

# S.I.R. Tribal News



## TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

May 2016

How mu! The last few months have been quite productive. We all continue to stay busy, and I must say that the Tribe is lucky to have such dedicated staff. If not for their efforts, my job would be impossible. As most of you know I have committed to staying on the Rancheria and working on getting goals accomplished. I have traveled once this year, and I do not anticipate leaving the Rancheria for the rest of the year, simply because there so much to be done.

Our Natural Resources Department continues its efforts in maintaining relations with outside agencies and protecting Tribal resources. I am happy to report that our NRD Director Meredith Gosejohan, is back onboard after some well deserved time off. We are grateful for her return, and we look forward to her continued success. On a sadder note, the Tribe is saying farewell to Katie White, our former Natural Resources Assistant. Katie distinguished herself as a leader during Meredith's absence. Ms. White was able to take the reins and operate the NRD with a seamless effort. We are sorry to see her go, but we are thankful for her dedication to our Tribe.

The Tribe's Education Department is entering into its summertime program. If you have not signed your children up yet, please come to the Tribal Office to get them enrolled so that they can take advantage of our summertime activities. Ms. Pasqua and her staff continue to do a great job administering an Education Program that is vital to the academic success of our young people.

Our Tribal Office staff continues to show up day in and day out ready to carry out the directives of the Chairman to the best of their ability. I am thankful for their efforts, especially during the course of our business meetings. It's at these meetings that members of our staff stay for extended hours to ensure that the work product of our business meetings are completed in an accurate and timely manner. They are dedicated, and at times under appreciated. We are lucky to have them. I encourage everyone to let them know they are doing a good job.

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**The next SIR General Council Meeting  
is scheduled for August 6, 2016 at 1pm  
845 Joaquin Street,  
Joaquin Sports Complex (Gym), Susanville, CA**

Recently, the Tribe's IT Department was able to launch a new website months ahead of schedule. While the new website will always stand to improve, it far exceeds the capabilities of the old website. Our IT Department has also been able to establish a "Tribal Members Page". I strongly encourage everyone to get signed up. With this membership on our website, the ability to view Meeting Minutes, Agendas, and very soon video recordings of our TBC Meetings will be just a click away. If you have not signed up yet, please contact the Tribal Office.

SIR's Public Works Department bid a farewell to Mr. Arian Hart. His outstanding service to his people, and to the success of Public Works is without parallel, and I for one am sad to see him go. That being said, I look forward to the efforts of Mr. Robert Robles. I am confident he will prove to be an asset to our Tribe. Public Works has been at work preparing for various projects that will take the Spring and Summer to accomplish.

As many have probably noticed, the Lassen Indian Health Center has been in a state of transition. I want to personally thank our former Chief Operating Officer Lynn Drummond for her dedicated efforts to our Health Center. She displayed a concerted effort towards accountability and integrity. Thank you Lynn. As we move forward, I want to welcome our new COO Ms. Jacqueline Bae. Jacqueline has a Masters Degree in Health Administration, and a Medical Doctor's Degree in Endocrinology. She practiced as an Endocrinologist in Korea for 15 years. Upon her return to the United States she worked in IHS facilities in Rosebud, Pit River, and Gardnerville. Ms. Bae is also an accomplished Grant Writer, and she knows the IHS system inside and out. I am looking forward to great things from her. Please help me in supporting her vision for success of our Health Center. I am confident that her leadership will bring good years to LIHC.

Now that the election has been completed, counted, and confirmed I want to congratulate Mr. Arian Hart as he was victorious in his bid to become our new Tribal Council Vice Chairman. Mr. Hart is a strong leader, and I believe he possesses a capacity for fairness, accountability, and passion for his people. I look forward to serving with him. Though, we must recognize and cannot forget the efforts and dedication of our former Vice Chairman Aaron Brazzanovich Jr. Mr. Brazzanovich served his people faithfully for 3 years, and fought hard during his campaign. I respect Aaron, and I am sure we will see him on the campaign trail again someday. If you see him, please thank him for his service to our people.

