

# S.I.R. Tribal News



## TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2015

These past three months have been extremely busy. The Tribal Business Council has held discussions and approved the 2015 tribal, health clinic and casino budgets. The tribe has completed the installation of a second water tank to serve the homes on the Upper Rancheria and submitted grant applications for the continued operation of the Natural Resources Department. The tribe has also entered into a self-governance agreement with the Secretary of Interior for our Bureau of Indian Affairs programs. The housing authority has been busy with overseeing the construction of the five new homes on Yah-Monee by RSJ Design and Construction. The completion of these homes is ahead of schedule and we anticipate them being available for occupancy by the middle of March.

During the 36 Annual California Indian Manpower Consortium (CIMC) meeting in November, I was reappointed to the CIMC Board of Directors and as a representative for the Geographic Service Area (GSA) for the Northern California Tribes. This will make the fourth term I have been on the CIMC Board of Directors and I will continue to advocate for the Susanville Indian Rancheria and our Northern California Tribes.

I continue to serve on the HHS Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC), the HHS National Budget Formulation Workgroup, and the Indian Health Service's California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC). All of these committees are extremely important as they help identify the goals and objectives for the Health and Human Services as well as the budget priorities for the Indian Health Service.

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**The next SIR General Council meeting is scheduled for  
May 02, 2015 at 1pm  
845 Joaquin Street, Joaquin Sports Complex (Gym)  
Susanville, CA**

A coalition of tribes have joined together as the 1999 Compact Tribes Steering Committee (CTSC) to start the negotiation process for a new gaming compact under Governor Brown. Even though our current gaming compact will not expire until 2019, we believe that this is our best opportunity to negotiate a favorable compact for the Susanville Indian Rancheria. There will be monthly meetings throughout the year and our first meeting is scheduled for January 20-21, 2015 in Davis, CA. The 1999 Compact Tribes Steering Committee will be meeting with Joe Dillon, the Governor's representative, and we hope to have a new gaming compact that will be good for thirty (30) years. I will provide an update on the negotiation process at the monthly community meetings.

The tribe's 2013 audit is complete and fiscal has all of the information on the audit results. There were no findings in the audit and Egghart and Associates will present the financial aspect of the audit at this General Council meeting. If you would like to review the audit or look at the tribe's budget, please make an appointment with Dan Howard, the tribe's Fiscal Controller, at 530-251-5167. This way he can set time aside to answer any questions you may have.

The Tribal Business Council and key staff members will be working on a new tribal strategic plan as required by the tribe's Constitution. Another survey has been set out and it is extremely important that you fill it out so that the Tribal Business Council can use your priorities as guidance on how to move forward. During the last survey, only 70 out of 708 tribal members responded, with the majority of those being from outside of Lassen County. No later than the August General Council meeting, the Tribal Business Council will provide a strategic plan report with short and long range goals.

The Tribal Business Council is also working with our DC Lobby Firm, Mapetsi Policy Group, and our Congressional Representative, Doug LaMalfa, to have some BLM land that they no longer want and is adjacent to the Upper Rancheria placed into trust status on behalf of the Susanville Indian Rancheria through congressional action.

The Tribal Business Council continues to have monthly community meetings at the Tribal Resource Center to let the tribal members know what is happening with the tribe and allow the tribal members to ask questions on any matter they want to. These will continue to be held each month throughout the year. A flyer will continue to be sent out to the tribal membership when each date is confirmed.

If you should ever have any questions or concerns on an issue, please feel free to call the tribal office at 530-257-6264.

**Treat the earth well!  
It was not given to you by your parents;  
it was loaned to you by your children.  
We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors;  
we borrow it from our children.  
-Ancient Indian Proverb**

**Tribal Office Staff:**

<b>Jim Mackay</b>	<b>Tribal Administrator</b>	<b>(530) 251-5631</b>
<b>Debbie Olstad</b>	<b>Tribal Office Manager</b>	<b>(530) 251-5153</b>
<b>Ilma Willard</b>	<b>Tribal Administrative Assistant</b>	<b>(530) 257-8655</b>
<b>Daric Sella</b>	<b>Enrollment Coordinator</b>	<b>(530) 257-2591</b>
<b>Erma Hart</b>	<b>Receptionist</b>	<b>(530) 257-6264</b>

We would like to remind you of available Tribal Youth Reimbursement Programs:

Enrolled tribal member youth that are of compulsory school age (5 – 18 years old) are eligible for school clothing / school supplies (up to \$100 per calendar year) and sports reimbursement (up to \$150 per calendar year). Reimbursement forms are available at the Tribal Office or on-line at [www.sir-nsn.gov](http://www.sir-nsn.gov). All receipts from organizations must include the organization name, address, telephone number, and must specifically explain what was purchased. If receipts are for multiple children, each item must display that child's name. **Receipts MUST be received in the Tribal Office within 30 days of purchase. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Enrolled tribal member youth that are attending their senior year of High School are available to receive reimbursement assistance for their pictures, announcements, and cap & gown expenses (up to \$200). **Once again, all forms are available at the Tribal Office or on-line at [www.sir-nsn.gov](http://www.sir-nsn.gov) under "online documents".**

**The Tribal Office Manager is looking for a tribal member who is interested in contracting with the tribe to cut and deliver several cords of lodge pole to our local Elders this year. You must have your own vehicle, equipment, and be responsible for all start up costs. Please contact Deborah at (530) 251-5153 for more information.**

Due to IRS regulations, as of January 1, 2010, all monies disbursed by the tribe will be considered income to the tribal member. The only exception to this IRS regulation will be for those tribal members who are considered low income and meet the SIR Need Based Income Eligibility Guidelines.

