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Elder Solar Installation Project



As you may have heard the Tribe had installed demonstrative electrical solar panels on a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Elder's residence. This residence did not have electrical supply to the residence and the resident was constantly running a generator to supply limited needed health and safety electrical power to the residence. This demonstration project was fully funded by Tribal Resources. The purpose of this project was to provide the basic essential health and safety home improvements for the resident and to demonstrate the successful use of providing an alternative energy source, which can result in lower electrical cost savings to the homeowners of the Tribe and communities. With the positive results being achieved and implemented, the Tribe will be researching into providing alternate solar power to the Death Valley Village and Tribal Trust Parcels.

As you might have seen in the local newspaper the Tribe had put a Request for Proposals for Solar System Feasibility & Design for the Trust Parcels in California and Nevada. The purpose of this Feasibility Study is the following:

- Estimate the current, future and peak energy needs for each site.
- Evaluate and rank options for grid connected and off grid renewable energy technologies.
- Evaluate and make recommendations on Wind Turbines and Solar technologies.
- Evaluate any state (CA & NV) serving utility incentive, rebate and buyback programs.

The Tribe would like to extend its "thanks" to the individuals who helped in installing the solar panels, as the outcome will benefit all Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Members and Communities.



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Updates from the Tribal Administrator

REFLECTIONS OF 2013 YEAR

Happy New Year!!! It is hard to believe that we are going into a new year, that last year seemed to have passed by quickly. I would like to reflect on a few developments of the Tribe in the past year. Below I will bullet point the more significant items pertaining to the Tribal Administration of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe.

JANUARY 2013

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - In Jan. 2013 the tribe successfully addressed the 2006, 2007 and 2008 A-133 Audits, which were not completed by the past administration of the Tribe. The Tribe is awaiting Contract Support Start Up Contract funding for additional one-time funding, for providing additional funding for the administrative costs of re-establishing the administrative office of the Tribe. The Tribe has received word from the BIA Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Engineer that the Tribe would receive funding (approximately \$61,000.00) for the 2013 year based on the new legislative formula passed by the Federal Government. **National Park Service (NPS)** - The Tribe hired a new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Ms. Barbara Durham a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Member with a long history of Tribal employment and history. In addition, Ms. Durham will act in the capacity of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The Tribe continues to attend the Quarterly Tribal / NPS meetings per the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Homeland Act legislation. **Indian Health Service (IHS)** - The final plans and specs were e-mailed from the IHS Project Engineer for the Main Water Line Replacement Project for the Death Valley Village. **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ARRA Grant – Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Fuel Reduction Project** - The WUI Fuel Reduction Project had been completed for the 2012-13 year as of January 4, 2014. **Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Project Grant (EECPG)** - The Tribe was in the process of completing the final reporting grant requirements for the last drawdown of funding for this grant. **Southern California Edison (SCE) Grant Assistance Funding** - The Tribe received \$25,000.00 for the Community Center Educational and Cultural Enrichment Project (CCECEP). This funding will be for the foundation funding for the Language Project of the TST. **Financial Report** - The 2007 Financial Audit was approved and posted on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) website. The 2008 financial audit documents had been received from the Auditors and the corrective action plan and management representation letter is being completed. The new AccuFund Financial Software system had been installed and was in the process of being operated.

FEBRUARY 2013

BIA - The Tribe received the Contract Support Start Up Cost Contract funding in the amount of \$230,181.00. The Tribe submitted a revised narrative summary for the purchase of a mass transit vehicle under the BIA IRR program budget, which will have to be approved by the Washington D.C. office per the BIA Roads Engineer. **NPS** - The Tribe was informed at the January 2013 quarterly

