

Nangka Wittu

July 2013

Updates from the Tribal Chairman

Death Valley Updates

We would like everyone to know that in the Death Valley Community Center we have installed internet that any Tribal member can use. We know that not everyone in the village has internet and we wanted to make it available for all Tribal members that need it. We would also like to remind everyone that when the internet plan runs out of data for the month, everyone will have to wait until the next month to use the internet. We have paid for the highest plan that Hughes net has and have maxed out the data usage before.

We would also like to remind everyone that if your cooler is not working that you may go to the Community Center where you can keep cool.

- We encourage everyone to drink plenty of cool, fresh water.
- Stay rested.
- If outdoors rest in shaded areas.

Hotel Developer Update

We would like everyone to know that the Tribe is working on developing a Hotel/Resort in Death Valley. The Tribal Council is meeting with one of the proposed Developers on the hotel/resort design and terms of such. This meeting is going to held this month and we should have an update for everyone in the next newsletter.

Grid Alternatives

This month Grid Alternatives is holding a training for volunteers on the Bishop Reservation. This training will be held on July 15th and if you would like to volunteer you can call 760-873-7893 and talk to the TERO office in Bishop. These volunteers would be helping to install solar systems on the Bishop Paiute Reservation during the week of July 23rd.



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Updates from the Tribal Administrator

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR): Tribal Transportation Plan Agreement (TTPA) has been approved and I am submitting a resolution for June Tribal Council meeting, as requested in the agreement document. The BIA Project Engineer will be researching for the \$30,000.00 IRR remaining funding for the 2012-13 grant. In addition, the Tribe has advertised for a Transportation Planner position and have received five (5) applicants for the position. It is anticipated this position will be selected the week of June 3rd.

This position will have the following duties: Work with the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Federal, State and Local partner agencies, assisting in the researching and identifying the tribal/public roads that compose the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe's (TST) Indian Reservation Road (IRR) system; Conduct field studies and collecting data to assess transportation needs on the TST IRR System; Identify specific improvement projects, establish their priority, and determine a reasonable implementation time frame and Develop a TST Management Transportation Plan. Interviews for the Transportation Planner took place on Monday, June 17th and the Interview panel did select a applicant for the position. We are waiting on confirmation of acceptance of the position from the successful applicant.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

The next Tribe / NPS meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)

I have spoken with the Project Engineer for the Reno Service office last week. He stopped by the Tribal Office as he was in the area for some other projects in the Owens Valley. I informed him that the first and final payment was mailed to Campbell Construction Company, Inc. the previous week. He informed me, when we start

the installation of the new FEMA trailers in the Death Valley Indian Village, IHS would be able to provide funds for the installation of the waterline connections and septic tanks.

The Tribe is working with IHS on funding to replace the service line to the Tribal and Community Building in the Indian Village. At the time of the construction of the buildings a two-inch (2") service line was installed. It is anticipated the Tribe and IHS will be installing a six-inch (6") service line for the proper water pressure to the facilities and for possible future development in the area.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ARRA GRANT – WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) PROJECT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

The paperwork for the first drawdown of the WUI BLM State of Nevada funding is being processed as of this report. It is anticipated the tribe will have the funds transferred into the Tribal Bank account within the next few weeks. This first payment will be in the amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand / One-Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$39,122.88). This funding will be deposited into the Tribe's Tribal Indian Forestry Land Assistance Account (IFLAA, 25 USC § 3109) and then transferred into the Tribe's banking account. This is the first payment with future reimbursements taking place within the next few months until the total costs of the project are met. I had a e-mail from the BIA Pacific Regional Forester informing me that the remaining funding is being processed at this time, also.

CALFIRE GRANT VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Tribe has received approval from the California Department of Forestry to purchase the Wild-land fire equipment. We will review prices at this time. The deadline to purchase

Updates from the Tribal Administrator Continued

the equipment is August 31, 2013.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) GRANT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

I spoke with the Tribal Liaison for SCE on the next funding cycle for the SCE grants. He informed me he was traveling to his reservation and would be getting back to me on the timeline for the next grant cycle.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The 2013 Audit Engagement Letter has been signed and sent to Egghart CPA firm. Egghart will be conducting the 2012 Audit, starting August 12th.

The Integrator for the AccuFund Financial System conducted training for the Tribal Staff this past week. The training went well and clarified some minor problems with the system. As with all new software programs there is a learning curve.