**LIHEAP (Low Income Heating & Energy Assistance Program) MONIES ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR 2015**

LIHEAP is a program designed to help low income tribal member households with their heating and energy bills that live within the tribes service area. If you are a tribal member in need of this assistance but living outside of the tribes service area please contact the Tribal Office and we will do our best to refer you to an outside agency that may be able to help (530) 257-6264.

**Please direct any questions regarding Higher Education or Enrollment to the Enrollment Coordinator (530) 257-2591**

# Making Blankets for our Elder's



**Staff:**

Anna Pasqua– Director  
 Solange Kocher– Admin. Assistant  
 Audrey Vaughan – Tutor  
 Jose Benitez– Tutor  
 Che-Les-Ti Edwards– Tutor  
 Leah Miller– Driver/Tutor  
 Alena Brazzanovich– Driver/Tutor  
 Vacant – Driver/Tutor

You have **BRAINS** in your **HEAD**.  
 You have **FEET** in your **SHOES**.  
 You can **STEER** yourself any  
**DIRECTION** you **CHOOSE**.  
 ~Dr. Seuss

**Dates to remember:**

- **Closed Feb. 9 for Lincoln's Birthday and Feb 16 for President's Day.**
- **2nd Trimester end February 27.**
- **Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! March 2.**
- **Center will be close March 11-13.**
- **Spring Break; April 3-10, Center will be closed.**

• **School Program**

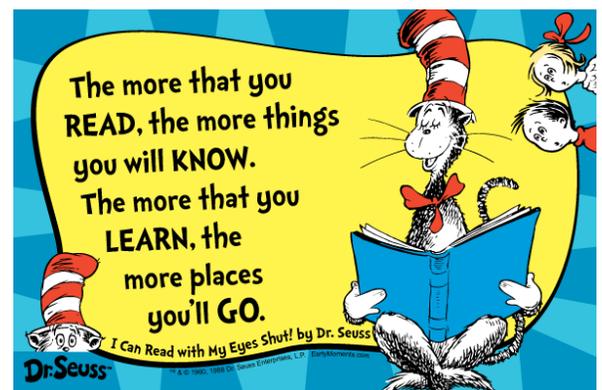
We have 43 kids enrolled in our after school program. With a daily average of 34 students. We are still accepting applications.

We are still looking for another Tutor/Driver, please contact our HR department if you are interested.

**What Education Center has been doing:**

- **Our students made blankets for our local Native Elder's Circle.**
- **Education Center held a Jacket Drive, thanks to Calvin!**
- **Calvin Hedrick came and did story telling with the students in January.**
- **More Cultural Activities TBA**

**We would like to invite all Education Center Parent's to our next P.A.C. (parent advisory committee) meeting on March 26, 2015!**





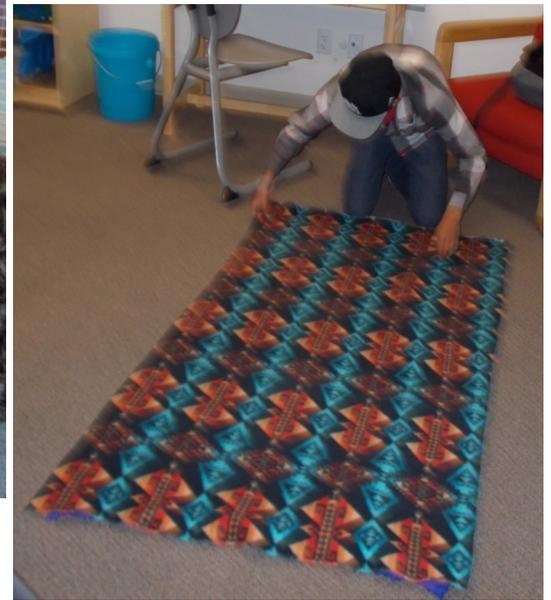
# childcare vouchers

## Attention Native Families:

**If you or someone you know is in need of help paying for childcare, stop by the SIR Education Center for a referral for childcare vouchers. These referrals are for low income parents who are working or going to school and in need of childcare.**

**Please contact Solange Kocher or Anna Pasqua at (530)252-1658 for more information.**





## Making Blankets for our Elder's



Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority  
870 Joaquin Street #G  
Susanville, CA 96130  
(530) 257-5033  
(530) 257-5035 fax

## Update from SIRHA

Tribal Members of the Susanville Indian Rancheria,

SIRHA is very excited for the upcoming year. We have a lot of big projects, that will be finishing up as well as big projects that will be starting.

SIRHA plans to build 5 new homes this next year. 4 of these homes will be built with the 2014 ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) which SIRHA was awarded last year.

These will be available to eligible tribal members wishing to purchase a home on the SIR.

One of the homes being constructed this year will be a Section 184 home. This will be the first time a project like this is attempted on the SIR and we are excited for what this can mean for Tribal Members wishing to purchase a home on the SIR but who don't meet the eligibility criteria for a NAHASDA home.

SIRHA also has some current vacancies and upcoming vacancies in the next month or two so check with our office on what is coming available if you are interested in applying for either our Homeownership or Rental programs.

For information on how to apply, eligibility criteria, or any other questions or concerns please contact our office at (530)257-5033.

**SIR Water Tank Renovation Project 2014** The Tribe has completed the Tank renovation of the "Old 100,000-gallon water tank."

**Off Road Vehicles and ATV's** If you are using Tribal Land to enjoy your ATV'S during the winter months please stay on the main roads, riding off the main roads causes' severe damage and erosion.