Tribe/NPS meeting that the Superintendent of the NPS has accepted another NPS position in the Eastern U.S. and the Facility Director has been appointed as the Interim Superintendent at this time. There will be a rotation schedule for others to act in the capacity of acting superintendent until the new superintendent is appointed. **IHS** - A pre-construction meeting was held in the Tribal Community Center in Death Valley Indian Village for the Main Water Line Project for the prospective contractors submitting bids on the project. **USDA WUI** - Process for remaining funds is in progress. Finalized final reporting requirements for the ARRA funding. **DOE EECPG Grant** - Final grant reporting requirement is in progress. **CalFire Grant Volunteer Fire Assistance Program Grant** - The Tribe is awaiting approval from California Department of Forestry before we can purchase any of the Wildland fire equipment. **SCE Grant A** - SCE Tribal Liaison and Western Regional Manager stopped by the Tribal Office to introduce themselves and inform the Tribe of the grant requirements and other energy efficient alternative programs of SCE. **Financial Update** - 2008 Audit Corrective Action Plan and Management Response letters sent to Auditors for review. The Tribe's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) Financial grant funding drawdown website access has been completed. The Tribe will now be able to drawdown grant funds electronically. AccuFund Financial System for Administration has been completed and being utilized. Preparation of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2012 Audit is being developed. RFP's for Financial Consulting Services are being developed for developing a Indirect Cost Rate for the Tribe.

MARCH 2013

BIA - The Tribe has also received the BIA 638 funding for the 2012 year and are awaiting the results of the Federal Budget Sequester for the 2013 budget. Called Roads Engineer on March 14th, he informed me that he was positive the purchase of the vehicle was okay and he would inform the Tribe within the week. **NPS** - Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA): We have received the funding for this grant (\$49,315.00) and the funding has been transferred into the Tribe's ASAP account. **IHS** - On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 the contractor bids were opened at the Bishop Tribal Office. There were two hand delivered bids from Campbell Construction Co., Inc. and Qualcon Contractors, Inc. The winning / lowest bid was Campbell Const. Co., Inc. at \$462,667.00 and Qualcon Contractors bid was \$640,746.30. **USDA WUI** - This drawdown is still in the transition phase; spoke with the Pacific Regional Forester in which he informed me he would follow up on the memo (attached to report) he has sent to the BIA Pacific Region Accountant. As of this date he has not had any feedback from the Pacific Region. The Tribe has scheduled Fire School Training for the dates of Saturday, April 6th; Sunday, April 7th; Saturday, April 13th; Sunday, April 14th and Monday, April 15th for on-site training on the trust land parcel in Lida, NV. **DOE (EECPG)** - The Tribe has received confirmation for the approval of

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Housing Updates

Application process reminder

Please provide copies of all requested documents with your application. This will speed the review process. Also, if you fax the application, please mail the original immediately, as sometimes the fax copies are hard to read.

Available homes in Death Valley

The Tribal Council has decided to advertise the vacant FEMA homes that are already set-up in Death Valley as either Rental or Homeownership units for Tribal Members per the attached flyer.

New FEMA units

We have received word that HUD will not be releasing any new FEMA units at this time. Therefore the Tribe only has one of the newer FEMA units remaining in Death Valley that could be allocated to a family to use either in the valley or in another location.

RHED Solar Project

We have contracted with P. K. Electrical of Reno, to provide feasibility studies and designs for solar systems on the various Tribal lands in conjunction with the planned commercial and residential developments.

Fish Lake Valley property

A Tribal Elder will be moving into the existing mobile home in the near future, and one additional FEMA mobile home will be moved onto the property and used as a rental. This should be available by spring.

Death Valley Storage Building

We are currently advertising for bids for a contractor to pour the slab for the metal storage building that will be located behind the community building and offices.

Notice: Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, Death Valley Housing Program

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe is accepting applications for available FEMA housing units at the Village in Death Valley for income qualified Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Members and families. The Housing is being offered as either rental or Homeownership.

Rental

Month to month rental agreements, with payments based on 20% of adjusted gross income. Maintenance is provided, tenants are responsible for all utilities.

Homeownership

Homes will be granted free and clear to Tribal members that agree to reside in the home at least 9 months per year for a period of 10 years. Applicants' must be eligible to receive a Tribal land assignment. Homeowners are responsible for all utilities, maintenance, must reimburse the Tribe for the cost of home insurance (approximately \$30.00 mo.) and have sufficient verified income for those estimated expenses.

Applicants will be rated per the approved rating schedule and will be placed on a waiting list until units become available.

At this time, the homes are all 3 bedroom homes and applicant families must fit the bedroom size criteria of no more than 6 persons depending on age and gender.