The Indirect Cost Rate (IDC) Proposal Consultant has started the process for the IDC, she requested a letter to be sent to the National Business Center (NBC) to give her authorization to access information from the NBC on behalf of the Tribe, the letter has been sent to the NBC. The individual whom the letter was sent to will be out of the office until next week and the IDC Consultant is in the process of contacting the alternative contact person for information which is needed. As of this report the consultant is sending additional information as requested from the NBC.

SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS

Ms. Marlee Rave, Youth Experience Worker CIMC has started work in the Death Valley office on Tuesday, June 11th. Ms. Barbara Durham, with Ms. Doris Grinn as the alternate, is supervising her.

The Tribal Administrative Staff welcomes Ms.

Alexeya Brown, youth worker for OVDCDC/Bishop Paiute Tribe Summer Youth Work Experience program for the summer. Ms. Brown has started her first day of work on Tuesday, June 18th. Ms. Brown will be assisting the Administrative staff in the Bishop office, in general day-to-day office business matters.

Interviews have been conducted for the Environmental Director and Transportation Planner positions on Monday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 19th. There were four (4) applicants for the Environmental Director and five (5) applicants for the Transportation Planner.

The Tribal Interview panel has selected the successful individuals for both positions and is awaiting the confirmation of acceptance from the individuals. We anticipate receiving confirmation from the applicants within the week (Friday, June 28th).

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

FREE

S. F. Big Pine Creek

Tribal Environmental Education Youth Camp

July 16th - July 18th
Bernasconi Center, Big Pine CA,
Owens Valley

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE HIKING, WILD LIFE SIGHT SEEING, HAND GAMES, VOLLEYBALL, CAMPFIRE, ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS, HOOP DANCING (SAGE ROMERO), AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES!

HURRY!! REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 21ST
Registration extended to July 8th

Sponsors:
Sierra Tribal Environmental Staff
Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
Timbisha Shoshone Environmental Office

Contact Doris Grinn Timbisha
Shoshone Water Quality
Specialist
Work: 1-760-258-7868
Home: 1-760-920-7988

Housing Department

This last month the Housing Department had HUD officials in the office to do our first HUD monitoring. I think that the monitoring went well and that the few problems that HUD did have with our program can be fixed with some work on our part. A few of the items that they need to be addressed include:

- Everyone that has a HUD procured home needs to have insurance on their home. This is a requirement and I do not have paperwork on insurance with some of the homes, including the FEMA homes. We will have to get all the homes insured and will be working on this.
- Our policies on Conflict of Interest were addressed as HUD did not feel they were adequate. We did already change this and will forward to HUD.
- The new fiscal system was addressed and we were given a timeframe in which we will be required to submit correcting documentation.
- Allocation of the FEMA Homes was also addressed and that we need to get those fixed and allocated.

I am again requesting that anyone with Housing/HUD records please bring these records into the office. We have very little for the years 2006-2008. This will affect the Tribes Housing Program and could potentially bring any housing services to a halt. HUD currently wants documentation or repayment of over **1.7 million** dollars. The Tribe does not have this kind of money and we need records to justify past expenditures. We will be working on getting any records that we may have together this month for the first submittal of backup

documentation.

We would like to remind everyone that the home improvement jobs will remain open until July 15th when we will interview and hire our crew. We would like to get people to apply that have experience in carpentry, roofing, carpeting, plumbing, etc. If you have any of these skills and can work in the Death Valley area I encourage you to call the Tribal Office for an application. This is going to be a part-time temporary job and should only last a couple of weeks. Also do to our fiscal situation we will be limited on the amount of pay that we can offer. If you have any questions or need an application call me at the Tribal Office (760)872-3614 and ask for Susan.

We will also be selecting our housing board members this month and will be letting applicants know what is expected and get them familiar with the Assignment Ordinance so they will be ready when people begin to apply for assignments.

