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TEAM LEAD FOR TRUCKEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT TRANSFERRED TO PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

News Release

For Immediate Release
Date: April 25, 2008

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Reno, Nevada...The team lead for management of waters in Stampede Reservoir was transferred today from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (Tribe). The Tribe will now have the lead of an interagency partnership that will manage waters designated to protect and conserve the endangered cui-ui and threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout by selecting the annual flow regime, any subsequent flow modifications, scheduling of the Stampede Reservoir releases, a responsibility formerly held by the service.

"Transfer of the lead for water management to the Tribe is a significant event," said Bob Williams, Supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office. "We will continue working in partnership with the Tribe and our interagency partners to manage Truckee River flows of the benefit of native species and the ecosystems they depend upon."

In a Memorandum of Agreement signed in 1999, the service, Tribe, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and Bureau of Indian Affairs agreed to transfer the lead to the Tribe after the Tribe completed a Conservation and Management Plan to protect and conserve Pyramid Lake Fisheries. The Tribe will work with an Interdisciplinary Team to develop an annual Water Management Plan based on snowpack conditions, runoff projections, reservoir levels, and potential for water exchanges. They will implement the Water Management Plan through Reclamation and work directly with the Federal Water Master to accomplish objectives of the Plan for the long-term viability of the cui-ui and Lahontan cutthroat trout as well as the Truckee River ecosystem.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.



Nevada Silver Scholar Award

Each year, two eight grade students are recognized and honored by the University of Nevada Alumni Association for their outstanding academic achievement. On March 27, 2008, Carrington Burton and Lena Wright were formally

recognized for ranking among the top fifteen percent of Nevada's eight graders.

Ms. Jody Dansie also presented UNR academic requirements for admission. All high school graduates must have four years of English, three years of math and social sciences, plus have a 3.25 G.P.A. She also stressed that college education increases earning power over possessing only a high school diploma. "Stay focused on working to get top grades while in high school." Dansie stated. College scholarships are available for anyone searching for financial aid to pay for college expenses Tuition, books, dorm, etc.)

Pictured below...

Jody Dansie from UNR's Alumni Association presented Carrington and Lena with certificates and UNR backpacks. Mr. Beneschottis the school counselor. Congratulations!



Truckee River Operating Agreement

TROA MEETINGS

Date: May 3, 2008

Place: Tribal Chambers

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: May 10, 2008

Place: Nixon Gym

Time: 10:00 a.m.

BBQ after Meeting

This informational workshop may include presentation from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Water Team which includes: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman; John Jackson, Director of Water Resources; Ali Shahroody, Stetson Engineers; Bob Pelcyger, Legal Consultant; and Don Springmeyer, Attorney of Record. There will also be guest presentations from the Federal TROA Team. These presenters will give an historical overview, provide information and answer questions in their field of expertise.

It is important for you to attend one of the workshop to get the information you need to make a good decision when you vote at the **Special Election on Saturday, May 31, 2008**. These are historical times for our Tribe, it is very important for you as Tribal members to participate in this voting process because it is going to guide our Tribe into the 21st Century and will affect our future and generations to come.

The "Draft" Voter's List has been posted, if you meet the voting requirements it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to make sure your name is listed correctly. Mailings are sent to all voters on this list, in conjunction with name and address information provide by the Enrollment Office. If you have not received any information via mail, then you need to make sure your name and address information is current with the Enrollment office. To be added to the Voters List send a letter to the Election Board prior to **May 14, 2008 - 4:30 pm**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 775-574-1050 or email John Jackson at jjackson@plpt.nsn.us.

...from the Chairman's Office

It has been a very busy last three weeks. From the beginning of the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) workshop series to the ever challenging financial organization, it has been a constant non-stop movement in preparation, planning, and reaction. The Tribal Administration is diligent in continuing its effort to avoiding relapse to operations that brought the Tribe into its deficit status. As part of its effort assuring that credible and qualified skilled staff are in control of the fate of the Tribe's business integrity. This article will be a quick summary of the issues in front of the Tribe and the Tribal Administration.

The Tribe has begun its TROA workshop series in an effort to educate the reservation community members of the merits of the TROA and the benefits to the Tribe with the change in Truckee River water resources management. The first workshop was held on Wednesday April 23 and upcoming workshops are scheduled for May 3 and May 10. The Tribal Council realizes that in lieu of approving the TROA the economic development funds will be assured, but it is the operations of the Truckee River system that is the emphasis of the workshops. It is of primary importance that each tribal member understands the manner in which the Tribe gains control over its water resources through the TROA where it may not be dependent on federal or other entities to decide the fate of the Tribe's water.

