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JULY 18, 2008**PR 08-44****ABC ANNOUNCES ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES FOR MONO COUNTY**

Sacramento – Steve Hardy, Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, today announced authorization for the issuance of ten additional new original on-sale general licenses for bona fide public eating places in Mono County, as authorized in Section 23826.9 of the Business & Professions Code. These licenses are to be issued only to premises having a seating capacity for 50 or more diners.

From September 8, 2008, through September 19, 2008, the Department's Bakersfield District Office will accept applications for the ten new original on-sale general licenses at 4800 Stockdale Hwy., Ste 213, Bakersfield.

Only one priority application will be accepted from any one applicant. Legislation which became effective January 1, 1995, established a fee of \$12,000 to be paid when filing a priority application for a new original general license. Only certified checks, cashier's checks or money orders will be accepted in payment of the application fee. These should be made payable to Alcoholic Beverage Control.

If, at the conclusion of the period for filing applications, the Department finds there are more applications than there are licenses available for issuance, a public drawing will be held. To participate in such a drawing, an applicant must have been a resident of California for at least 90 days prior to the date scheduled for the priority drawing. When there are fewer applications than licenses, the Department will proceed with a thorough investigation of each application.

By accepting only certified checks, cashier's checks, or money orders in payment of priority application fees, the Department is able to automatically refund the application fees, less \$100 service charge, of all unsuccessful applicants. Applicants whose application fees have been automatically refunded will retain their priority ranking until a new priority list is established.

Applicants are urged to file their applications early in the filing period to avoid a lengthy wait.

Additional information may be obtained from any office of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (www.abc.ca.gov/distmap.html).