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Natural Resources Department

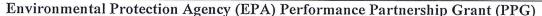
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Monthly Report for June 2021

Date Submitted:

June 10, 2021

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.



- 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 Imeter 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.

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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.