A long history of water battles have evolved with time and those battles brought about a planned strategic approach to gain positioning to leverage tribal interests using federal laws and regulation to the benefit of tribal fishery resources. It is those resources that take time back generations to a time when our dependency on our fishery was essential to our livelihood. With time a more material utility replaced traditional and cultural norms from the society of today. Starting our as a fishery people, we evolved to agriculture and other societal professions that are not reflective of the basic needs for life once long ago. The emphasis of tribal intentions were on the recovery of threatened and endangered fish species and the restoration of its habitats in the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake. It is hopeful that we remember where the Tribe started, what it endured, and where it will go into to future.

In 1999 the Tribe initiated an idea to have the lead management with the Tribe. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was negotiated in conjunction with TROA, but as a separate agreement that can stand on its own. The TROA MOA has finally concluded after nine years with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) handing over the lead management responsibility to the Tribe on Friday April 25. At this time, Mr. Bob Pelcyger is recognized with appreciation for the initiation of this idea into the agreement it turned into. The Tribal Inter-Disciplinary Team along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the FWS, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Federal Water Master will confer to conclude determining the flow regime that meets the needs for threatened and endangered fish species in the lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake.

The Tribe has been restructuring its financial operations and it has made significant stride to establishing a strong and professional response to accounting practices. These practices will continue toward bringing the tribe into a realm of good business practices to support its business operative and obligation. While making the changes with financial integrity and professional accounting it has brought out the inability to conduct accounting practices in the past. Since 2000, the operation has not involved good or strong accounting which led to the audit delinquency and the fragmentation of accounting operations. The 2006 information is ready for audit while the 2006 Indirect Cost proposal negotiations are underway.

Three degreed accountants have employed their expertise offered their intuition and have advised credible recommendations that must be accepted in order to realize and receive the benefits of good strong accounting. Two of which are tribal members and therefore it makes sense to embrace their ideals and not discourage the effort to secure accounting standards. As some of us have acquired post secondary degrees, the intentions are not about individualized interests but rather for the ~2,400 members. The commitment and dedication is comparable to none since it is our tribe, our resources, and our trust in confident ability. The resistance to needed changes is understood since comfortable actions resulted in no need for changes since it was unrecognized and neglected as acceptable practices.

The Nixon Store was denied its liquor license to sell alcohol. The attractiveness to the general public may be deterred, but now the Tribe must use its creativity to promote its product line. The expectation with the subsidy has not yet come into full realization. Much work is still needed, but having operated for one month already the business must begin to recognize the fact of generating revenue over and above the past rate of return. As a business making a profit is a gain to the business and breaking even assures the business can continue to operate. In any business profit is a part of marketing and its marketability.

The Tribe has reorganized the Realty program which encompasses the Water Right Acquisition Program (WRAP). The Tribe is moving to capitalize on its property management and enforce the standards of realty management. Managing the properties on and off of the reservation is important for the return on investment for the Tribe.

The Economic Development Committee is committed to producing a draft economic development soon. Seven plans have reached the Tribal Council but unfortunately none have made it past that point. The distribution plan adopted two years ago is still in place and it is being used as part of the framework of the overall economic development plan. The beneficiary package that was also presented two years ago has been reviewed by Enrollment Committee and has not been returned to the Vice Chair for continuation of its implementation.

Much activity discovered about the tribal operation does not have adequate support from its policies or procedures. Many loopholes exist and it is critical that they are closed. The policies have not been updated since the early 1990s and in some instances not since the 1980s. The most recent policy update was the Pyramid Lake Police Department Standard Operating Procedures. As part of the policy revisions true accountability measures must be instituted so that employees who take advantage of the Tribe should not be released from employment without consequences and later reconsidered for employment with the Tribe again. More so however is the understanding that policy is maintained with the government (Tribal Council), while the process and procedural operation is maintained with the business (Administration).