Taking Applications

The Tribe is now taking applications for:

P/T-F/T – Temporary Laborers

Candidates must be willing to work in very hot conditions in Death Valley, CA. If you would like to be considered for this position please submit an application to the Housing Administrator at:

P.O. Box 1779
Bishop, CA 93515

Or via email – housing@timbisha.com

THPO Department

Along with Chairman Gholson and Administrator Merv Hess, Cultural Advisor Pauline Esteves and myself attended the Death Valley National Park meeting with BLM, Ridgecrest staff and NPS Regional staff to discuss the “Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement” on June 25th-26th. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss future management and develop proposed action alternatives and identify issues needing resolution. For the Timbisha people, Saline Valley is a sacred area with it’s landscapes, healing waters, exotic plants found nowhere else. It’s where the “old ones” came from, our people lived there and we’ve all heard stories. People who claim to use the area now have destroyed the sacredness. They have put in cement tubs to bathe in and lawns are encouraged. They have changed the landscape by making a peace sign on a hillside and other “modern art” work. Nudity is a problem, our people (elders) are discouraged from going there because of the nudity. It is disrespectful for our people to be accosted by this. Saline Valley is ancestral land. The Tribe has a co-management relationship with the Park Service for this area, as identified in the Timbisha Homeland Act, which is why the Tribe is a cooperating agency with this plan for Saline Valley. Information will be forthcoming in the future. Nothing has been determined yet and no decisions have been made. We are in the scoping period.

The Historic Preservation Committee has been involved with the acquisition of the museum quality display case, measurements were taken and the Museum Curator for DVNPS is exploring costs and we’re waiting to hear from him, kudo’s to the Death Valley Conservancy organization in helping us acquire this case so we can display basketry, jewelry, etc. in a museum quality display case.

The Historic Preservation By-laws are being revised by the HPC committee. The Tribal Council has made recommendations that will go back to the committee for discussion and will again be presented to the Tribal Council for approval.

The University of California, Davis will be conducting archaeological work in Fish Lake Valley. The goal of the project is to define the cultural chronology and associated settlement and subsistence systems for human occupation of Fish Lake Valley, Fish Lake Valley would then be compared with other nearby valleys such as Deep Springs and Owens Valley to see what differences and similarities there were between the people who lived there. A large-scale survey will be done to identify and interpret archaeological sites. This information will provide BLM-Tonopah Field Office with a cultural history of Fish Lake Valley. UC Davis will do interviews with people from Fish Lake Valley during July 14th - August 2nd. The Tribe’s Historic Preservation Committee and THPO will be involved as well.

Fiscal Updates

The fiscal department has been busy preparing for the 2012 Audits and training with the Accufund System. We want to remind members that your RSTF checks now come with a stub. Save them, this is what you will need to verify/report your quarterly income from the Tribe. Many of you have yet to send in a signed W-9 form. This is a yearly form that we are required to have on file. Please get yours in! We ask that you promptly let the office know if you have an address change to ensure your mail gets to you. As for School Supplies we are always searching for new grants. We ask members that have children in their household to let us know a few things; how many, their age, sex, grade, and if they are a member or not. This will help us in our search for future grants.



Environmental Dept. and Water Quality Specialist Updates



Groundwater Recharge means that when rain seeps down into the ground, it fills or 're-charges' the groundwater table. The two graphs of Scotty's Junction Wells #1 and #2 show the changes of the groundwater levels over time from approximately July 2005, to May 2008. There is a steep rise of the groundwater table reading in November 2005 as compared to the July water table reading. This rise is higher than the rises in the water table in the following years of 2006, 2007 and 2008. This is because there was more rain in 2005 than in the following years, and this graph shows how the groundwater table was significantly "recharged" during 2005.

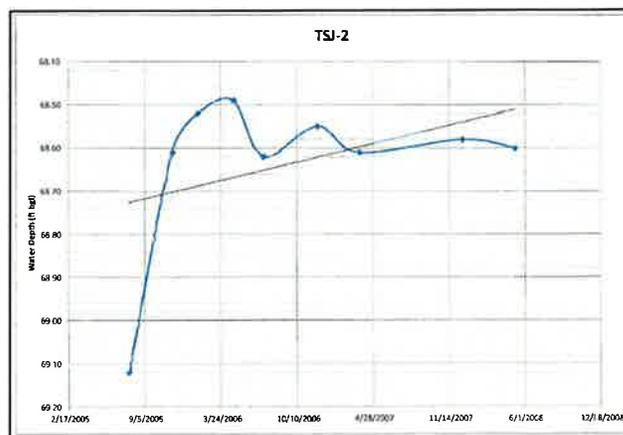
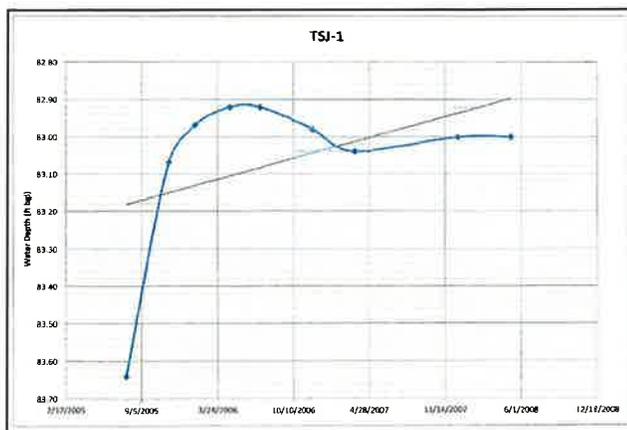
The process of Groundwater Recharge happens when rain soaks into the ground and also when flood waters of a stream, overflows it's banks and the water flows out onto the Floodplain this allows the flooding stream water to slow down a little, and let the water soak into the ground.