**Cradle Valley** Just a reminder Cradle Valley is available to all Tribal Members. Any members interested in using this facility must fill out a Facilities Use Form and follow all policies listed on the form. These forms are available in the Public Works Office.

**Pets** Remember to keep your pets protected & make sure they have plenty of water and shelter. If you live on the Lower Reservation and you have a problem with dogs call City of Susanville at 257-2171, or the Public Works at 257-1128 for Upper Reservation.

**Wood stoves** Do not forget to clean your flue, stove box, and remember to replace your batteries on your smoke alarms.

**Reno Bus Service**

Do not forget we now have Bus Transportation services to Herlong, Reno Airport/Sparks area. Special arrangements needed for airport drop off call SIRPWT @ 257-1128.

**RENO BUS SCHEDULE**

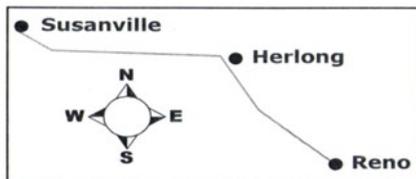
Susanville to Reno / Sparks, NV with stops in Herlong and Hallelujah Jct.

**Thursday, Saturday, Sunday**  
Excluding Legal Holidays.

Our route will depart from the Diamond Mountain Casino located at 900 Skyline Rd @ 8:00 am and returns @ 4pm (approximately).

Due to increment weather, times may vary, and if the weather is severe the route will be canceled for that day. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Our Para transit vans will accommodate 18 passengers and two wheelchairs. Storage area is limited.



**Discount Fare Qualifications**

- **Students** (6-18 yrs) traveling to/from school or daycare
- **Child** (5-12 yrs) accompanied by fare - paying adult (**0-4 yrs Free**)
- **Seniors** (55 yrs or older) with Medicare or picture ID
- **Disabled** persons, meeting Americans with Disability Act criteria, with valid (or other transit agency) card and picture ID

**Fares**

**Per Passenger Per One-Way Trip Upon Boarding**

Route	Zone	Discount	General
1	SUSANVILLE / HERLONG	\$3	\$5
1	HERLONG / SPARKS	\$7	\$10
1	SUSANVILLE / SPARKS	\$11	\$15

**FIXED ROUTE SERVICE**

Includes one way trip between Susanville and Sparks RTC HUB Transit Center which allows connecting transportation.

**Departure Times**

**Time**

- 8:00 AM Diamond Mt Casino
- 8:20 AM Wal Mart Bus Stop
- 9:10 AM 2069 DS Hall St (Herlong) Bus Stop
- 9:25 AM W. Patton Village (Herlong) Bus stop
- 10:35 AM Sparks RTC HUB

**Lunch 10:35 AM –1:35 PM**

- 1:35 PM Sparks RTC HUB
- 2:35 PM W. Patton Village (Herlong) Bus stop
- 2:50 PM 2069 DS Hall St (Herlong) Bus Stop
- 3:40 PM Wal Mart Bus Stop
- 4:00 PM Diamond Mt Casino

Bus will leave approximately 10 minutes after arrival at each designated stop to allow for loading of a wheelchair, etc.

**Hoopa Valley Tribe-Food Distribution Program**



**The Hoopa Food Distribution Program has expanded their service area to include the Susanville Indian Rancheria!**

Here is just a sample of the products:

- \* Dry Goods- (Corn Flakes, Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Hominy, etc.)
  - \* Can Goods-(Diced Tomatoes, Cream Corn, Green Beans, etc.,)
  - \* Dairy Goods-(Butter, milk, Apple, Orange, Grape juices, etc.)
- \* Fresh Vegetables- (Carrots, Yellow onions, russet potatoes, red onions, etc.)
- \* Fresh Fruit-(Apples, Grapefruit, Oranges, Pears, Grapes, Avocados, etc.)
- \* Fresh Meats- (Hamburger, Roast Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Canned Beef and Salmon)

Applications are available at:

- ◆ Lassen Indian Health Clinic — 795 Joaquin St. or Tribal Office — 745 Joaquin St.

If you would like more information please contact:

Melissa Martin (530)257-2542 or the Hoopa Food Distribution (530)625-4646

**A Message from the LIHC Chief Operating Officer**

Lassen Indian Health Center staff is pleased to kick-off our new series of quarterly newsletters for FY15. It is our hope that the newsletter will strengthen our relationship, provide a means of direct communication, facilitate dialogue with and get feed-back from you. I would like to thank our editor in chief, Brandon G for his acceptance in producing the newsletter and its periodicity so you can come to expect the delivery of the newsletter in a timely manner.

We call upon all our readers input and look forward to hearing any suggestions, or any recommendations you may have that will improve and enhance our tribal health care system.

In Service,  
Lona Marioneaux-Ibanitoru



# SIRCO News Update

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2015

SIRCO starts off the 2015 New Year with new leadership, new employees, new and continuing contracts, new development(s), and strategic plans for a successful 2015 and years to follow for the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

October 2014 seen a change in leadership at SIRCO. The new CEO of SIRCO is Ms. Gretchen Cox. She is a Chukchansi Tribal member from Coarsegold California. She is married and they have two children. Her hobbies include camping, basket weaving, sewing and golf.

*Ms. Cox's 20 plus years of experience in Indian country—which included tribal government, Indian education and extensive economic development will be a great benefit to the future and success of SIRCO and its affiliated companies.*

For the beginning of this year, SIRCO welcomes two new employees to work in the administrative, human resources and accounting areas of the office. Both employees are Susanville Rancheria Tribal members. Joining SIRCO in Human Resources and Administrative support is Mylah Campbell. Joining SIRCO in accounts payable is Carole Lowry.