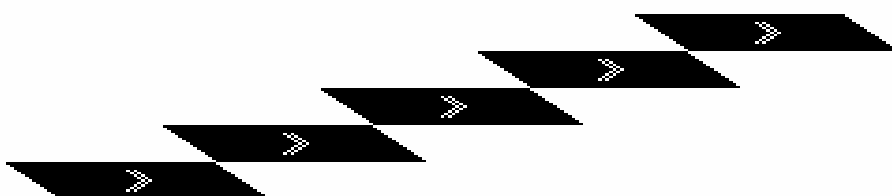
Constitutional amendments are underway with drafting certain provisions of the constitution and by-laws. Among some of the amendments; allowing 18 year olds the right to vote, residency requirements for voting, term limits, lease terms, and secretarial approval for certain activities. There are two primary methods to begin the secretarial election for amendments. One is to have the Tribal Council approve the amendments and forward to the BIA and the second is to have the amendments forwarded through the petition process. For the most part as leaders we must be mindful of all enrolled members and not just those who may be eligible to vote. Expanding the voter base with strengthen the tribe through having increased voice and extending the services to those who may live off of the reservation. We need to be able to include benefits to all of our enrolled members. It is time that the tribe acknowledge the 1936 terms and provisions while it attempts to govern in today's society with today's social and economic challenges. By using the entire membership to obtain grants and contracts, the tribe fails to acknowledge and accept all membership with decisions affecting the entire tribe.

The High Desert Recreation litigation remains at the mediation level. The work between legal counsel is moving forward with hopes to arrive at a mediated resolution. The Securities Fraud pre-hearing scheduled for April 18 was canceled. The case is being taken to trial with the date for the trial not being set as of the date of this article deadline.

Lastly, it is true that we tend to have much animosity and distrust amongst our own and we treat each other less than we would others who we may not know. This conceptual understanding has been analyzed and it is still not quite fully understood why it exists but this understanding is becoming more and more clear about the social disorder that exists within our communities. It is not only on reservations but this disorder exists throughout society. It is recognized but what will help the circumstance is acceptance. It is the acceptance of our short-comings because we are human and we can make mistakes. We need to be able to stand together and help, support and show compassion in order to allow the progress of good and positive energy that can lead to better things for ourselves.

Please contact the Tribe at (775) 574-1000 if you have any questions on any tribal matter.

Thank you,
Mervin Wright, Jr.
Tribal Chairman



TRIBAL COURT NEWS
April 2008

CRIMINAL CASES {convictions}

Traffic (24), Public Intoxication (1)
Liquor Violation (1), Probation Violations (2)

CIVIL CASES HEARD

Minor in Need of Care Cases (6)
Juvenile Delinquency Cases (5)
Ranger Citations (2)

Civil Cases (15), includes civil complaints, divorces, restraining orders, visitation, custody, support, guardianship, repossessions, evictions, etc.

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Rochelle Auguh	Jeremy Baker	Billy Barlese
Gary Brown Jr	Phelon Brown	Garrett Fellows
Joanna Hancock	Frank Henry Jr	Bo Jackson
Boyd Jackson V	Sebastian Jackson	Steve James
Bryan Johnson	Rayfield Kelly	Royce Kochampenasken
Teresa Lenoir	Robert Leyva	Duane Lopez
Kim Lowery Waelty	Kevin Melius	Sterling O'Neil
Cecelia Phoenix	Teresa Royer	Lonnie Savage
James Shaw	Shawn Shaw	Everette Smith
Reuben Smith	Shepard Taylor	Nicholas Thompson
Leland Vaca	Patrick VanBrundt	Maynard Victor
Walter Washington	Delson Williams	Martin Williams
Sharon Williams		

Court Staff would like to Congratulate *Lea Geurts*, Probation Officer/Bailiff on her graduation from TMCC {May 31st}. Yeah Lea you finally did it! Lea received her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

**IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE
PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

FRED CROSBY)	Case No. PL.CV.CM.2008-0006
Plaintiff,)	
)	
SUMMONS		
vs.)	
)	
JOHNNY LINTHICUM)	
Defendant.)	
)	

TO JOHNNY LINTHICUM: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY.

A Civil Complaint for Property Forfeiture has been filed by Fred Crosby against you for the relief as set forth in that document.

- 1) If you intend to defend this lawsuit, you must do the following within twenty days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service.
 - a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written answer to the Complaint, in accordance with the rules of the Court (see PLTC for copy of Complaint).
 - b. Serve a copy of your answer upon the Plaintiff (see PLTC for address).
 - 2) Unless you respond, a default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
- Done and dated this 18th day of April 2008.

Jeraldine Magee, Court Administrator
Pyramid Lake Tribal Court
P.O. Box 257, Nixon, NV 89424
(775) 574-1094

Issued on behalf of Fred Crosby

**IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE
PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

Wilma Smith & Carman Tobey, Jr.)	
))	PL.CV.CM.2007-0146
dba Smith 'n Tobey 24 Hour Towing)	
Plaintiffs,)	
SUMMONS)	
)	
vs.)	
)	
Manuel Miranda)	
5113 Brumon Avenue, Sun Valley NV 89438)	
Does I through X)	
Defendants.)	
)	

TO MANUEL MIRANDA: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW VERY CAREFULLY.