At the end of February Mr. Aaron Dixon Sr. and I traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby Congress for our Land Bill. We met with Senator Barbara Boxer's staff, and Representative Doug LaMalfa. The meetings were productive, and I hope to see our land put into trust very soon. For those of us who assume that Tribal Leaders go on these trips and accomplish nothing I want to state clearly that Mr. Dixon got a lot done! He exemplified true professionalism and leadership in Washington. Aaron represented our people very well, and my hat is off to him.

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Many of you may have noticed that the Tribe is making efforts towards supporting and sustaining a Neighborhood Watch. While this group has been recently formed, we have noticed a change in our community. If you are interested in contributing to the efforts of our Watch, please contact the Watch President Valerie Edwards. The establishment of this group was due largely in part to an incident that could have taken a turn for the worst. I want to remind everyone that we cannot forget that community safety is paramount, and if we are to ensure a safe place for our children and elders, we must all play a role. If you witness things that should not be transpiring on the Rancheria, please make a report to the Neighborhood watch, or contact someone on the TBC.

As for the upcoming elections, I am still working on a draft reform of our Election Ordinance. I hope to have it completed by the end of May, so that I can send it to my colleagues for review, and hopefully for approval so I can have it sent out to the people to vote on. With that effort in mind, the Tribal Administrator and I took a day trip to Attorney General Kamala Harris's Office to speak to our Tribal Rep and DOJ Staff. The purpose of that meeting was to seek guidance in proposing legislation to our State Representative that would give the Tribe the authority to have FBI Background checks done for TBC Candidates and Tribal Government Staff. If we can get this accomplished, the Susanville Indian Rancheria would be the first Tribe in California to get this done. It will not be easy, but I am confident we can get this pushed through with hard work and thoughtful consideration.

Working for the Rancheria is much like working for any other government organization. Which is to say that there are plenty of rules and regulations to follow in the conduct of our business. Over the course of the last several months, Councilwoman Sanchez, Vice Chairman Hart, I, and tribal management staff have been working tirelessly to reform our Tribe's Policies and Procedures. I am happy to report that we are finally complete with the draft, and we are ready to send it to the Council for approval. With this new version of the Policies and Procedures we are proposing many changes that will bring the Tribe into a new time where our employees will have the opportunity to move up, be treated more fairly, and make our Tribal Organization more professional. I am very excited about this proposal, and I hope that the TBC will agree and get it passed!

Many of us have wondered for quite some time about the Tribe's Corporations. As of this date I can tell you that SIRCO is getting ready to break ground on new businesses that have the potential to bring the SIR distributions that will have positive impacts on our ability to provide more services to our people. The President of SFSI is also indicating that the 8a Corporations are in store for some very good years as well. This is great news, because it means more economic security for the Tribe itself. In my capacity I have been working close with various board members to ensure the Tribe's interests are always considered. I remain hopeful that the Corporations will be able to perform and be successful. I do support economic sustainability through as many means as we can reasonably pursue.

The third week of May is Pow Wow time for the Rancheria. This is one of my favorite times of the year. At this Pow Wow we have an annual opportunity to recognize and pay respect to the efforts of our Native men and women in uniform. While none of these people will tell you that they are

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heroes, or that they are special in any way, as the Tribal Chairman I firmly believe in letting them know how near and dear they are to the hearts of our people. With the Tribe's new website we have created a Veterans section. In this section we want to formally recognize the sacrifices of all the Native Veterans from our local area. At this Year's Pow Wow I plan to have individual banners flying for the Veterans that have made submissions to my office. If you have not made your submission to me, please do so as soon as you can. These banners will display the faces, names, services, and service dates of individual Veterans. They will fly proudly at our Pow Wow, and for the rest of the year, they will fly in the Joaquin Memorial Sports Complex. I believe that it is finally time that the Susanville Indian Rancheria does something to show its warrior people that it has great love and respect for them.

