy copy of the Shingle Springs Gaming Authority's (the "Gaming Authority") Petition for Condition Modification to remove License Condition #2 imposed on the Gaming Authority's License No. 20-656155. Condition #2 imposed on the license states, "There shall be no amusement machines or video game devices in or on the premises at any time." The Board of Supervisors, as local governing body for the location of the Express Fuel Travel Center, has 30 days in which to object to the modification or removal of conditions imposed on an ABC license.

El Dorado County would like to express their support for the removal of License Condition #2 imposed on the Gaming Authority's License No. 20-656155 to allow for a single "claw machine" arcade game at the Travel Center if the removal of the condition would not allow for any gaming or slot machines on the premises. Without a clear definition in the statute of what is considered an amusement machine or video game device, the County has some hesitation about the removal of the condition if the definition could include gaming or slot machines.

As stated in the petition dated May 28, 2025, from the Gaming Authority, "the condition is not necessary to protect public health or safety, and its removal will not negatively affect any interested party or have a detrimental impact on the surrounding community." The County agrees with this statement when the removal of condition allows for the addition of "claw machine" arcade game. The County supports allowing the Gaming Authority operational flexibility to offer revenue generating devices at the Travel Center. However, the County is strongly opposed to any gaming or slot machines being allowed at the Travel Center.

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The County and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (the “Tribe”) have formed a collaborative relationship over the past few years and the County is committed to continuing the relationship into the future. It is important to the County to ensure safe, healthy, and vibrant communities, while respecting the Tribe’s sovereignty and identity. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors thanks you for your consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Alison Winter, Principal Management Analyst, at (530) 621-6765 or alison.winter@edcgov.us.

Sincerely,

George Turnboo, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

cc: Regina Cuellar, Chairwoman, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
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