A Civil Complaint for Property Forfeiture has been filed by Smith 'n Tobey Towing against you for the relief as set forth in that document.

- 1) If you intend to defend this lawsuit, you must do the following within twenty days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service.
 - a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written answer to the Complaint, in accordance with the rules of the Court (see PLTC for copy of Complaint).
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Issued on behalf of Smith 'n Tobey Towing

Tax Department

Another Tax Season has come and gone, all three Tax Department staff has been busy preparing 2007 Income Tax Returns for Tribal and community members as part of V.I.T.A. (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), the last day to file your 2007 Income Tax Return was April 15, 2008. There were a lot of people who came in the last day to file and put a burden on the staff, who were trying to get other duties accomplished as well as Taxes done before the end of the working day. So we are asking that next year 2009, that you please file before April 15th, if you think or know that you owe I.R.S., this will help our staff out a tremendously.

This year President Bush passed a bill stating that everyone who filed 2007 Income Tax Returns will receive a stimulus rebate check starting from \$300-\$600 per person or \$600-\$1200 joint/married and \$300 each additional child, which is believed to boost the economy. The checks will be issued by the last two digits of Social Security numbers and the first ones will be mailed in May. So we hope that everyone will receive the max amount.

The Tax Staff is also working with the Nevada Tribes Tax Working Group which include Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno/Sparks Indian Colony, Walker River Paiute Tribe, Battle Mountain as well as all the other Tribes in Nevada, on hosting this year's 10th Annual N.I.T.A (National Intertribal Tax Alliance) Conference which will be held on October 13-15, 2008 at the John Asguagas Nugget. This Conference was started in 1999 by the Nevada Tribes Tax Working Group in order to help each other on the different Tax issues that each Tribe deals with. This Conference has now grown to a National level.

The Tax Specialist is currently working on the 2007 Tax Department Annual Report as well as collecting the yearly Possessory Interest Tax from Cingular Wireless, Kinder-Morgan Energy Partners LP, Level 3 Communications, CEMEX, Nevada Bell/AT&T Nevada, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Southwest Gas, Sprint Communications, Union Pacific Railroad Co, and Viacom/Outdoor Systems.



Pyramid Lake Fisheries

The Resource Department at Pyramid Lake Fisheries is writing a plan to address aquatic invasive species (AIS). An AIS Plan will focus primarily on preventative measures to minimize the introduction of invasive species such as the New Zealand Mud Snail from other water bodies. Various species can move from one system to another primarily through watercraft contamination and gear. Once they are introduced and establish, little if anything can be done to remove them from a system. The Great Lakes reportedly spends \$50 to \$100 million dollars annually in scrapping shells off of pipes. Some species have been reported to live in a moist environment for up to 21 days. There are measures that the individual boat owner can take before entering Pyramid Lake by minimizing the transfer of mud, plants, and animals by:

- Inspecting the boat, trailer and equipment. Remove any plants, animals and mud before transporting your boat.

- Reverse your propeller before leaving a weed infested area to spin off plant parts

- Drain live wells, bilge water, ballast tanks, and transom wells.

- A car wash or pressure washer can facilitate spraying off boats and equipment to remove plant parts, or dry boats and equipment for a minimum of five days prior to re-launching.

- If you have been in a system that has a known invasive species, it is best to pressure wash and then stay out of another ecosystem for as long as possible. Lake Tahoe, Lake Mead, and Lake Havasu are some closer systems that have invasive species that are problematic.

Please inform people that invasive species can create serious problems and have crashed various fisheries once they are introduced. Pyramid Lake has a unique chemistry which can limit the survivability of various species. However, little is known about survival parameters of all of the invasive species and if they can adapt and survive in Pyramid Lake. As my grandmother used to say, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Prevention is key.

Written by:
Tara Vogel
Resource Manager
Pyramid Lake Fisheries

Spawning Time Is Here

Every year, Pyramid Lake Fisheries opens up the channels at Lake Operations. This procedure includes pumping water from the lake up into pipes which then flows back into the lake simulating a Spring flow. This causes the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) to move into the channel. The channel was opened in March and the fish have moved into the channel. Fisheries started spawning the LCT on April 10th and will continue over the next month. This procedure consists of taking one male and one female and manually remove the eggs and the sperm. We then mix them together for approximately a minute to facilitate fertilization and then they are rinsed.

