



## INTERIOR BOARD OF INDIAN APPEALS

Dennis C. Saulque, Juanita Watterson, and Cecil Rambeau v.  
Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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DENNIS C. SAULQUE, JUANITA	)	Order Dismissing Appeal
WATTERSON, and CECIL RAMBEAU,	)	
Appellants,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Docket No. IBIA 16-021
	)	
PACIFIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR,	)	
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,	)	
Appellee.	)	February 19, 2016

Dennis C. Saulque, Juanita Watterson, and Cecil Rambeau (collectively, Appellants) appealed to the Board of Indian Appeals (Board) from an October 15, 2015, decision of the Pacific Regional Director (Regional Director), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), dismissing an appeal from an April 15, 2015, e-mail communication by the Central California Agency Acting Superintendent (Superintendent). In their notice of appeal, Appellants asserted that the Superintendent's e-mail was an "unlawful decision recognizing[] Rana Saulque[] as Vice-Chairperson" of the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of the Benton Paiute Reservation (Tribe). Notice of Appeal at 2. Appellants contended that they compose the Tribal Council.<sup>1</sup> On January 6, 2016, the Board issued a notice of docketing and an order setting the briefing schedule for the appeal, under which Appellants' opening brief was due on February 17, 2016.

In lieu of an opening brief, on February 17, 2016, the Board received from counsel for Appellants a request to voluntarily dismiss Appellants' appeal with prejudice.

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<sup>1</sup> As noted, this appeal involves a governmental dispute within the Tribe. The Board's references to actions taken by or on behalf of the Tribe, tribal entities, or tribal officials, and the Board's use of titles claimed by various individuals, shall not be construed as expressing any view on the underlying merits of the dispute.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, the Board dismisses the appeal.

I concur:

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Thomas A. Blaser  
Administrative Judge

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Steven K. Linscheid  
Chief Administrative Judge