The tides of change are upon us. Though at times, it may seem like what is different is slow to come, and that positive outcomes are not happening fast enough. I want to assure you that we are moving forward. Things like the re-establishment of our Daycare, and creating paid internships for high paying tribal jobs are still on my radar, and I will not stop until they are accomplished. I want to leave all you with this. I have quickly learned that being the Tribal Chairman is not a job to be taken lightly. Popularity cannot be the chief concern if I am to be effective. Every direction I go, and every decision I make have impacts on peoples' lives. It is a responsibility that I take very serious, and I do my best everyday to remain a humble as I can in the discharge of my duties. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this Tribe.

## Grants Update

We were recently awarded funds from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration to complete a long range transportation plan. The completion of this plan will allow the SIR to identify transportation and safety related projects. Having these projects identified on a formal planning document is important for the pursuit of future funding to complete these projects. This last quarter we submitted over \$1 million in grant requests to fund natural resources projects, library services, Paiute language preservation, and the Tribal youth program. We expect to be notified if we received these grants in the early fall.

This upcoming quarter will focus on grant applications for the Education Department. We are actively working on an application to the Department of Education for a 4 year grant program to improve the after-school activities offered to the youth. Part of the application process is to conduct a needs assessment. The needs assessment survey was mailed to local Tribal members in April, but it can also be accessed electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TRPT8B9> . Please fill out this survey to provide feedback to the Department about the development of future programming.



Susanville Indian Rancheria Housing Authority  
P.O. Box 970  
870 Joaquin Street #G  
Susanville, CA 96130  
(530) 257-5033  
(530) 257-5035 fax

The Susanville Indian Rancheria, is working on a Low Income Housing Tax Credit Project. It will involve new construction of 15 rental homes and a community center building. The layout of the project puts these houses in the upper Rancheria, just below the "L." The infrastructure for roads and utilities is included in the project.

SIRHA anticipates submitting the Tax Credit Application to the State of California, and beginning the project in 2018. We need the community's support, participation, and assistance to complete the Tax Credit application. Tribal members and community members can help us by applying for housing or updating their application so that we present a waiting list showing a need for these additional houses. Please call SIRHA for any questions or information on this development.

A spring clean-up is tentatively scheduled for June, 2016. Flyers and notices on logistics will be going out to tenants and homebuyers. We may include a fun element to recognize the most cleaned units and yards.

Marlowe Cassadore, Program Manager, Christi Choo, and Betsy Pisano, are in the office and Louie Hawkes, and his crew are at the Maintenance building on the upper Rancheria. We should have a Housing Specialist joining us soon.

The SIRHA Office, is currently spring cleaning, painting, organizing offices, and cleaning. We would like to showcase Native Art in both our Lobby and Boardroom. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Christi or Betsy, at the SIRHA Office.

The SIRHA Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., to provide housing assistance for eligible applicants. Please call 530-257-5033, if you have any questions on our program and services.





The 2016 Spring Clean-Up Event is scheduled for **Friday May 27, 2016, through Monday June 13, 2016**, for Upper and Lower SIR Residents. Two dumpsters will be provided at the end of Joaquin Street and at Wada Street.

The SIRHA Maintenance Department will be available to assist the **SIR Tribal Elders** with trash removal only. Please be advised the maintenance department will not assist in clean-up or gathering of trash. Please contact the department to schedule a date & time for trash disposal. You may contact SIRHA at 257-5033.

If you are not a Tribal Elder you are responsible for trash disposal at the locations provided.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED; Paints, solvents, motor oil, antifreeze, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, thermometers, switches, fluorescent lighting, computers, televisions, cell phones, propane cylinders, cleaning agents, refrigerant containing appliances, batteries, smoke detectors.

We appreciate your cooperation with assistance in keeping your home and our community clean.