They are put into water consistent with hatchery water temperature with an egg hardening solution. The fertilized eggs are then transported to the assigned hatcheries so that they can incubate. After approximately 35 to 40 days, (the amount of days being influence primarily by the temperature of the water) they hatch. Then, they are transported into tanks and they are fed and cared for until they grow. They are transported back to Lake Operations where they are exposed to Lake water for a specified time to acclimate and grow. We release a minimum fish size of 4 inches into the lake. To book a tour, or to participate in spawning activities contact the Fisheries Administrative Office at 476-0500.



Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Conducting an Energy Audit

The Water Resources Department is conducting a preliminary energy audit. The Tribe is compiling the energy expenditures of office buildings and housing. From this information, they will determine how they can reduce energy outputs by way of improving older homes, primarily by upgrading windows and increasing insulation. Future housing projects can focus on building maximize energy efficiency. The Tribe recognizes that alternative energy exploration is important and have explored geothermal, ethanol production, and solar systems. Black Rock Solar, a non-profit organization, is currently installing 200 solar panels at Natchez Elementary School. They predict that they can save approximately \$7,500 a month for the school. In return, money saved will go back into school expenditures such as supplies and wages.

Tributary Surveying Around Pyramid Lake Watershed

The Nevada Division of Wildlife and Pyramid Lake Fisheries are collaborating on a project to identify streams along the Lake that have potential as future spawning runs. It has been observed that there are streams that have movement of fish during the Spring runoff in high precipitation years. Last year, a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout was found in Thunderbolt Creek. This prompted the initiation of pursuing streams as potential spawning runs in the future. The survey will include primarily electroshocking to determine any Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT), survey of plant communities, obstructions of movement, and rehabilitation of potential sites. The LCT are completely dependent on artificial spawn and the hatcheries. It has always been an intended goal to re-establish natural spawning in the Truckee River and movement to and from the lake. However, due to water quality and quantity issues, it is not foreseen any time soon. Looking at alternative spawning sites and the unpronounced utilization of tributaries and streams might be an alternative and viable option. Even intermittent use of the LCT in high precipitation years might contribute to recovery efforts.

Picture in 2007 Taken of Jigger bob canyon. 2007 had below average precipitation

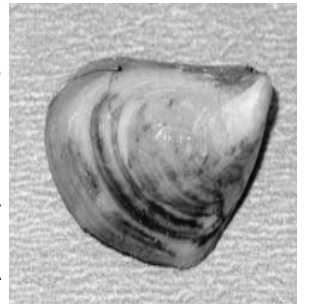
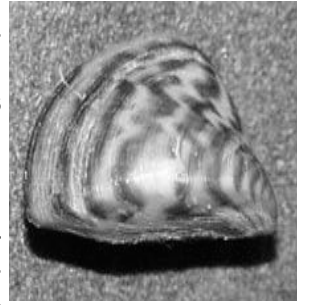


Invasive Species Task Force Underway at Fisheries

Invasive species are nonnative species that are introduced into new ecosystems that have become a significant concern for the Fisheries.

Non-native species have contributed to 68% of the fish extinctions in the past 100 years and the decline of 70% of the fish species listed under the Endangered Species Act (Cal. Plan, 2008). In January 2008, the State of California published an Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan to address the task of curtailing the spread of exotic species that are a major problem for aquatic ecosystems.

Agricultural check stations during inspections have reported nineteen boat trailers harboring zebra mussels attached to their hulls while crossing into California (USGS Fact Sheet 4/1/08). To the right are three of the species that are on our list of concern: the New Zealand Mud Snail; the Zebra Mussel; and the Quagga mussel. These pictures are blown up to give detail on the specimens. A plan is being drafted by fisheries to address this concern. Wash and Inspection stations are being considered as options at this time.



Cui-ui Management : Role of Fisheries and Operation of the Marble Bluff Facility

Marble Bluff Fish Passage Facility is constructed to facilitate Cui-ui and Lahontan cutthroat trout passage from the Lake into the Truckee River and back again. Both species are protected and listed under the Endangered Species Act. Thanks to the aggressive efforts of the US Fish and Wildlife service and the extensive monitoring by way of the USGS, the Cui-ui population has increased over the past 30 years. Fisheries has a hatchery that is exclusively for the hatching and rearing of the Cui -ui, known as the David Koch Cui-ui hatchery. Currently, Cui-ui are going to be moved into the hatchery for tours and observational purposes. They will be captured this month at the Marble Bluff Facility and transported to the fisheries for a short time period and then released. Another group is then brought up due to the limitations of feeding them and stress. Please book a tour to see this unique endemic fish. Call the Administrative Office at 476-0550.