Notice:

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe will be accepting updated or new applications for the construction trades (carpenters, painters, etc.) until 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2014 at the Tribal Office, 621 W. Line St. Suite #109, Bishop, CA 93514.

These applications will be used to establish a crew for work on the FEMA units in the Valley starting the first part of February. For more information, please call the Housing Office at 760-872-3614.

Fiscal Updates



With the New Year just means more work.....

We are just about done with the 2012 Audits paper work. This is why it was so important to have new fiscal software this year.

TAXES:

I will be sending out 1099 MISC forms on January 25th, please make sure I have your true name and address that is filed on your tax return. All RSTF money is taxable income so don't forget to add it to your tax return. If you turned 21 this year make sure you include your 1099 MISC form from Union Bank.

New W-9 forms are due before February's RSTF distribution.

LIHEAP Program:

The Tribe has received funding for the LIHEAP program for 2014. This funding is to provide assistance to low-income households in meeting their home energy costs. Highest priority will be given to the elderly, disabled and families with young children. Anyone interested in this program can stop by the Bishop Office and fill out an application or call 760-872-3614 and I can mail one out to you.

PATTERSON/BOLAND Family Reunion

Anyone that wants a shirt for this years reunion can send a shirt either to the Timbisha office or to me, (Margaret Cortez @ 130 N. Pa Ha Lane, Bishop, CA 93514). I will put the design on it. If you would like to get an adult raffle prize, you need to bring a raffle prize to the reunion. We would like help with the kid's prizes too. The Reunion is June 7, 2014 in Fish Lake Valley, Nevada. This date will be here soon!

ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH MINI-CAMP

Snowshoe Day!

WHEN: Monday February 17, 2014

WHERE: Mammoth Mountain Parking Lot to Minaret Vista

WHO: 4th, 5th, & 6th graders

ACTIVITY: Snow survey & watershed activity

If you are interested in participating, or would like more information contact:

Mikaela Griffiths at (760) 258-5551

THPO Updates

Happy New Year!

Two new members were appointed to the HPC (“Historic Preservation Committee”); Frederick Thompson and Merel Dillard were added by the Tribal Council. Our first meeting was held Dec. 30th. Welcome to Frederick and Merel! The Bonnie Clare road project is on-going. Madeline Frank, Della Patterson and THPO are monitors on the project. Monitors are not required to be on site everyday but when the contractors are working in sensitive areas. I attended the Inyo County Planning meeting in Tecopa, on the Renewable Energy General Plan amendment. The county is preparing a map showing areas in Inyo County where renewable energy can be done. The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe was contacted by Inyo County in October 2013 on this project. January 9, 2014 is the China Lakes NAWS Tribal Leaders meeting in Death Valley, at 10 am in the Community Center. The Bureau of Land Management has announced they are initiating tribal consultation on the Supplemental Western Mojave (WEMO) Plan, the BLM will be hosting tribal informational workshops in 3 different locations to seek input from tribes on cultural and other important resources. The WEMO plan is for a comprehensive strategy on public lands to conserve and protect the desert tortoise, the Mohave ground squirrel, and 100 other sensitive plants and animals and the natural communities of which they are a part, as well as the transportation network within those public lands. The planning area covers over 9.3 million acres in the western portion of the Mojave Desert covering parts of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Kern, and Inyo Counties. The BLM has been reevaluating the transportation and related component of the WEMO plan, including the specific off-highway vehicle route and non-motorized trail designations on public lands throughout the West Mojave Planning area. Upcoming workshops have two sessions from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at:

January 21, 2014-Ridgcrest Field Office

January 23, 2014-Bishop Field Office

January 28, 2014-Barstow Field Office

Best wishes and good health to all for 2014!

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (760) 786-9002.

Madeline, Barbara and Della working as Monitors on the Bonnie Clare Road Project



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE TRIBE HAS EXCESS PINYON AND MANZANITA WOOD FOR TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBAL MEMBERS – THE WOOD IS LOCATED IN A WOOD LOT IN THE DYER, NV AREA. SHOULD YOU REQUEST WOOD, PLEASE CONTACT THE BISHOP TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBAL OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS AND LOCATION.