SIRCO companies, most notable SFS Global, LLC and Terra Solutions & Services, LLC have secured new or continuing contracts to begin the New Year. Additional contracts are expected to be awarded in both the first and second quarter of 2015.

*SFS Global LLC's largest contract, Reset & Repair Support of the Marine Corp., located at Barstow CA, was extended for an additional 18 month term. Employee count there is currently 193 authorized, but the number of employees will increase to 212 for the new contract. Price negotiations with the Department of Defense is currently ongoing. This was a sole-source contract award due to the DOD being pleased with the operations of the Barstow facility which exceeded their requirements and expectations.*

Herlong Development: There are several business development projects currently being established to be located in Building 2069 in Herlong. Information on these projects will be released once finalized. Those projects will have the ability to provide jobs for tribal members and the local community as well as provide tax revenues for the tribe. These should be realized by the fourth quarter of 2015.

The staff of SIRCO is currently developing and finalizing strategic plan(s) for 2015. These plans will give the companies under SIRCO the best possibility for success this year and going into the future.

*One feature of the SIRCO plans is a rebranding of our companies. This will include new websites and marketing materials which will all reflect the SIRCO brand.*

SIRCO does maintain an “open-door” policy for tribal members to stop by the office to answer any questions, making an appointment is preferred. SIRCO is on the path to success and anticipates making distributions to SIR in the near future. For email questions: [info@sircorporation.com](mailto:info@sircorporation.com).

Thank You,

SIRCO Staff

[www.sircorporation.com](http://www.sircorporation.com)

(530) 252-4209

## Boards & Committees

### **The Tribal Business Council**

The Tribal Business Council holds the responsibility of running the day-to-day business of the Rancheria. It is an elected board comprised of seven members, each serving a three year term staggered term of office. The Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary / Treasurer positions are held one year; the District 1 and District 2 positions are held the second year; and the Member At-Large (Trust Land) and Member At-Large (Lassen County) positions are held the third year. The Tribal Business Council members are elected by the General Council on the first Saturday of November to fill those Tribal Business Council positions which have expired. Members of the Tribal Business Council shall remain in office until their successors are duly elected and installed. Each Tribal Business Council member (with the exception of the Tribal Chairman who is a salaried employee), receives a monthly stipend in the amount of \$2,250.00. This stipend covers their duties as Tribal Business Council members, the Health Board, the Education Board, and the Athletic Commission. This does not include other committees or boards in which they serve and such stipends are separate and above the amount stated. Meetings are normally held at the Diamond Mountain Casino on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

<b><u>Tribal Business Council Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Stacy Dixon	Tribal Chairman	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Brazzanovich, Jr.	Vice-Chairman	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Dixon, Sr.	Secretary/Treasurer	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Tina Richards	District 1 Councilwoman	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Robert Joseph	District 2 Councilman	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Tina Sanchez	Member At-Large (Trust)	11/05/2014 – 11/04/2017
Marvena Harris	Member At-Large (Lassen)	11/05/2014 – 11/04/2017

**The Health Board of the Lassen Indian Health Center** consists of the Tribal Business Council members. The purpose of the Health Board is to oversee the affairs of the Lassen Indian Health Center. Meetings are normally held at the Diamond Mountain Casino on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

<b><u>Health Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Stacy Dixon	Chairman	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Brazzanovich, Jr.	Vice-Chairman	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Dixon, Sr.	Secretary/Treasurer	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Tina Richards	District 1 Councilwoman	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Robert Joseph	District 2 Councilman	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Tina Sanchez	Member At-Large (Trust)	11/08/2014 – 11/04/2017
Marvena Harris	Member At-Large (Lassen)	11/08/2014 – 11/04/2017

**The Education Board** consists of the Tribal Business Council members. The primary purpose of the Education Committee is to oversee the Education Center's program, budget and activities as well as the Parent Advisory Committee. Monthly reports are submitted by the Education Director to the Tribal Business Council and reviewed by the Tribal Business Council on the second meeting of each month.

**The Athletic Commission** is comprised of the Tribal Business Council members. The Athletic Commission, working accordance to Resolutions SU-BC-14-2004 & SU-BC-038-2010 are responsible for regulating all athletic events held at the Diamond Mountain Casino.

<b><u>Athletic Commission Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Stacy Dixon	Commission Member	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Brazzanovich, Jr.	Commission Member	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Aaron Dixon, Sr.	Commission Member	12/04/2012 – 11/07/2015
Robert Joseph	Commission Member	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Tina Richards	Commission Member	11/05/2013 – 11/05/2016
Tina Sanchez	Commission Member	11/08/2014 – 11/04/2017
Marvena Harris	Commission Member	11/08/2014 – 11/04/2017

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**The Cultural Committee** (also known as Tribal Liaison Committee- TLC, or Tribal Government Liaison Committee-TGLC) is appointed by the Tribal Business Council and consists of eight members, 18 years of age or older with two members representing each of the four Tribes as well as staff representation of the THPO/NAGPRA Coordinator, the Language Program Coordinator, and the Natural Resource Director.