Anaho Islands Importance to Pelicans

Spring is here. Thousands of birds migrate to Pyramid Lake every year. Anaho Island located on Pyramid Lake is a National Wildlife Refuge managed by the USF&WS. Particular focus of this Island revolves around the management of the American White Pelicans.

There are only two breeding sites of the Pelican West of the Rockies that includes Anaho Island and the Great Salt Lake Gunnison. The Pelicans start migration in the Spring from Baja, Mexico and California. Within a 100 mile radius from Pyramid Lake, the Pelicans can be observed at Stillwater Wildlife Refuge; Walker Lake; and the Lovelock Humbolt Sink. Pelicans need shallow waters to catch fish and will tend to hunt information and drive the fish to shallower waters. They will be found in marsh areas but in drought years when the marshes dry up, this limits areas to predate. The USF&WS conducted an areal survey at Pyramid Lake in March. Please respect the regulations of not disturbing the Pelicans by staying at a 500 foot radius from the Island. Disturbances lead to nest abandonment and reduces survival of the Pelican young. Bird tours are held annually by the Great Basin Bird Observatory. To inquire on tours, please contact the Science Director at 323-4226 so that

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PYRAMID LAKE WAR HOLIDAY SOCIAL POW-WOW
Thursday, May 15, 2008
Grand Entry 2:00 & 5:00 p.m.

Host Drum: Echo Sky Singers

Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School
711 State Street, Nixon, Nevada

Head Man Dancer: Gordon Frazier, PLPT Council Member
Head Woman Dancer: Linda Molero, RSIC

Exhibition Dancing
Class of 2008
Blanket Dance
SPECIALS
HONORINGS
RAFFLE
CONCESSION

For more information call 574-1016.

Head Boy Dancer: Adrian Paul
Head Girl Dancer: Briana Quartz

PYRAMID LAKE HEALTH CLINIC PROTOCOL CHANGES

Due to increased patient flow regarding walk-ins, we are asking the community to please be patient while we implement the following changes.

Patient registration is now in medical. Patients will be required to check in with patient registration to have their information updated before seeing the doctor.

Patients will be required to see the patient registration clerk before leaving medical to make their follow-up appointments.

We will be seeing only 4 patient walk-ins in the morning from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and only 4 in the afternoons from 1:00pm to 2 pm.

Contract Health will be moving back to medical as well. This will make the CHS clerk more accessible to the medical staff.

We feel that these changes will improve patient care.

Chronic medical problems, medication refills, referrals, diabetic check-ups do not constitute walk-in problems. Walk-in appointments are considered acute medical problems. Lab review will need appointments. Please schedule your next appointment before you leave the building.

If you know you cannot make your scheduled appointment, please call and cancel. The changes we are trying to make are for our patients so they will not have to wait so long. We would like to thank the community for being very patients with us at this time.

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

By John Jackson, Director

Tribal Management of the Lower Truckee River Water Flows

The Pyramid Lake Tribe has officially been appointed as the Team Lead for determination of instream flows for the Lower Truckee River. A management agreement negotiated with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1999 allowed for the Tribe to officially manage flows in the Lower Truckee River for the benefit of the Pyramid Lake fish.

This agreement known as TROA-MOA required the Tribe to develop a Lower Truckee River Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) that outlines targeted stream flows based upon the water year (Dry or Wet) and the available storage in upstream reservoirs (Stampede/Prosser) to determine releases for stream flows below Derby dam for aquatic benefits.

The Tribe further established the Pyramid Lake Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Environmental Director, Fisheries Executive Director, and the Director of Water Resources.

The IDT is charged with the development of the Annual Water Management Plan and meeting monthly to discuss natural resource issues for adjusting flows in the Lower Truckee River.

This agreement and the management of federal facilities off the Reservation is the first of its kind for a Tribe in the United States and marks the Pyramid Lake Tribe as a leader in western water management techniques.

TROA WORKSHOP SERIES

The DWR is holding a series of three workshops to provide the Tribal membership with information for the Special Election scheduled for May 31, 2008. The purpose of the Special Election is for the Tribal Membership to vote on the final TROA document for the Tribe's official endorsement.

The three workshops are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 23, Nixon Tribal Chambers at 7pm

Saturday, May 3, Nixon Tribal Chambers at 10 am

Saturday, May 10, Nixon Gym at 10am

If you have any questions please feel free to call 574-1050 or e-mail me at jjackson@plpt.nsn.us.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

by Linda McCauley, Tribal Librarian

Library books are loaned out and do need to be returned. The PL Library does not charge late fees, but, if you do not bring them back, or let me know that you are still reading it, you will have to buy it.