 **TIMBISHA SHOSHONE TRIBE – WOOD PERMIT # 13-011**
Per: 25 U.S.C. SEC 311a, P.L. 108-278

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ TIME: _____

ONE PERMIT EQUALS ONE (1) CORD OR: ¼ ½ ¾ 1

FREE USE: All wood will either be masticated, chipped, and or lopped and scattered, or cut and decked for Tribal Member use as firewood or posts. None of the wood will be removed for sale under authority of this permit. Additional project specifications and a project map are attached and made a part of this wood permit.

Authorized George Gholson, Tribal Chairman: _____

EPA UPDATES



First and foremost, thank you to everyone that participated in the University of California Davis Tribal fish consumption study! I know the interviews were running late and I apologize deeply for that, but I appreciate all of your patience and willingness to participate. We had a great turnout!

FY14 Grants

For fiscal year (FY) 2014 (10/1/13-9/30/14), the Environmental Department plans to have better habits than in previous years; we will be submitting our quarterly reports on time, doing drawdowns (to be reimbursed for funds) more frequently, and will stay on top of our time management in completion of the work plan tasks. We have also been in frequent contact with our Project Officers to ensure compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines, and to make certain that our work plan tasks are "allowable". We have already made several changes to the General Assistance Program (GAP) and both Clean Water Act (CWA) grant work plans, to both correspond with the Tribe's environmental needs and EPA's guidelines. Within the years to come, the Environmental Department hopes to have a steady and continuing progress.

EPA came out with a GAP Guidebook which basically explains in depth what are allowable costs under the GAP grant, and which are not. This makes creating a work plan for FY15 (Sept 2014-Oct 2015) a little bit more difficult than in previous years because GAP is really pushing for "capacity building". Basically, in a short version a Tribe can use GAP funds to develop the ability to do a task, then needs to seek alternate funding to continue that task. Therefore, while drafting the GAP FY15 grant proposal (due Jan 8th), I have been focusing on the guidebook to make certain that it is in compliance. While the new Guidebook is different and new, it also ensures that Tribes' Environmental Departments are progressing and moving forward, which is a great thing!

Every year we will need to write out new tasks that we plan to have accomplished within that fiscal year, rather than just doing the same tasks over and over again.

One goal for the Environmental Department is to build/construct a 'solid waste transfer site' in the Death Valley Indian Village. A transfer site is basically a bin or a ("site") where people dump their trash/large solid waste, and then eventually we take it to a landfill (we "transfer" it). There are several "indicators" that need to be in place before we can use GAP funds to construct a transfer site, so I am currently working on getting those indicators in place **and** seeking alternate funding to pay for this project.

Another goal for the Environmental Department is to establish a recycling and composting program in the Death Valley Indian Village. Similar to the transfer site, there are certain indicators that need to be in place beforehand, if we want to use GAP funds.

Solid Waste

In order to gain more knowledge about the indicators and how to obtain them, I have been reaching out to other Tribes' Environmental Departments for assistance. I have participated in two Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Solid Waste Workgroup meetings. This workgroup provides a place for Tribes to discuss their solid waste issues with each other, as well as with EPA representatives. Therefore, if there are repeat problems that several Tribes are encountering in their solid waste programs the EPA representative will be able to provide instruction/assistance and/or relay that

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information to EPA headquarters and maybe make some changes.

I have also attended the Inyo County Solid Waste and Recycling Workgroup meeting. There were several environmental staff from surrounding Tribes, as well as the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission and County staff. At this meeting we discussed several issues that the Tribes in Inyo County are facing and ways to address these problems. Both the RTOC and Inyo County Workgroups will provide me the assistance and support to help me guide the Timbisha Tribe's Environmental Department Solid Waste Program in the right direction.

Emergency Management

In regards to emergency management, I have been reaching out to local entities for assistance and support and have been taking online courses to better educate myself about how to create an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). I attended the quarterly Unified Command Meeting in Bishop earlier in December to discuss emergency management/preparedness issues with County employees, Tribes and various other individuals that are knowledgeable about emergency management. I have also obtained a copy of Inyo County's EOP and will use that as a foundation for creating the Timbisha Tribe's EOP. It is my hope that through taking the online courses and reaching out to local emergency managers that I will be able to draft an EOP for the Tribe by the end of this fiscal year (Sept 30, 2014).

