

# S.I.R. Tribal News



## TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2015

By the time you read this newsletter, either the voting will still be going on for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer positions or the voting will have concluded and the newly elected officers will have been installed on the Tribal Business Council. I want to thank you for your support during my tenure on the Tribal Business Council and I know that you will continue to provide your support and guidance to the new Tribal Business Council.

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.

I have been busy working with a coalition of tribes that formed the 1999 Compact Tribes Steering Committee (CTSC) with the intent of negotiating a new gaming compact under Governor Brown. We have been meeting monthly and going over various requests to change provisions in the current compact. I have worked diligently to keep the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund being available to tribes with less than 350 gaming machines and it looks like this provision will stay in the new gaming compact. The Susanville Indian Rancheria uses these funds to pay for the Annual Distribution, Pow Wow, Member Assistance, Tribal Member Donations, Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Children's Fair Booklets, Sponsorships, Native Elders Circle, and Burial Assistance. An update on the negotiation process will continue to be presented at the monthly community meetings.

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**The next SIR General Council meeting  
is scheduled for  
February 6, 2016 at 1pm  
845 Joaquin Street,  
Joaquin Sports Complex (Gym)**

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. I am a member of the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (NCTCA). This group allows the tribal leaders to discuss items that affect the Northern California tribes and provides a unified voice to be heard in the State legislative branch and in Congress.

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. Congressman LaMalfa has introduced H.R. 2212 and Senators Boxer and Feinstein has introduced S. 1761, the Senate companion bill on the BLM land transfer. Both bills are moving along in the legislative process fairly quickly. We believe that the bills will be attached to one of the appropriation bills that Congress will need to pass to provide funding for FY 2016. Our hopes are that the bills will be approved soon and sent to the President for signature.

By the time you read this newsletter, the Skyline Sidewalk Project along the north side of the casino and mini-mart will have been completed. Stop on by and see the new sidewalk and streetlights that will provide a safer pedestrian path for the local residents to reach our facilities.

The tribe is working with SHN (a survey and design company out of Redding) to redesign the Numa Street to Wada Street portion of Spring Ridge Road. For those of you that have traveled this road, you can see that the road foundation is failing and needs to be reconstructed. We anticipate starting the reconstruction of this portion of Spring Ridge Road in the spring of 2016.

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



O'Reilly Auto Parts of Susanville has granted all Susanville Indian Rancheria Tribal Members a discount on auto parts sold in their store.

This discount is for SIR Tribal Members and SIR Tribal Employees of the Susanville Indian Rancheria. To receive your discount you will need to 1) Present SIR Tribal ID or SIR Employee ID and 2) Mention Customer Name "SUSANVILLE RANCHERIA MBRS".



**1120 Lassen Avenue  
Herlong CA 96113  
Phone: 530-827-2419  
Website: [www.sircopm.com](http://www.sircopm.com)**

90 units are currently occupied out of 107 Units.  
We have had a large increase of move ins in the last few months.  
SIRCO main office has moved their office to a building next door to our Property Management office. Welcome to the neighborhood!

We would like to recognize and thank our Maintenance Staff for all the hard work they have done to get our units ready for our new tenants



**Our Staff:**

**Administrative:**

Jean James, General Manager  
Cheri Kessler, Admin Assistant

**Maintenance:**

Stephen Morrow, Maintenance Supervisor  
Ben Owens, Maintenance Worker  
Gary Mitchell, Maintenance Worker





Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority

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Susanville, CA 96130

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Dear Tribal Members,

We are pleased to inform our SIR Tribal Members that the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 disclosed no findings related to HUD programs and SIRHA recently submitted the 2016 Indian Housing Plan which has been approved by HUD.

As of October 31, 2015 our office will no longer accept any applications for Housing Assistance for the new Yah-Monee Drive units. We are currently in the process of determining eligibility and looking forward to the completion of project in order to begin selecting homebuyers.

The Yah-Monee project is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month and the rehabilitation of the Tako-Nee unit is completed, we are currently rehabilitating two Low Rent units on Kei-Deh.

SIRHA recently accepted and offered employment for a new Program Manager and we are tentatively expecting our new hire to arrive in the middle of November. We are very excited and will be making introductions upon his/her arrival.

SIRHA is getting ready for a potential wintery season and would like to remind our Tenants to begin preparation of hazardous conditions. SIRHA asks for full cooperation with any requests it makes. It helps us to complete projects in a timely and safe manner.