Here are some books that are currently checked out and need to be returned: *Harry Potter: # 1 and 8; Through Indian Eyes; Keeper of the Animals; Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee; Sacred Places in North America; The Reptile Room; The Zuni; A Northern Light; Reporter at Large; Zomo, the Great Rabbit; and The Great Ball Game.*

I got a call from a very dear 87 year-old woman from the bay area. She wants to mail some Indian books to the library as a donation! Now if this elder can do that -then I think it should not be too hard to bring the above books back.

You know who you are! Bring them back soon! Others would like to read them.

LIBRARY HOURS:

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M., AND
SATURDAYS, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

**The Library will be closed:
May 20 & 21
775-574-0301**

Here are some fantastic web links that are available through the internet (**WE DO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS FOR THE PUBLIC AT THE LIBRARY**). I will be adding these to a new Library Web page on the PLPT website soon.

This is an extremely interesting website with a link to her blog:

www.americanindiansinchildrensliterature.com

Debbie Reese is an enrolled member of the Nambé Pueblo Tribe and has previously taught at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and Santa Fe Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her research interests include the representations of Native Americans in children's and young adult literature, textbooks, curricular materials, and other forms of media used in the classroom.

Debbie says that, "As a schoolteacher, I taught my students about bias and stereotypes, about how books can be wrong. In graduate school, I honed my research and critical analysis skills. I've learned a great deal from others. Some key books include:

Slapin and Seale's **THROUGH INDIAN EYES: THE NATIVE EXPERIENCE IN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**

Seale and Slapin's **A BROKEN FLUTE: THE NATIVE EXPERIENCE IN BOOKS FOR CHILDREN**

Kathleen Horning's **COVER TO COVER**; and, Betsy Hearne's two articles **CITE THE SOURCE** and **RESPECT THE SOURCE**

Below are some of the questions I have in my head whenever I sit down to analyze a Native story that is called a folktale. I invite conversation/discussion with readers on the blog about the questions.

When I consider a folktale, some things I look for are:

1) Is the person listed as the author listed as a "reteller"? That is, on the cover and/or on the title page, is the book "By Ani Rucki" or "Retold by Ani Rucki." (Note: Debbie is referring to an author with the last name of Rucki, who writes books about the Southwest)

2) In the author's note, or in a source note, does Rucki say where she heard the story, or what source she found it in?

3) If Rucki provides info about her source, does she provide enough detail so that I could find the source if I wanted to?

4) In the author's note, does Rucki tell the reader the ways in which she changed/edited the story and why?

5) In a couple of reviews, there is mention that this is a Navajo folktale. How is that information provided in the book? Is it implied in the story itself or stated on the cover or title page?

I hope readers of the blog are interested in conversation about the questions I've listed above. My first post was a list of books, but my goal is for others to learn how to critically evaluate children's books about American Indians. With such skills, you own that knowledge and can carry and apply it with you wherever you go." -Debbie Reese

ANOTHER SITE:

<http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k18801&pageid=icb.page92149>

"This research guide provides information about early Native American resources held in the Harvard University Archives. The guide covers materials dating from the founding of Harvard's Indian College until the 1833 revolt of the Mashpee Indians of Massachusetts against unwanted external missionary and governmental control. The geographical area covered is principally New England and New York. The guide also provides links to material at other Harvard repositories such as the Andover-Harvard Theological Library, the Harvard Map Collection, the Law School Library, Houghton Library, and the Peabody Museum. Additional links are provided to the modern resources of Harvard's Native American Program (HUNAP) and to a list of current Harvard courses related to Native Americans. There are also links to external repositories such as the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Boston Public Library, and the Massachusetts Archives."

- Kathleen T. Burns, Archivist, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library Yale University

"Te Doamu Tunedyoo'e"

(Teach Our Children)

2008 PLHS Youth Conference

& Social Powwow

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Youth Conference Topics include:

Pyramid Lake Oral History Circle

Alcohol & Drug Awareness

Pyramid Lake G.I.S

Museum & Visitor's Center

Elders Panel

Knowledge Bowl

Scavenger Hunt

Motivational Speakers

Pyramid Lake Police Department

Pyramid Lake Diabetes

Health & Wellness workshops

SOCIAL POW-WOW

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2:00 Grand Entry/Specials

4:00 Dinner Break

5:00 Grand Entry

8:00 Pow-wow concludes

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YOUTH GROUP ORGANIZATION MEETING

Tribal Youth ages 15 to 24 years

SUNDAY MAY 18, 2008

WADSWORTH BROWN BUILDING

2PM TO 4PM

**Purpose: Organize and Adopt By-Laws
Plan for Other Activities**

Such as:

- Learn about Tribal government**
- Plan and implement small community improvement projects**
- Learn about kids in business**
- Learn about personal finance**

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For information contact Patrick John 775-575-4299



**MAUWEE FAMILY
REUNION**

MEETING

Date: May 18, 2008

Time: 4 p.m.