Performance Partnership Grant

As explained previously, a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) will allow the Environmental Department to "combine" our environmental grants into one. This would streamline paperwork and reporting. I am currently discussing this option with our GAP Project Officer to see what steps need to be taken as the grant proposals are due soon (GAP 1/8/14, CWA S-106 2/3/14, and CWA S-319 2/28/14).

Indigenous Farming Project

It has been decided that the IFP garden in Death Valley will be a vegetable garden! The women from IFP that I have been in contact with are currently drafting a proposal and will send us that proposal by mid-January. If you have any specific ideas about the style of the garden, what types of veggies you want to grow etc., give me a call.

Renewable Energy Plans

Each County needs to have a "General Plan" in place with seven necessary focus areas. However, counties can add amendments to their plans as necessary. Inyo County is adding a Renewable Energy amendment, basically creating "guidelines" if any renewable energy project were to come to Inyo County. The County is not currently planning for a renewable energy project. However, LADWP is; a 2 square mile project just east of Manzanar. If you would like more information about Inyo County's General Plan or LADWP's renewable energy project, please feel free to contact me @ (760) 258-5551.

Water Quality Specialist Update

For the last few weeks I have been working with the Tribe's Consultant, getting the match information together for NPS-319 and for CWA-106 water programs FY-13 year end reports. I am going to be updating the Tribe's QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) and updating the Tribe's NPS-Management Plan. I have been doing online research seeking out CWA 319 or 106 water trainings. Starting in January, I will be doing water testing with the Horiba water checker to check the water levels once a month. Then I will need to find a Certified Analytical Lab for water testing samples of the wells. I can use the Horiba probe meter for field sampling and measurement data for the physical parameters. Temperature, PH, conductivity, and turbidity will be recorded on designated field logs that will reflect the environmental conditions.

the remaining funds for this grant in the amount of \$ 10,308.00; the funding has been transferred into the Tribe's account. **Financial Update** - The TSTC will have an exit audit presentation on Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Bishop Tribal Office. This exit audit will be for the auditors to present an overview of all findings in the audit and explain what ramifications, if anything might be expected from the high-risk audits for the financial years of 2006, 2007 & 2008. The Tribe has received the majority of the grant funding, working on the THPO transfer of funds. The deadline for the 2012 A-133 RFP's is Friday, March 22, 2013. We will be selecting a firm for the Indirect Cost Rate RFP next week.

APRIL 2013

BIA - The Tribe was allocated a remaining shortfall of 638 funding for the FY2012 of \$30,000.00. Indian Reservation Roads (IRR): Received a Tribal Transportation Plan Agreement from BIA for the funding of the FY2013 year. This agreement is an agreement of how the Tribe will administer the grant funds and future funding. It is projected that the Tribe will be receiving approximately \$121,347.00 for the IRR Program for developing an IRR roads inventory and transportation planning. **NPS** - The THPO Annual Narrative Report for the Fiscal Year of 2012 has been submitted. **IHS** - Campbell Construction Co., Inc. has completed the Death Valley Indian Village replacement of the main water line project. **USDA WUI** - As of this date I met with the Pacific Regional Forester and the Pacific Region Accountant during my attendance at the BIA Forestry meeting (April 11, 2013) and they informed me the funding would possibly be transferred the next week. The Tribe had scheduled the Fire School Training, there were 14 attendees registered. First day of training six (6) showed up and two (2) completed the training for certificates. **DOE - EECPG** - The DOE EECPG grant reporting has been finalized and the Tribe is in the process of completing the last objective. **CalFire Grant** - The Wildland Fire Equipment has been approved for purchasing. **SCE Grant** - I have contacted the Owens Valley Career Development Center Language program for some guidance and outreach for additional funding for Language Teachers. **Financial & Admin Update** - The TSTC and staff had the exit audit presentation on Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Bishop Tribal Office. The presentation was great, as the Tribal Council and Staff was presented with the overall results of each of the audit findings in the 2006, 2007 & 2008 audits. The audits resulted in Adverse and No Opinion finding from the Auditors. Request for Proposals (RFP's) were mailed out to four auditing firms for the 2012 Audit. The Tribe has contacted the firm whom has been selected for the Indirect Cost Rate (IDC) proposal. The IDC is additional funding the Tribe can access to administer grants. The OVCDC-Bishop Paiute Tribe Summer Youth Work Experience program will be taking place from June 17, 2013 - August 2, 2013.

