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Judge Richard W. Roberts issued a Minute Order on March 21, 2008 in the case of County of Amador v. Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior (Case No. 1:05CV00658). In the case, the County is challenging the federal government's determination that the site of the proposed Buena Vista casino is eligible for Indian gaming.

The Minute Order rules that the County has a right to amend its original complaint as a matter of course. The Court's Clerk was directed to file the County's amended complaint as of March 21, 2008. Further the Court ordered that in light of the filing of the amended complaint, the federal government's motion to dismiss was denied without prejudice.

"The Court's ruling means that the Court has filed as a matter of right the County's amended complaint challenging the federal government's ruling that the land is eligible for gaming. The amended complaint adds, to the original lawsuit a claim that historically there was no tribe at the Buena Vista Rancheria for which the land served as a tribal reservation," stated Martha [Shaver](#), County Counsel for Amador County. "The federal government's motion to dismiss was denied without prejudice, which means that the government can refile the motion to dismiss or file an answer or other responsive pleading now that the complaint has been amended."