Groundwater Recharge depends on the rainwater and storm water being able to soak into the dirt, sand or grassy area of natural ground. When there are large asphalt parking lots, lots of buildings, paved roads, driveways, concrete sidewalks or big shopping malls, the rainwater cannot soak into the ground. In a city setting, with a lot of the natural ground covered over with buildings, roads and parking lots, the rainwater usually "Runs-Off", along the road gutters, and flows into storm drains and creeks. When water runs-off asphalt or concrete or is flowing fast in streams, it has less chance to soak into the ground and recharging the ground water. Sometimes in cities, the only places that rain can soak into the ground are in Parks, Golf Courses and the Front and Back Yards of Homes. So the Less Ground, the Less Groundwater Recharge.

If a City, Town, Indian Village, Resort or Country Farm depends on Groundwater for their water source, then they need to have enough 'un-built', or natural open landscape around them for the rain to be able to soak into the ground and recharge the groundwater. They also need a good rainy season to provide the water. If people use groundwater year after year, but there is no place for the rain to soak into the ground, then the groundwater well levels will continue to lower.

Groundwater storage allows two important features that surface water reservoirs don't have:

- 1) The natural purification of the water as it percolates down through the soil layers, filtering out the contaminants (if the soil is clean); and
- 2) The storage of water, with no evaporation during in the hot summer temperatures.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !

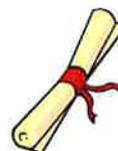


The Tribe gave our graduating young members each a special gift to let them know how proud we are of them.

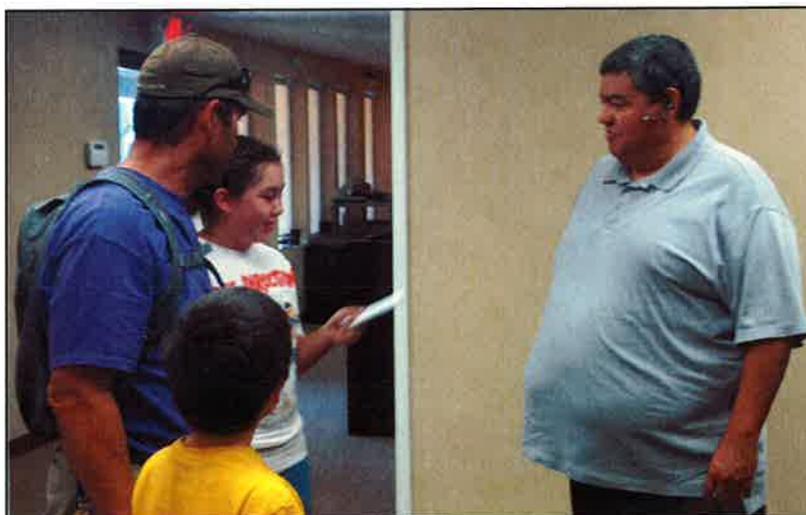
Shown top right Eric Eddy holding his new Kindle Fire. Way to go Eric.