MAY 2013

BIA - Tribal Transportation Plan Agreement was approved at the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe (TST) Meeting of April 20, 2013. In addition, the TST has advertised for a Transportation Planner position and have received five (5) applicants for the position. **IHS** - The Tribe is working with IHS on funding to replace the service line to the Tribal and Community Building in the Indian Village. **USDA WUI** - The

Tribe has been informed that the first initial reimbursement payment for the Lida Wildland Urban Inter-Face (WUI) Fuel Reduction Project has been transferred into the Tribe's Forestry Land Account. **Financial & Admin Update** - Egghart, Certified Public Accounts have been selected for the 2012 Audit. The Tribe has selected Ms. Lesley Grove, IBS & Consulting as the Financial Consultant to prepare the Indirect Contract Support Cost Rate for the Tribe.

JUNE 2013

BIA - Tribal Transportation Planner position has been selected waiting for confirmation of acceptance. **IHS** - The first and final payment was mailed to Campbell Construction Company, Inc. the previous week. Looking into replacement of service line into the Tribal and Community Center Buildings. **USDA WUI Grant** - The paperwork for the first drawdown of the WUI BLM State of Nevada funding is being processed as of this report. **CalFire Grant** - The Tribe has received approval from the California Department of Forestry to purchase the Wildland fire equipment. **SCE Grant** - Spoke with Tribal Liaison about next funding cycle for the SCE grants. **Financial Update** - The 2012 Audit Engagement Letter has been signed and sent to Egghart CPA firm. Egghart will be conducting the 2012 Audit, starting August 12, 2013. The Integrator for the AccuFund Financial System conducted training for the Tribal Staff this past week. The Indirect Cost Rate (IDC) Proposal Consultant has started the process for the IDC. Ms. Marlee Rave, Youth Experience Worker CIMC has started work in the Death Valley office on Tuesday, June 11th. Interviews had been conducted for the Environmental Director and Transportation Planner positions on Monday, June 17, 2013 and Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

JULY 2013

BIA - The Transportation Planner has been hired and has started employment on Monday, July 15, 2013. **NPS** - The Tribe NPS meeting took place on Wednesday, July 17th at the Death Valley Visitors Center. **IHS** - There have been two (2) service line breaks near the shut off boxes on the service line side of the units within the last couple of months due to wear and tear of the old service unit lines. **USDA WUI** - The transfer of the first initial funding is still in progress; we have contacted the Pacific Regional Forester to contact the Tribe on the actual remaining funds, which will be remaining after the drawdown. **CalFire Grant** - Have been researching for equipment costs on this grant. **Financial Update** - The 2013 Audit Engagement Letter has been signed and sent to Egghart CPA firm. Egghart CPA firm will be conducting the pre-audit during the week of August 5, 2013 and will be conducting the 2012 Audit, starting August 12, 2013.

AUGUST 2013

BIA - Well, we've had a change in the Tribal Transportation Planner position, selected applicant has resigned. Although, before his resignation the planner had submitted a "draft" Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The BIA Pacific Regional office has sent the Tribe Amendment #1 to the BIA Transportation Agreement Referenced Funding

