



Susanville Indian Rancheria Natural Resources Department

Monthly Activity Report; Director's Report to the SIR TBC

By: Jerry BigEagle, Natural Resources Director

August 2021

August 08/02-06/2021

- Completed Cradle Valley Status Report- submitted to SIR TBC
- Reviewed Non-Point Assessment Report which covers all SIR properties
- Held phone meeting with Tim Keeseey
- Conference call with Arnold DeGarmo regarding Wildlands Upland Interface (WUI) funds
- Met with HIHS Project Team to finish the Notice of Exemption forms; Lona, Robert, Russ
- ☯ Held Youth Environmental Day, Indoor Nature Walk for Earth Day

August 08/09-13/2021

- Began Incident Command preparations to set up NRD Office to handle fire disaster
- Began to attend CalFire in-briefing at the fairgrounds, met with the CalFire liaison
- Supervised the summer youth crew
- Reviewed Archaeology Contract between SIR and Diane McCombs- approved and sent to Chairwoman/HR
- 08/11/21 Attended All SIR Staff Meeting- received Retention Payout!!
- 08/13/21 began drafting Position Descriptions for Tribal Monitors
- Completed NRCS Release in order to begin drafting Forest MGMT Plan and Rangeland MGMT Plan; also, NRCS to update the cost-share agreement for dollars/acre
- Drafted Oversight Brownfields Oversight MEMO

August 08/16-20/2021

- Completed several Position Descriptions for THPO and Cultural Monitors- sent to HR Director
- Reviewed THPO funding, created file, shared files with Mary Dazey and all funding
- Met with Joe Strang about how funding for monitors works through potential contracting
- Attended TBC- completed resolution for the NRCS cost-share agreement

August 08/23-27/2021

- Met with Chairwoman regarding Dixie fire, Salmon Distribution, funding opportunities
- Requested Salmon surplus
- Redrafted USFWS Partnership Program request to include more money for damaged fence lines
- Attended an EPA QAPP conference call for reporting and Water Quality Standards, and SIR authority

- Obtained truck quote, met with Mary Dazey, Christian completed 901 Tax Form, updated abandoned vehicle forms, met with Joe Strang and Michael Preston, fixed big plotter printer, met with HLV RCD
- Attended Tribal Water Resilience Conference 2021
- Submitted BIA WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) Accomplishment Report
- Met with HR Director and Mary Dazey regarding grant process
- Held NRD Staff meeting to cover new water quality standards, grant process to go through Mary Dazey, Covid-19 protocols, leave process, and timesheet processes

Completed reports, MEMOs, Plans, updated forms:

1. 06/30/21 Aaron finished the CCR Water report.
2. 09/01/21 Christian completed the Integrated Pest MGMT Plan.
3. 08/06/21 Christian the Monthly chlorine Residual Report- an EPA deliverable.
4. 08/26/21 Aaron completed preparation for the Abandoned Vehicle forms- resolution, DMV release, and tribal release form.
5. 08/12/21 Christian completed the Brownfields Site Safety Plan.
6. 07/16/21 Christian completed the EPA Clean Water Act 3rd Quarter Reports.
7. 07/23/21 The GAP budget was submitted to Destinee Cooper and approved.
8. 09/02/21 Jerry completed the Oversight MEMO and submitted to Kyle Leech for Brownfields.
9. 08/23/21 Christian began to work on the Bioretention Plan and update the Ordinance.
10. 08/9-16/21 Christian and Aaron completed work to put up orange fence around the Brownfields sites.
11. 09/01/21 Jerry met with the Honey Lake Valley RCD to request grant funding for a community garden improvement grant- to plant native shrubs and plant cultural plants.

Work in Progress: From the desk of Tim Keesey 09/09/2021

- 1) Review and collate FY20 Water Quality Assessment Report (WQAR) for Christian
- 2) FY19 and FY20 BIA WUI Projects (Upper Rancheria and NOSE)
- 3) Computer Access – Is this still useful?
- 4) BLM Deed for NOSE
- 5) Honey Lake Valley RCD Urban Ag funding for SIR Traditional Use Garden
- 6) FY22 EPA PPG application
- 7) NRCS Cradle Valley EQIP/CSP agreement – possible change to firewood production /meadow-oak-aspen restoration
- 8) NRCS Upper Rancheria EQIP/CSP agreement – black oak restoration
- 9) CEQA to convert Gutierrez property zoning and/or NEPA for Fee-to-Trust
- 10) BIA/HUD/IHS NEPA for new Health Clinic and/or Parking Lot

Future Projects:

- a. Travel to NAFWS Conference: attend EPA Air Quality Programs for Tribes sessions, attend Water Quality sessions, attend Water Rights legal sessions
- b. Submit Bureau of Rec funding request- for technical assistance with Water Quality Standards
- c. Examine EPA Work Plan deliverables for FY22: begin planning phases for I.H.S. project, begin planning for Bioretention phases of clean-up and improvements, plan how to improve groundwater sampling protocol
- d. Send staff to trainings; monitor's work schedule, and THPO staff trainings and equipment
- e. Begin refencing Cradle Valley and making improvements
- f. Begin Abandoned Vehicle efforts
- g. Begin Weed Spraying efforts on upper and lower SIR properties