**Committee members will be appointed to a 3 year term and can be reaffirmed indefinitely.** The Cultural Committee was created by SIR TBC Resolution No. SU-BC-15-99 and meetings are held in the SIR Resource Center every second Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. **Each committee member receives a stipend of \$50.00 per meeting.**

### **Maidu Representatives:**

	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Appointed</u></b>
Dorothy Miles	Committee Member	September 06, 2011
Davon Joseph	Committee Member	November 06, 2012

### **Paiute Representatives:**

Valerie Lent	Committee Member	November 06, 2012
Patrick Owens	Vice-Chair	September 06, 2011

### **Pit River Representatives:**

Allen Lowry	Committee Member	November 06, 2012
Renee Nez	Committee Member	November 06, 2012

### **Washoe Representatives:**

Stacy Dixon	Committee Member	November 06, 2012
Aaron Brazzanovich, Jr.	Chairman	November 06, 2012

**The Document Committee** is in the process of being established in order to develop governing documents to be sent out to the general membership for approval.

**The Donation Committee** is a group of individuals established by the Tribal Business Council to review tribal member assistance and/or donation requests. This group consists of one of the Tribal Business Council members and at least two of the following staff: the Tribal Administrator, the Health Clinic Chief Operating Officer, the Tribal Office Manager, or the Fiscal Controller. The committee will approve or deny all tribal member assistance requests based on the policies of the current ordinance. The approval of a tribal member assistance request is also subject to the availability of funding and once the funding that has been set aside for the calendar year has been expended, no further assistance request will be approved by the committee.

**The 2014/2015 Election Board** is presently operating under Election Ordinance 97-2. The Election Board is composed of five members selected by the Tribal Business Council at its meeting held in September of each year. The purpose of the Election Board is to supervise, regulate, and conduct all elections of the Susanville Indian Rancheria.

### **Board Member**

	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Angela Edwards-Miles	Chairwoman	09/02/2014 – 09/01/2015
Tanna Benner-Franco	Secretary	09/02/2014 – 09/01/2015
Billie Guzman	Board Member	09/02/2014 – 09/01/2015
Janet La Marr-Crutchner	Board Member	09/02/2014 – 09/01/2015
Jean James	Board Member	10/21/2014 – 09/01/2015

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**The Elder's Committee** is comprised of four tribal member elders. Terms are held for three years. Meetings are held every third Thursday of each month with various other activities during the year. The purpose of the Elder's Committee is to provide interaction for tribal elders with others within the community as well as developing and maintaining relationships with tribes outside the area. **There is no stipend for this committee.**

<b><u>Elder Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Mervin Lent, Sr.	Chairman	01/01/2015 - 01/01/2016
Jean LaMarr	Vice-Chair	01/01/2015 - 01/01/2017
Pat LaMarr	Secretary	01/01/2015 - 01/01/2017
Freda Owens	Treasurer	01/01/2015 - 01/01/2016

**The Enrollment Committee**, also known as the Enrollment Application Review Committee (EARC), is comprised of an appointed Tribal Business Council member, the Tribal Enrollment Coordinator, and the Tribal Office Manager. It is their duty to review each application and bring their committee recommendation to the Tribal Business Council for approval or denial. At present, SIR Enrollment has been suspended; applications are not accepted at this time. **There is no stipend for this Committee.**

<b><u>Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Aaron Dixon, Sr.	TBC Appointed Member	12/04/2012 - 10/31/2015

**The Gaming Commission** is comprised of five Tribal Gaming Commissioners, none of whom may be members of the Tribal Business Council. Each Gaming Commissioner serves for a term of three years and the terms are staggered so that no more than two commissioners' terms expire in any one year. The primary purpose of the Tribal Gaming Commission is to reasonably inspect and regulate all Gaming within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; investigate any reported violations of the Gaming Ordinance, the Compact, or any other applicable law regarding Gaming within the jurisdiction of the Tribe; approve / deny licensing applications for employees and vendors of the Diamond Mountain Casino, and to act as the liaison with the National Indian Gaming Commission and the California Division of Gaming Control Commission. Regularly scheduled meetings are held at the Diamond Mountain Casino every other Wednesday but are subject to change. **Each member receives a monthly stipend of \$750.00.**

<b><u>Gaming Commission Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Arian Hart	Chairman	09/05/2012 – 08/31/2015
Scott Dixon	Vice-Chair	08/01/2014 – 08/31/2017
Kurt Merino	Secretary	09/01/2013 – 08/31/2016
Edna Lepe	Commission Member	09/05/2012 – 08/31/2015
Ashley Chedwick	Commission Member	09/01/2014 – 08/31/2017

**The Higher Education Committee** was formed as a result of the Higher Education Scholarship Program developed by the Tribal Business Council in an effort to provide financial assistance for members pursuing an education beyond high school. The Higher Education Committee consists of the Tribal Chairman, the Tribal Administrator, and the Tribal Enrollment Coordinator. Their purpose is to review all applications for approval or denial and submit approved applications to the Fiscal department for process. **There is no stipend for this committee.**



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**The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Committee** consists of three tribal members and one alternate member, each serving a term of three years. The purpose of the ICWA Committee is to promote the best interest of Indian children in Lassen County in child custody proceedings and offer secure foster family placement that achieves stability and security of the children and families. ICWA meetings are held quarterly as well as personal appearances for various cases located within Lassen County. The ICWA Committee also attends, via phone, for those cases located outside of the tribe's service area. **Each member of this committee receives a stipend of \$100.00 per meeting. The Alternate member only receives a stipend when a quorum must be established.**

<b><u>ICWA Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Tina Richards	Chairwoman	08/05/2014 – 05/31/2016
Erma Hart	Committee Member	09/01/2013 – 05/31/2015
Madeline McIntire	Committee Member	09/01/2013 – 05/31/2015
Robert Joseph	Committee Member (Alt)	09/01/2013 – 05/31/2015

### **The Land Assignment Committee**

At present, anything pertaining to the duties of the Land Assignment Committee has been suspended until another Land Assignment Ordinance is adopted.

