

To: Tribal Business Council
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NRD staff collaborating on this report includes Acting NRD Director Tim Keesey, Environmental Coordinator Christian Aceves, Environmental Technician Aaron Brazzanovich, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melany Johnson.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Performance Partnership Grant (PPG)

- Hired Natural Resources Director, Jerry BigEagle, who will start working on June 21, 2021.
- Hired Environmental Technician, Aaron Brazzanovich, who started working at the beginning of June.
- Developing FY22 EPA PPG Final Grant Application for \$331,317, due July 2, 2021.
- Conducting monthly drinking water testing on Upper Rancheria
- Finalizing FY20 Water Quality Assessment Report (WQAR)
- Assisting SIRHA to collect and properly dispose of used paint, e-waste, and other hazardous waste items at “Spring Clean Up Event”
- Developing Needs Assessment for Integrated Pest Management Plan to address noxious weed issues.
- Researching options to improve retention basin at Diamond Mtn. Casino
- Participated in EPA Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance webinar to research methods to improve enforcement capacity of Abandoned Vehicle ordinance.
- Planning summer environmental education events with SIR Education Center.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Cleanup Grant

- Finalizing Community Profile/Community Involvement Plan
- Held BBQ at the Community Center on May 20th to introduce the Brownfield cleanup project to the community.
- SSI is working with a consulting engineer to conduct Human Risk Assessment, and a surveyor to conduct 1meter survey of project area.
- SSI conducting Ecological site assessment of the clean up area.
- Participated in ACRES training, a training that is required for EPA Brownfields Cleanup reporting

Tribal Historic Preservation Fund (THPO)

- Working with BLM to develop Comprehensive Master Data Sharing Agreement that can be used for all projects.
- THPO continues to file and organize consultation data and respond to agencies requesting consultation.
- Working with Honey Lake Valley RCD on community “culturally significant” plant garden.

US Forest Service (USFS) Cooperative Agreements – Tribal Youth Conservation Crew (TYCC)

- Forest Service has informed SIR that funds for TYCC will not be available until FY22

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) – Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)

- Working with BIA to develop an agreement with the Karuk Tribe Fire Crew to implement the FY19 and FY20 BIA WUI projects on the Upper Rancheria and NOSE properties.

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- Working with NRCS to acquire funding to fix fences on new properties, conduct oak and range restoration, and wildlife monitoring.