**S.I.R. Education Center**

**SIREC Programs include Academic Year After-school tutoring program, Child Care Voucher Program, Library and Summer Youth Enrichment programs**

**Staff:**

**Director–Anna Pasqua**

**Admin. Assistant–Michelle Lent**

**Tutor – Twila Alokoa**

**Tutor – Jeremy Melton**

**Tutor – Emilio Soto**

**Driver/Tutor – 3 Needed**

**After School Program**

**It’s getting to the end of the school year! Watch out for the important days posted. We will be opening up for summer center on June 20th, be on the lookout for new summer program applications!**

**Dates to Remember:**

- **No Center– April 25th**
- **Proposed Snow Day– May 27th**
- **Memorial Day– May 30th**

**Congratulations to the students who received awards for the following:**

Persistant	Respect	Wisdom	Leadership	Dedication
Alyssa Nez	Damion Riemann	Madox McIntire	Tatiana Allison	Christiana Guzman
James Melton	Kazia Ridgebear	Christiana	Osvaldo	
Daniel Valadez	Marrissa	Makau	Marrissa	

**What Education Center Has Been Doing**



♦ January 26th Brandy McDaniel came in to SIREC and taught hands-on experience working with print materials and taught about the role of artwork played in the lives of the ancestors of traditional California Native people.

♦ January 29th Sue Campbell came in to show SIREC students how to make necklaces made out of Douglas Fir.



♦ In February, Mervin Lent came in to talk to the kids about the importance of Medicine Bags. Melany Johnson from NRD provided the content that goes inside .

♦ In March Chairman Brandon Guitierrez came in to talk to the SIREC about respect.

S.I.R. Education Center

What Education Center has been doing

- Also in the Month of March we had Michael Preston came in to share with us about necklace making and the amount of time that goes into one necklace.
- March 11th Aaron B. and Melany J. came in to share a presentation on pine nuts and also gave each student and staff their own bag of nuts.



Student Daniel Valadez showing off his necklace made out of Douglas Fir.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you that came into share and instill in our children the importance of our culture. – S.I.R.E.C Staff



Tutor Jeremy helping students make their own medicine bags.



Teen Center Youth Advocate Michael Preston sharing his beautiful necklaces he has made himself.



Tribal Chairman Guitierrez, sharing his journey through life to relate to some of our students.

Upcoming events...

- We will be expecting NRD Department on April 22, 2016 to come and do a project with the SIREC children for Earth Day.
- We are also expecting a team from AISES Sacramento on May 23rd from 3:00-4:30 p.m. they will also be at the teen center that evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. Everyone is welcomed at the 5:30 p.m. presentation, we hope to see you there!

**Wanted: SIR Tribal member graduates, SIREC is initiating a new project called “ For the Honor of Our Relations”, we would like your participation by using your story of success. We will be designating a area in the Education Center where we will place pictures and narratives of native college graduates who came from our local area so youth can be inspired to do well in school. If you would like to participate please call our the SIREC office at (530) 252-1658. –Thank you!**



# Childcare Vouchers

- Are you Native American and in need of childcare?
- Are you a low income parent/guardian who's working or going to

**If so...Susanville Indian Rancheria has a childcare voucher program for you. Voucher program referrals are for low income parents who are working or going to school and in need of childcare. Please contact the Education Center at (530)252-1658 to receive a referral and for more information.**



## Moving On

**Arian Hart has resigned as SIR Facilities Manager and will be moving on. His service knowledge, and dedication to the SIR Public Works Department will not be forgotten and has been much appreciated we wish him the best of luck.**



## 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, for the Upper Reservation call SIR Public Works at 257-1128.**

## 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 during 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.**



**Please help preserve our Tribal Roads and lands.**

## Susanville Indian Rancheria Public Transportation Program

### Notice of Public Information

#### Implementation of Hours of Service as of May 2, 2016

The Susanville Indian Rancheria Public Transportation Program will introduce new hours of service as a way to help meet the increasing costs of providing service. We are seeking input from the service area communities of Lassen, Tehama, and Shasta Counties on the proposed hours of service.