<b><u>Land Assignment Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Lisa Lent	Committee Member	08/05/2014 – 07/31/2016

**The Language Focus Group** is composed of five tribal community members as well as staff representation of the Language Program Coordinator, the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer, and the Natural Resource Director. The group was formed as a working committee in coordination with a 2009 Language Assessment grant from the Administration for Native Americans to assess the state of our four affiliated traditional languages; the Language Committee (Language Focus Group) provides guidance to the SIR Language Program in reawakening the languages. **The term of a seat held is only considered vacant upon death, resignation, or removal of the representative. Each member receives a stipend of \$50.00 per meeting.**

<b><u>Language Focus Group Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Appointed</u></b>
Eugene Pasqua	Committee Member	12/04/2012
Dorothee Miles	Committee Member	09/23/2014
Renee Nez	Committee Member	12/04/2012
Tonigia Nez	Committee Member	12/04/2012
Melissa Martin	Committee Member	08/05/2014

**The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)** is comprised of five parents of students enrolled at the tribe's Education Center. The members are selected at the beginning of the school year by the other parents of students attending the Education Center and serve for one year. The Parent Advisory Committee is responsible for the annual planning of programs and activities of the Education Center. The committee also participates in the development of the Education Center's services. Meetings at present are held quarterly, but are soon to be held monthly at the Education Center at 5:30 p.m. **There is no stipend for this committee.**

<b><u>PAC Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Kendra Lancaster	Chairwoman	10/21/2014 – 06/2015
Billie Guzman	Vice-Chair	10/21/2014 – 06/2015
Leah Miller	Secretary	10/21/2014 – 06/2015
Rietta Amador	Committee Member	10/21/2014 – 06/2015
Solange Burton	Committee Member	10/21/2014 – 06/2015

## Boards & Committees

**The Pow-Wow Committee** is a gathering that reflects upon many important aspects of Native American society. Honoring our Elders and Veterans at this gathering reinforces the values of working together as a family and bonding as a community. It is a place where our young people are exposed to the language, values, traditions, and spirituality of our ancestors. As the drum carries the heartbeat of the Indian nation, and of Mother Earth, and thus calls the spirits and nations together, the dances have a strong personal and spiritual dimension. The regalia that is worn shares a very personal artistic expression of the dancers' lives, feelings, interests, family, and spiritual quest. The Princess Contest allows young ladies to represent their tribes, communities or cultural groups sharing their knowledge of culture and customs, communication skills, poise and cultural talent. Committee meetings are scheduled at the discretion of this committee. This event is held on the third Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of May each year and is open to the public. **There is no stipend for this committee.**

<b><u>Pow-Wow Committee Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Amelia Luna	Chairwoman	2015
Sonya Hubbard	Secretary / Treasurer	2015
Solange Barton	Princess Coordinator	2015
Erma Hart	Committee Member	2015
Diane Chandler	Committee Member	2015
Corrine Reed	Committee Member	2015

**The Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority (SIRHA) Board of Commissioners** consists of a five member board appointed by the Tribal Business Council and is comprised of no more than two Tribal Business Council members. Each Housing Board Commissioner serves for a term of three years and the terms are staggered so that no more than two commissioners' terms expire in any one year. The purpose of the Housing Board is to oversee the affairs of the SIRHA. Meetings are normally held at the SIRHA Office Conference Room the first and third Mondays of each month. SIRHA meetings are held at the SIRHA office every first and third Monday of every month at 12:00 pm. **Each member receives a stipend of \$150.00 per meeting.**

<b><u>SIRHA Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Erma Hart	Chairwoman	09/09/2014 – 09/08/2017
Mervin Lent, Jr.	Vice-Chair	09/04/2012 – 08/31/2015
Ashley Dyer	Secretary	09/09/2014 – 09/08/2017
Robert Joseph	Commissioner	11/18/2014 – 11/05/2016
Amelia Luna-Granados	Commissioner	09/09/2013 – 09/08/2016

**Susanville Indian Rancheria Corporation (SIRCO) Board of Directors** consists of seven members that shall serve a term of three years. All new members shall be elected by the existing SIRCO Board of Directors with approval of the Tribal Business council. The mission of SIRCO is to establish a strong base of economic diversity that will benefit the present and future Tribal members of the Susanville Indian Rancheria. SIRCO is the business and economic development division of the Susanville Indian Rancheria. It is wholly owned by the Rancheria and includes the Diamond Mountain Casino & Hotel, the Diamond Mountain Mini-Mart, as well as SIRCO Property Management (SPM). SPM is the property and (60) sixty duplex's in Herlong, CA.

<b><u>SIRCO Board Member</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Robert Robles	President	05/06/2014 – 11/07/2017
Joleen Robles	Secretary	07/17/2014 – 11/05/2016
Stacy Dixon	Board Member	09/26/2012 – 11/05/2015
Robert Joseph	Board Member	08/05/2014 (appointed by TBC—no term)
Yeaphana La Marr	Board Member	07/17/2014 – 11/05/2016
Laura Urmson	Board Member	08/19/2014 – 11/05/2015
<b>Vacant</b>	Board Member	<b>- 11/07/2017</b>

Here in the technology department we spend an whole lot of time on computers, so I thought we could give you a few tips on how to use them more efficiently and easily.

Keyboard shortcuts: studies have shown that anything you can do with the keyboard is much faster than using the mouse. Not everything can be done from the keyboard, but it's great for tasks you do often. Here's a few to get everyone started:



Copy: **Ctrl + C**  
Cut: **Ctrl + X**  
Paste: **Ctrl + P**  
Lock the Screen: **Win + L**  
Minimize everything: **Win + D**

Even if you are using your computer as efficiently as you can, you'll still waste time and get frustrated if you're computer isn't working as well as it should. A couple cleanup tools that can help with a lot of issues are **C-Cleaner** and **Defraggler**, available from **piriform.com** and free for home use.