Agreement. This amendment will add \$34,527.35 to the BIA Transportation Grant for a total of \$66,941.85 for the FY 2013 year. The Bureau of Indian (BIA) FY 2013 Consolidated Tribal Government Program Budget Justification and Budget has been submitted to the BIA Central California Agency. The Budget has been reduced due to the Federal Government sequester of this year. The FY 2013 budget has been reduced from the proposed amount of \$194,686.00 to \$184,874.00, 5.04% cut of \$9,812.00. **NPS** - On August 5, 2013 Ms. Mikaela Griffiths, Environmental Director, Dr. Bonnie Bobb, Environmental Consultant, Ms. Barbara Durham, THPO and myself attended the NPS Environmental Review Committee monthly meeting. These meetings are held monthly on projects within the NPS in reference to the Environmental Screening from the NPS Environmental Department for approval of each project. **USDA WUI** - Informed by BIA Regional Forester the Tribe will need to submit additional information for a drawdown, in the process of submitting now. **SCE Grant** - The grant for the 2013 process must be submitted by August 22, 2013, drafting grant objectives for submittal. **Financial Update** - The Tribe has the majority of information for the 2012 Audit prepared. On Thursday, August 29, 2013 the AccuFund intergrader conducted a series of over-site budget and grant set-up trainings with the Administrative Fiscal Staff on the AccuFund Financial Software program. The Tribe has submitted a BIA Water Planning and Pre-Development grant to the BIA.

SEPTEMBER 2013

The administration and the Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Council are reviewing BIA – the “draft” TIP. It is anticipated to have a road inventory also developed in the near future. **NPS** – The most recent discussions with the Tribe have been the Law Enforcement; Resource Management; Scotty’s Fire Burned Area Emergency Response Plan; Tribe & NPS Cooperative & Consultation Agreements; Interpretation Updates/Management Updates; DV National History Association Update and general update. **USDA WUI** – The administration is working on the reimbursement documentation for the funding. **Financial & Admin Update** – The Fiscal department continues to become familiar with the Accufund financial system. Unfortunately, the new Water Quality Specialist whom was hired had not been able to meet the job requirements and duties. Therefore, we did not recommend her for a permanent full-time position with the Tribe. We have initiated an in-house transfer for the WQS position. Ms. Cathy Cottonwood will be taking the helm as the WQS and we believe she will do an excellent job in this position. We look forward to Cathy in this position.

OCTOBER 2013

BIA - Indian Reservation Roads (IRR): the BIA Transportation Referenced Funding Agreement (TRFA) has been signed by the authorized BIA Tribal Services Director from Washington D.C., and has been approved. The Bureau of Indian (BIA) FY-2013 Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) Budget Justification and Budget had been submitted to the BIA Central California Agency and has been improved as of this newsletter. BIA has agreed to provide a technical assistance grant to the Tribe to develop an updated Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Trust Parcels. **USDA WUI** – The remaining paperwork for this grant has been submitted for the remaining funding. **Financial & Admin Update** – The Housing

Administrator has resigned her position for another career opportunity within the area, the position is being advertised.

NOVEMBER 2013

BIA - The Tribe is still waiting to hear if the Water Planning and Development grant submitted to the BIA has been approved. **NPS** – The federal government shut down has affected the Bonnie Clare Road Project, which was expected to start this month. **IHS** – The main water line has been operating very well. Will be contacting Project Engineer to see about putting in new water meters. **USDA WUI** – The remaining funding has been transferred into the Tribe’s Forestry Account and will be submitting paperwork to transfer into the Tribe’s Bank Account. **SCE Grant** – Have heard from the Tribal Liaison the Tribe’s grant submittal for the 2014 year has been approved. **Financial & Admin Update** – The Tribe has selected a new Housing Director for the Housing Department. The 2012 Audit preparation is ongoing with the fiscal office gathering additional documents pertaining to the audit.

DECEMBER 2013

BIA - There has been limited activity in reference to Tribal Administrative correspondence with the Bureau of Indian Affairs California offices. We have received the 2013-14 Consolidated Tribal Government Program Grant and have been busy with administrative activities within the offices. **NPS** - The rescheduled quarterly meeting will be either January 22nd or 29th, 2014, depending on the schedules of the Tribe and NPS. The Bonnie Clare Road Project has been initiated and there will be cultural monitors on-site in the areas of culture concern during the project. The project has a timeline of completion in April of 2014. The project will be to repave and widen the existing road, which is the northern entrance into the NPS and Scotty’s Castle. **SCE Grant** – In order to receive the approved grant the tribe has submitted an online grant application with objectives and outcomes of the grant. The tribe will inform you when the grant funding will be transferred into the Tribal Account, once the grant application is reviewed. **Financial & Admin Update** - The 2012 Audit documents are near completion.

