



INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

William H. Richards, Sr., Florence Travis, Pam Davis, Janelle Ownings Brown, Lisa Richards, Venus Cornelis, and Marilyn Bray v. Acting Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

40 IBIA 277 (03/10/2005)

Related Board case:
45 IBIA 187



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WILLIAM H. RICHARDS, SR.,	:	Order Dismissing Appeal
FLORENCE TRAVIS, PAM DAVIS,	:	
JANELLE OWNINGS BROWN, LISA	:	
RICHARDS, VENUS CORNELIS,	:	
and MARILYN BRAY,	:	
Appellants,	:	Docket No. IBIA 04-8-A
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
ACTING PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR,	:	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	:	
Appellee.	:	March 10, 2005

On October 6, 2003, the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) received a notice of appeal from Appellants William H. Richards, Sr., Florence Travis, Pam Davis, Janelle Ownings Brown, Lisa Richards, Venus Cornelis, and Marilyn Bray. Appellants filed their appeal under 25 C.F.R. § 2.8, due to the failure of the Acting Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Regional Director), to respond to their demand for a decision to recognize Appellants as the legitimate governing body of the Smith River Rancheria.

After an exchange of orders for status reports from the Regional Director and status reports submitted, the Regional Director issued a decision in this matter on February 10, 2005. Because the Regional Director has now made a decision, the appeal from inaction by the Regional Director is moot. 1/

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, this appeal is dismissed as moot.

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Colette J. Winston
Administrative Judge

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Steven K. Linscheid
Chief Administrative Judge

1/ On March 9, 2005, the Board received Appellants' appeal of the February 10, 2005, decision.