## **Human Resources**

**(530) 257-4921**

Currently the Susanville Indian Rancheria has 90 employees of which 46 are Native American – 39 of which are Tribal Members. This is an increase in Tribal Member employment of 14.8% since September 30, 2014.

### **REMINDER!!!!**

Remember that all position announcements and applications are available at the Tribal Office and are often advertised in the local newspaper and on-line at [WWW.SIR-NSN.COM](http://WWW.SIR-NSN.COM) and [WWW.CALJOBS.CA.GOV](http://WWW.CALJOBS.CA.GOV).

Please give us a call if you have any questions concerning employment.

Lanita 257-4921

Fayrene 251-4972

The SIR continues to work diligently seeking grant funding to complete additional activities and begin new programs. Current grant requests include road projects, language preservation activities, natural resource projects, and youth and education activities.

The last few months grant applications have been focused in the Natural Resources Department. We applied for the Department's regular funding to the EPA to support the environmental concerns of the Tribe. Additionally, we applied to the Forest Service for a second grant to support Mussels research in the Eagle Lake water systems. On the cultural side, we applied to NAGPRA for a Repatriation grant to allow us to receive the remains of our ancestors from U.C. Davis and rebury them within our cemetery.

Two exciting awards were announced in recent months. The first is from HUD for a 2<sup>nd</sup> ICDBG grant to build four additional homes on Yah-Monee drive. This project is scheduled to begin in the spring. The second award was from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Preservation Assistance grant. This grant will be run by the Natural Resources Department and will allow us to hire a conservation professional to catalogue our artifacts. Additionally, the conservation professional will recommend appropriate storage measures to ensure that our artifacts remain in excellent condition for future generations to enjoy.

**Natural Resources Department**

**(530) 251-5623**

**SIR Forestry Crew is gearing up for the 2015 season**

The Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) Forestry Crew is a four to five-person Forestry Crew responsible for maintaining and protecting natural resources on tribal and public lands. Forestry Crew members participate in a variety of forest health activities like thinning, piling, prescribed burning and responding to wildland fire assignments. The SIR Natural Resources Department (NRD) is working hard to grow the SIR Forestry Program in 2015 and 2016. The NRD is anticipating at least one new Forestry Crew position to be advertised in February or March of 2015. Keep an eye out for the announcement soon.

The Forestry Crew spent the 2014 season working on many different natural resource projects funded by outside agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and United States Forest Service (USFS). Crew members maintained certifications in Chainsaw Operation & Felling, Wildland Firefighter Type II, Cross-cut Saw Operations, CPR, Basic First Aid, and Safety.

**Maintaining Wilderness Trails:** The Forestry Crew spent the beginning of the 2014 season working on trail projects within wilderness areas of the Lassen National Forest under the Tribal Trails grant funded by the USFS. The project work consists of maintaining wilderness trails by clearing them of debris and constructing water bars to prevent erosion.



Caribou Wilderness: Hay Meadows Trailhead – clearing large diameter trees that fell across the trails



**Responding to Wildland Fires:** The Forestry Crew provided mutual aid in wildland fire response to the Greenville Rancheria and the Lassen Community College Fire Science Program during the 2014 fire season. The NRD was able to provide staff for the Greenville Wildland Fire Engine and the Lassen National Forest OC6 Hand Crew. Forestry Crew members responded to a total of 10 fire assignments which included Initial Attack response on the Plumas National Forest during lightning forecast weather and off-district assignments to the Happy Camp Fire Complex and the King Fire. The SIR currently operates under a BIA re-imburse agreement which supports the Forestry Crew on training and fire assignments. This program has given the SIR Forestry Crew an opportunity to train as wildland fire fighters on a variety of projects and assignments with other crews and fire engines.



**Protecting Forest Health:** The Forestry Crew also worked at the SIR Cradle Valley and on the 875 acre properties under funding and guidance from NRCS Biologists and the BIA. The crew fell, limbed, bucked, and stacked small diameter conifers to reduce hazardous fuel loads and improve habitat for wildlife. Conservation efforts to improve plant and animal habitat on SIR lands have been ongoing since 2007 when the NRCS and the SIR first entered into contractual agreements to complete the work. These projects are managed and monitored by the NRCS, BIA, and SIR.

Piles of tree limbs created to improve forest health and reduce fire danger at Cradle Valley.

### **Weje-ebis “Keep Speaking” Mountain Maidu Language Project to offer language classes in 2015!**

The Weje-ebis “Keep Speaking” Mountain Maidu Language Project is moving steadily forward! With a generous grant from the ANA and steadfast support from the SIR's Cultural Committee, we are two and a half years into the three year project. The project has made great strides in the collection of language material and recordings housed in various collections across the country. The recordings are being transcribed and will be incorporated into future language lessons. We are also in the process of finalizing curriculum for future language classes (both in person and online). After the curriculum has been tested and modified, the SIR will be able to start offering language classes.