SIRHA looks forward to working with you and would like to thank you all and please do not hesitate to contact our office with any questions or concerns at (530) 257-5033.

**Staff:**

- Anna Pasqua – Director**
- Ellen Payton – Admin. Assistant**
- Twila Alkoa – Tutor**
- Anthony Garcia – Tutor**
- Vacant – Tutor**
- Robert Pacha – Driver/Tutor**
- Lisa Schoyen – Driver/Tutor**
- Vacant – Driver/Tutor**



**Dates to Remember:**

- **Next Parent teacher conference will be November 16 thru 20th Center is closed on those days to attend these conferences.**
- **November 11, 23 -27th school closes for holidays, center is also closed.**

**Academic Year After School Program**

**We have 30 kids enrolled in our after school program. With a daily average of 25 students. We are still looking for another Tutor/Driver, please contact our HR department if you are interested.**

**What Education Center has been doing:**

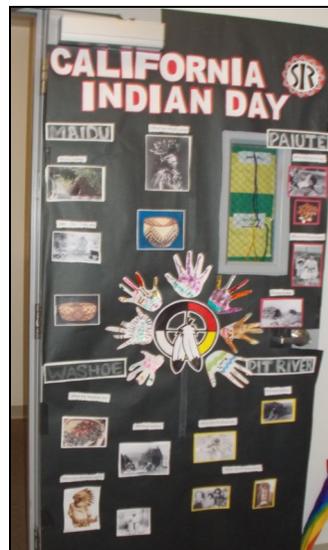
- **Students researched & decorated center doors with information from the four main tribes that make up the Susanville Indian Rancheria for California Indian day.**



Grades K-2 Room



Grades 3-5 Room A



Grades 3-5 Room B



Grades 6-8 Room

- Education Center held an open house for Families in September with food games, prizes and tours of the center.
- SIREC students will be decorating bags for an upcoming elders event in November.
- More Cultural Activities TBA



**Susanville Indian Rancheria Education Center (SIREC)  
2015-2016 Academic Year After-School Program now open!**

**SIREC has Slots Available for our Academic Year After-School Program**

SIREC is providing free After-School Tutoring/Cultural Program for Native youth ranging from Grades k thru 8 from **August 24, 2015 thru June 3, 2016**. Generally, the SIREC Academic Year Program hours will run from 2:30 pm to 4:45pm Monday thru Friday. Our center closes on holidays and on school minimum days. SIREC Academic Year Program registration packets are available at the SIR Education Center. Students enrolled in our academic year program will have the opportunity to receive:

- A Free Snack
- Tutoring in Math and English
- Accelerated Reading
- Use the I-Station Reading Comprehension Program
- Fun, Cultural Enrichment Activities

**For more information contact:  
SIREC at (530) 252-1658**



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

## casino Sidewalk Project 2015

**Impact Construction is just about completed the new sidewalk project on Skyline next to the casino, which will improve safer passage for all pedestrians.**



## Pets

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

## Considerations

**An article in USA Today, that examined chained dogs, determined that dogs that are leashed in yards are more likely to suffer from anxiety problems. They are also more likely to display hostile behavior than those that are untethered. According to the article, dogs that are chained often have a lack of social interaction, which damages the dog's psychological well being. This can lead to an increased desire to chase or bite a person. It is illegal to keep you dog chained for more than 4 hour.**

**New Sign Posting**

**The Water Tank Road was recently damaged unnecessarily by four-wheeler activity. If you are using Tribal Land to enjoy your ATV'S please stay on the main roads, riding off the main roads causes' severe damage and erosion. Please remember no ATV's on the Water Tank Road.**



**Reno Bus Service****Susanville Indian Rancheria Public Transportation Program****NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION****Susanville, Herlong, to Reno / Spark Fixed Route Service**

**The Susanville Indian Rancheria Public Transportation Program will change its Fixed Route Service to a Demand Response Service.**

**We will implement this new program starting, October 6, 2015.**

**Days of service will be Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday. Hours of operation will be from 8:00am to 1:30pm. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. For your convenience, we will try to meet same-day request. Please call 530-257-1128 for reservations. Please make sure that your trip is confirmed.**

**We will continue to pick up at the Diamond Mountain Casino and the Wal-Mart Bus Stop on Riverside Drive. Fares will remain the same:**