Departure Time	Stop Location
7:30 am	Susanville Rancheria Gym
8:05 am	Westwood Comm. Center
8:35 am	Chester Holiday Market
10:05 am	Red Bluff Transit Center
10: 55am	Redding Transit Center <b>(Drop Only)</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:00am - 12:00pm (Redding)</b>
12:05pm	Redding Transit Center
1:05 pm	Red Bluff Transit Center
2: 05pm	Redding Transit Center <b>(Drop Only)</b>
3:05 pm	Red Bluff Transit Center
4:35 pm	Chester Holiday Market
5:05 pm	Westwood Comm. Center
5:40 pm	Susanville Rancheria Gym

Interested parties are invited to submit written statements to

**Susanville Indian Rancheria**  
**Public Transportation Program,**  
**745 Joaquin Street, Susanville, CA 96130.**  
**All statements must be received by May 2, 2016.**  
**Susanville Indian Rancheria Public Transportation Program**  
865 Joaquin Street, Susanville, CA 91630

SIRCO Federal Services ended 2015 with a profitable year. Although SFS Global's work at the Barstow Production Plant will end this summer; two new contracts in San Antonio have been awarded.

SFS Global's project management staff will be supervising roof repairs on 5 different buildings across Joint Base San Antonio. SFS Global will be hiring 5 Health & Safety Officers (SSHO's) and 3 Construction Quality Control Managers (CQC's).

The safety officers will monitor the roofing activities to ensure that subcontractors comply with SFSG company policies and government safety regulations. The Safety Officers will help develop policy, conduct safety inspections and conduct safety training in compliance with OSHA and Army Corps of Engineer requirements.

The CQC's are responsible for the implementation, documentation and execution of the projects quality control system. The CQC ensures that projects comply with project plans, standards, specifications and construction practices. Our CQC's will have direct oversight and review of the entire documentation and physical inspection of the work flow process.

If you have experience on federal contracting projects and especially have experience with the Army Corps of Engineer and would like to apply for these jobs, please email your resumes to the Project Manager at: [dwelch@sircoglobal.com](mailto:dwelch@sircoglobal.com). This project should last approximately 8 months, so compensation will include salary, housing allowance and per diem allowance. A college degree is preferred but not required for the CQC positions.

# Susanville Indian Rancheria

7th Annual Memorial

# POW WOW

May 20-22, 2016

## Host Drum

Ghost Canyon

Fort Hall, Idaho

## MC

Fred Hill Sr.

Pendleton, OR

## Arena Director

Michael Keats

Yerington, NV

## Head Man

Kellan Joseph

Pendleton, OR

## Head Woman

Keeyana Yellowman

Warm Springs, OR

SIR Pow Wow Committee  
Not Responsible for Lost or  
Stolen Items or Short  
Funded Travelers



*IN HONOR OF OUR ELDERS AND VETERANS  
FOR ALL THE SACRIFICES  
THEY HAVE MADE SO WE MAY LIVE*

## Lassen County Fairgrounds

195 Russell Ave

Susanville CA 96130

MORE INFORMATION PLEASE LOG ON TO

[WWW.SIR-POWWOW.COM](http://WWW.SIR-POWWOW.COM)

Or Contact Amelia Luna @ 530-249-7192

THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Host Hotel: Diamond Mountain Casino Pow Wow Rates  
Phone: 530-252-1100 or 877-319-8514

## Grand Entry

Friday, May 20 @ 7 pm

Saturday, May 21

@ 12 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, May 22 @ 12 pm

Currently Accepting All  
Vendor Applications  
Indian Taco Vendors  
limited to first 4  
paid in full.

RV Hook-ups Shower  
& Dry Camping  
Available

Princess Contest Application please  
contact Michelle Lent  
[MICHELLEROSE991@LIVE.COM](mailto:MICHELLEROSE991@LIVE.COM)

**Don't forget to  
bring your chairs!**



*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.

**NBA PLAYOFFS SPECIAL**  
**PITCHER OF BEER & HOTLINK**  
 OFFER IS VALID DURING ANY OF THE NBA PLAYOFF GAMES  
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS.

**\$2,500 Free Play Giveaway**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**2PM TO 4PM & 5PM TO 7PM**  
EARN ENTRIES BY USING YOUR CLUB CARD ON THE SLOTS  
SEE CASINO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

**SO YOU THINK YOU'RE A WISE GUY?**  
**Pub Quiz**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**6:15PM**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*April*

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