Two groups of curriculum testers and two language instructors are currently being recruited from the community. Language instructors will participate in an immersion language program that will give them the skills to learn and teach the language. The instructors will, in turn, guide the groups of testers through the curriculum for 12 weeks. Participants will also be invited to attend a week-long language immersion camp to be held this summer. **Individuals that are able to commit the time, are passionate about their language and interested in either of these roles can contact Donna Clark, the Language Program Coordinator, at 530-257-5449 or stop by the Natural Resource Department at 735 Joaquin Street to discuss these opportunities.**

For those of you who are interested, we'd like to offer some insight as to how the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and the SIR decided to focus time and energy on revitalizing the Northeastern Majdy (Maidu) language as opposed to one of the other three SIR languages. Our first grant with Administration for Native Americans (ANA) was in 2009 to conduct a survey of our traditional languages and identify whether or not there was community support for language revitalization efforts. The conclusion from this survey was that the Tribe **Overwhelmingly** supported the preservation of the four languages associated with the SIR. The SIR was instructed to focus our efforts on one language at a time for ANA funding with the reasoning that it is very difficult to attempt to revitalize a single language, let alone four. The Language Program Coordinator and the NRD thought long and hard about the four languages and the relative status of each before applying for the second ANA grant.

While all four languages were clearly in the state of decline, some appeared to be better preserved than others. Northeastern Majdy was spoken by very few people and was being taught in at least one location at that time. Northern Paiute was the most widely taught language with classes being offered in multiple locations. On the other hand, Pitt River and Northern Washiw (Washoe) were spoken by very few individuals, if any, and were not identified as being taught anywhere. Relying on this information, the NRD elected to target the Pitt River language because it appeared to be one of the more threatened of the languages and we were confident that Pitt River culture advocates would be willing to collaborate on the revitalization effort. While the SIR was writing the grant however, the stars aligned when the NRD received a phone call from a group of Majdy language advocates with a proposition to collaborate on preserving the Majdy language. They were connected to the Majdy community and the few fluent speakers, they were extremely passionate about their language and culture, and on top of that they had experience with the language. After discussing this information, the SIR decided to shift our immediate efforts to Northeastern Majdy and thus began the Weje-ebis "Keep Speaking" Mountain Maidu Project - our journey to bring back the first of our four languages. The idea is that at the end of this current project, the lessons we learned throughout the process will better inform and direct our efforts to revitalize and restore the remaining three languages associated with the SIR.



The Language Project Coordinator is working on another article for the next SIR newsletter and would like to share this link about indigenous languages, in the meantime:

<http://www.ourlanguages.com.au/news/international/item/986-indigenous-languages-crucial-to-cultural-flourishing.html>

Cultural Day at the SIR



Baskets by Shiwaya Peck, Master Artist.



Melany and Shiwaya!



On November 15, 2014, the NRD THPO Office arranged a Cultural Day Event. The event was open to all Tribal members and staff who wished to learn and observe Native American Artists from Mountain Maidu and Northern Paiute Tribes. Four Artists met with Melany L. Johnson (SIR THPO & NAGPRA Coordinator) to create the activities for the very special day. The THPO office sent out postcards to Tribal Members requesting participation and informing the community about the Cultural Day Event. Melany also mailed flyers to all membership in Lassen County inviting them to the Cultural Day Event.

Valerie Edwards and her first Burden Basket. Shiwaya taught Valerie to make the Burden Basket. They worked under the ACTA grant as Master Artist and Apprentice.



Valerie brought willow and redbud to demonstrate how to prepare the materials for weaving. Both ladies are Mt. Maidu.



Brandon Guitierrez wrote a story in Paiute and translated in English after he read it in Paiute! Brandon brought some of his Sacred Objects and some wonderful pictures! Gordon Crutcher is teaching the Northern Paiute language to a group of eager learners, Brandon included.



Sue Campbell, Mountain Maidu, Traditional Basket Weaver, maker of Maidu dice game pieces, and stick game pieces is teaching Darren how to play one of the hand games. Black walnuts are cleaned inside and out, sanded, filled with sculpting clay, decorated with broken abalone shells, then sprayed lightly with clear spray. The old way of making them, involved the same amount of cleaning, but in a different way, pitch was used for the filling, and abalone was pressed in the pitch for sparkling decoration. The counting sticks were made of willow or other small wood pieces. The children and adults enjoyed the Cultural presentations.



Melany brought acorn, cracking tools, and grinding rocks for a hands on demonstration of how we get the acorn ready for soup, mush, or bread. Acorn is one of our staple foods. It is high in protein and is considered to be a superfood! The children helped crack acorn, shelled, picked off the husk and finally got to grind the nuts into flour. Melany was personally amazed at the participation level.



Audrey, Amari, and Ariana enjoyed the presentations, hands on projects, raffle prizes and lunch!



Erik and Darren enjoyed each others company.

The NRD THPO program is grateful to the National Park Service Tribal Historic Preservation Office Grant for allowing us to move forward with this project. We consider the Cultural Day Event to be a success. However, we are hopeful for more Tribal participation in the future...Special thanks to all of the Artists and folks who came to our event.

**Pit River and Washoe lullabies are here**

As some of you may know, the Tribe received an additional grant through the Alliance for California Traditional Arts (ACTA) to collect and record Pit River and Washoe lullabies. The project consultants were Radley Davis for the collection of Pit River lullabies and Lisa Enos for the collection of Washoe lullabies. We are very grateful to Louise Davis and Floyd Buckskin who contributed to the Pit River lullabies and Melba Rakow who contributed to the Washoe lullabies. The SIR NRD has received all of the recordings and translations we are now in the process of editing them to put them on CD's in an effort to share the melody of the languages with our youngest Tribal members. When the CD's are finalized, they will be provided to Pit River and Washoe households with children under the age of 5 years old.



Fellow Washoe lullaby contributor Melba Rakow and project consultant Lisa Enos.



Fellow Pit River lullaby contributor Louise Davis and project consultant Radley Davis.





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