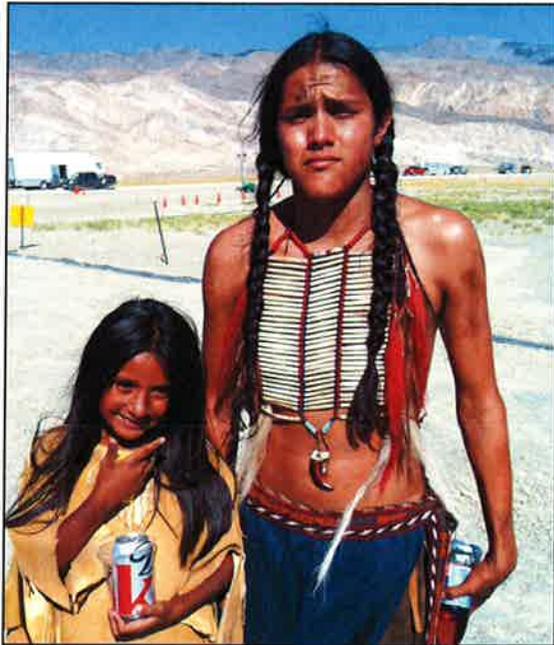
Shown left is Destiny Frank accepting her gift card from the Tribal Chairman



Shown bottom right Yehobie Jackson accepting her gift card from Chairman George Gholson



The Lone Ranger Movie which premieres July 3rd, 2013 casts Timbisha Shoshone Tribal members.



Larielle McDowell 7 years old, daughter of Robert McDowell and Callia Cortez, Leon Eddy 16 years old, son of Wallace and Angela Eddy and Hai-wee Fredericks are pictured here in character for the movie. Many other local tribal members were cast as well. Bottom - Johnny Depp steps into the picture.



Thank You to Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

I Wallace Eddy Jr. greatly appreciate the sponsorship I received to attend the Boise State Football Camp from the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe and the Bishop Paiute Tribe. The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe sponsored me in 2012, my freshman year at Bishop Union High School. The camp was a great learning and growing experience for me. I was able to be a better team player and help the JV Bronco football team go undefeated for the season. Also, to the Bishop Paiute Tribe for sponsoring me this year for the 2013 season. I really enjoyed being able to attend the camp for a second year for the experience of teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, hard work and meeting new people from other schools. Thank you very much to both Tribes.

Wallace Eddy Jr.
Sophomore, BUHS

Small Engine Maintenance Training

July 11 & 12, 2013
at
Owens Valley Cultural Center
2300 West Line Street
Bishop, Ca



Thursday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00 Per Person

Limited number of scholarships
may be available to Bishop Tribal
Members.

If interested, please contact the TERO Office
at 760-873-7893.

Plumbing Maintenance Training

July 16-17, 2013
at
Owens Valley Cultural Center
2300 West Line Street
Bishop, Ca. 93514

8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day
(Lunch on your own from 12pm to 1pm)



Cost: \$265.00

***Limited Number of Scholarships
may be available for Bishop Tribal
Members**

Deadline: July 12, 2013

If interested, please contact the Bishop TERO Office
at (760) 873-7893. Located at 270 See Vee Lane

July Birthdays

Marilyn Gibbons	July 1 st	John Butterbredt	July 12 th
Robert Eddy	July 1 st	David Scott	July 13 th
Christopher Allred	July 4 th	Stacy Sanchez	July 14 th
Kristen Shoshone	July 4 th	Calvin Watterson	July 18 th
Mark Chandler	July 5 th	Kimberly McDarment	July 19 th
Waylon Dyer	July 6 th	Ross Dewey	July 19 th
Madeline Frank	July 7 th	Jessy Dewey	July 19 th
Nathan Two Hearts	July 9 th	Theresa Shelton	July 25 th
Earl Frank III	July 10 th	Tahavee Kay	July 27 th
Cheryl Nichols	July 10 th	Preston Patterson	July 29 th
Mya Shaw	July 11 th	Elliote Shoshone	July 30 th
Shayne Boots	July 11 th	Nataly Sanchez	July 30 th

Happy Belated Birthday to
Jordan Bright – June 16th



July 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 4th of July Holiday Office Closed	5	6
7	8	9	10 HPC Mtg. 10:00am in Lida	11 Small Engine Maint. Training 8:00am-12:00pm Owens Valley Cultural Center 760-873-7893	12 Small Engine Maint. Training 8:00am-12:00pm Owens Valley Cultural Center 760-873-7893	13
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21	22	23	24	25 Toiyabe Family Service Women in Recovery Group Mtg. 11:00am	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Next Tribal Council Mtg.
July 20, 2013
@ 10:00am in the
Bishop Tribal Office

Beat the Heat

Remember temperatures soar this time of year. It's best to stay indoors or find shade and drink plenty of water.



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