JANUARY 2014

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California Tribes would submit the documents into the National Budget of all twelve (12) regions, which would be submitted during the National Budget hearings in order for each region to possibly receive additional funding based off of the priorities of each region. There was a lot more information presented and a PowerPoint presented, which we were given on the presentation. If you would like a copy of the DVD, I am positive one can be made, please contact me if you would like a copy of the presentation. **NPS** - The rescheduled Tribe and NPS quarterly meeting will be Wednesday, January 29, 2014. Please see the additional information from the EPA and THPO department on ongoing activities with the NPS. As you might be aware the Bonnie Clare Road Project is ongoing and there have been a few concerns on the scheduling of the work in the culturally sensitive areas and having appropriate tribal monitors on site during the projected times. Although, the situation is improving as the project is moving along. The next project contractor, NPS and tribe meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 1pm at Scotty's Castle. **IHS** - I contacted Mr. Joshua Sims, "new" IHS Reno District Office Engineer for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, to introduce myself to him. He informed me he would like to take a tour of Death Valley to

evaluate the conditions of the reservation in reference to possible follow-up work on the water and sanitation facility infrastructure. He will be contacting the office with a scheduled date and time, which is appropriate for the Tribe and Indian Health Service. Left message with Joshua and am awaiting return phone call to schedule possible site visit. **SCE Grant Assist** - The On-line application has been approved and the tribe will be receiving the funding for this grant the first week of this month (January 2014). **Financial Update and Admin Updates** - The 2012 Audit is ongoing, with the Fiscal Office gathering documentation in preparation for the pre-audit. The Financial Consultant was in the office on Dec. 10th & 11th to reconcile the department accounts. All but one of the accounts has been reconciled, he has informed me he should have the reconciliation completed by next week (Dec. 23rd) and have auditors come in, with auditors completing 2012 audit by late January 2014.

Should you desire additional information on these or other Tribal Administrative programs, please feel free to contact me at the Bishop Tribal Office at 760.872.3614 Ext. 2004.

January Birthdays

Janice Gonzales	Jan 1 st	Anthony	
Melisa Chavez	Jan 1 st	Medicine Chips	Jan 16 th
Tiphani Connor	Jan 2 nd	Jordan Bright	Jan 16 th
David Seymore	Jan 3 rd	Nathanel Howard	Jan 17 th
Elizabeth Hancock	Jan 4 th	Rocky Chavez	Jan 18 th
Duane Summers	Jan 7 th	Fred Levine	Jan 18 th
Holly Watterson	Jan 7 th	Amanda Moore	Jan 22 nd
Marion Merchant	Jan 8 th	Marilyn Mayfarth	Jan 23 rd
Gregory Blackford	Jan 9 th	Eleanor Jackson	Jan 24 th
Johnny Shoshone	Jan 11 th	Christian Patterson	Jan 24 th
Virginia Beck	Jan 13 th	Robert Shoshone	Jan 25 th
Tila Ulhaq	Jan 14 th	Dugan Seymour	Jan 26 th
Ralph Holt	Jan 14 th	Dana Shoshone	Jan 26 th
Dena Shoshone	Jan 14 th	Sophia McDarment	Jan 27 th
Elizabeth Armitage	Jan 15 th		



Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	
	Exemptions (see instructions): Exempt payee code (if any) ---- Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) -----	
	Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code	Timbisha Shoshone Tribe PO Box 1779 Bishop, CA 93515	
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I Instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
				-			-				
Employer identification number											
X	X										
			-								

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. The IRS has created a page on www.irs.gov/w9 for information about Form W-9, at www.irs.gov/w9. Information about any future developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) will be posted on that page.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, payments made to you in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct.

Note. If you are a U.S. person and a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax under section 1446 on any foreign partners' share of effectively connected taxable income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, the rules under section 1446 require a partnership to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the section 1446 withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid section 1446 withholding on your share of partnership income.



Next Tribal Council Mtg.
January 18, 2014
@ 10:00am in the
Bishop Tribal Office

The Tribe wishes to thank all those who attended our Christmas potluck luncheon and Toys 4 Tots give away. Hope to see more of you next year.



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