**Discount Fare Qualification;**

- **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 One - Way Trip;**

**For any question or concerns, please contact us @ SIRPTP, 865 Joaquin Street Susanville, CA**

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

**To Parents of Graduating Middle School Students & Graduating High School Students:**

The Tribal Business Council has approved the following REIMBURSEMENT programs for our SIR enrolled tribal member graduating students:

1. Enrolled tribal member youth that graduated from Middle School in 2016 will be eligible for an incentive award upon graduation. A copy of their diploma (or school transcripts/verification) is required.
2. Enrolled tribal member youth that will be graduating from High School in 2016 will be eligible for an incentive award upon graduation. A copy of their diploma (or school transcripts/verification) is required.
3. Enrolled tribal member youth that are attending their senior year of High School 2016 are eligible to receive assistance, (up to \$200), with senior pictures, senior announcements, and senior cap and gown expenses. A copy of the bill is required.

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. In order to be considered as "Need Based", you MUST submit income verification in the form of paycheck stub's. You may still receive reimbursement under the Tribal Youth Programs if your family income exceeds the income guidelines, this means that if you receive more that \$600 in one calendar year from the Tribe (which includes the Annual Distribution), you will receive an IRS-1099 form at year end.

To take advantage of the other various programs available to enrolled tribal members please visit our website at:

**[sir-nsn.gov](http://sir-nsn.gov)**

**LOOK UNDER "ONLINE DOCUMENTS"**

For your convenience we have provided a blank reimbursement form on the other side of this page.



**Susanville Indian Rancheria  
Tribal Youth Program Reimbursement Form**

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enrollment #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Request:**

- Sports/Extra Curricular Event     School Clothes/Supplies     Jr. High Diploma  
 High School Diploma                       Senior Year High School Assistance

**Total Reimbursement Requested: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Monthly Family Income: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check Payable to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Custodial Parent / Guardian Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Enrollment #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Custodial Parent / Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**\*\*\*Tribal Office Use Only\*\*\***

Has child had previous reimbursement in the above selected category?    Yes    No

Total Previous Amount    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Authorized to Pay: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Account Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Meets "Need Based" income eligibility requirements?     YES (Income verification attached)

NO (Income not attached)

By my signature, I have verified this child is eligible for the amount/program listed above

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Office Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Office Manager's Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

SIR Youth School Clothes / School Supplies Program Reimbursement Ordinance 2013-003  
Approved on 03/19/2013

The Pow Wow Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in planning and coordination the annual Pow Wow. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amelia Luna at (530) 249-7192





Want to know what's going on at your casino?

Make sure to sign up for the Diamond Club, check out our website at [www.dmcah.com](http://www.dmcah.com), & follow us on Facebook.

**Cheers!**

JOIN US FOR THE 2016  
**New Year's Eve Party**  
Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Diamond Willow Room • 6M TO 1-5(AM)

BUFFET STARTS AT 6PM. LIVE MUSIC BY TIMELESS STARTS AT 9PM  
TICKETS SOLD AT THE GIFT SHOP FOR \$25 PER PERSON PARTY INCLUDES  
A PRIME RIB & CRAB LEG DINNER BUFFET, DECORATIONS, AND A GLASS  
OF CHAMPAGNE TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR HOTEL + ENTERTAINMENT PACKAGE  
BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A DINNER, DANCE AND ROOM PACKAGE  
STARTING AT \$121.50 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. PACKAGE INCLUDES  
A ONE NIGHT STAY IN A DELUXE ROOM PLUS TICKETS(S)  
TO THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY STARTING AT 6PM  
BOOK YOUR ROOM EARLY. PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX.

SEE CASINO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**\$2,500**  
**Free Play**  
**Giveaway**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
2PM TO 4PM AND 5PM TO 7PM

EARN ENTRIES BY USING YOUR CLUB CARD ON THE SLOTS  
SEE CASINO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**\$2,500**  
**FREE PLAY**  
**GIVEAWAY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>  
2PM TO 4PM & 5PM TO 7PM

EARN ENTRIES BY USING YOUR CLUB CARD ON THE SLOTS  
SEE CASINO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**80'S**  
*night*

FEATURING  
**DJ OUTLAW**  
**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
9PM - DIAMOND WILLOW ROOM

**TIMELESS**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
6PM TO 10PM • SPORTS BAR

**SEND US YOUR  
SUGGESTIONS  
FOR THE  
NEW BREWERY  
BEER NAMES!**

**DEADLINE IS JAN 1ST**  
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**OR EMAIL:**  
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