**Place: St. Joseph's
Parish Hall, Nixon**

**This potluck meeting is being held to plan
for another Mauwee Family reunion.
Please bring your favorite dish to share!!**



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Thank you to Mick Wadsworth:

"Had a flat tire on Friday, April 4th just past the Lake on the way back to Gerlach with the building materials . It was a bit scary but I have a great driver who managed to pull the flattened trailer off to the side of the road without a hitch. Went back to town to ask the lady sheriff if she had a tire iron to lend to get the wheel off and she said they don't use them any more. So we drove back to where we stashed the trailer and waited. A nice young man named Mick stopped by. He drove to his house to get a tire iron and we fixed the tire and off we went. We really appreciated his help. "

Thank you from Elizabeth Jackson



**Tribal Council
Meetings
1ST Friday of each
Month at 7:00PM**

**3RD Friday of
each Month at
6:30PM**

**PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 29, 2008**

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal
Chairman
Gordon Frazier
Janet Davis
Johnnie Garcia
Jason Davis
Genevieve John
Carla Eben, Vice Chairman
Clayton Servilican
Sherry Ely Mendes

Members Absent: Judith Davis

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the February 29, 2008 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 6:18 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

Elder Orville Barlese gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmember Judith Davis was not present at the meeting. Councilmember Janet Davis arrived at 6:30 p.m. and Vice Chairman Carla Eben arrived at 7 p.m. All other Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Water Resources – John Jackson: John Jackson, Water Resources Director, was present and has two tabled action items. Also present were Don Springmeyer, Stephanie Zehren, Bob Pelcyger, and Ali Shahroody.

John stated the items are contracts for Stephanie Zehren and Bob Pelcyger. These contracts were previously presented to the Tribal Council and had been tabled.

Stephanie Zehren Contract: John said he is recommending that Stephanie Zehren's contract not be renewed due to duplication of work.

Stephanie Zehren gave a brief history on her background. She was originally hired by Bob Pelcyger's previous firm. After law school, Indian law was her first choice including environmental and water. Most of her work is to provide research and drafting briefs for Bob and Don which is time consuming work. An advantage for the Tribe is that her work is done at a lower hourly rate and she would like the Tribe to consider that. She knows what goes on with the Tribe and cares deeply for the work she has done for the past two years. She would like to continue working with the Tribe. As for duplication of work, they have created a team effort and they synchronize efforts. She does a lot of the drafting and works closely with Bob and Don. She stated she is very committed to the Tribe and the endangered and threatened species in the Lake. Stephanie reiterated that this is her career passion and she would work on behalf of tribes like Pyramid. She asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Mendes said she is somewhat familiar with Stephanie's work and asked Don if the writing of briefs was part of his contract and is that duplication and are they experienced with our issues. She is worried about having a generic team because she wants a team that knows about Pyramid Lake water issues. Don stated there is value in Stephanie that she has worked with Bob for several years but it's difficult for him to answer.

Councilmember Mendes asked Don if Stephanie is as much a service to his firm as she is to Bob. Don said the younger lawyers in his firm can do what she does and she does that work for Bob and he does use her in that role while she is here. If her contract is not renewed, he could have younger attorneys in his firm do the work.

Councilmember Mendes said by removing Stephanie from the mix, could this cause the team not to be as effective or are the other attorneys as versed and willing to work with Bob. Don replied that Stephanie's sub-team role with Bob is more effective.

Chairman Wright said in knowing that we did get the first half of the Vidler settlement and we have to realize that we are the client and we are the ones to identify the work and tasks. He would like to remind the Tribal Council to focus our attention on work that is required and work that is identified by John as to where the Tribe is headed with regard to issues that are ahead of us.

Bob said Stephanie's continued involvement is something he considers to be important. He has been thinking about the last 39 years and the period now is one of the most difficult one since 1969. One of his faults is that he doesn't delegate very well. He believes it's important for Stephanie to be involved and there is no duplication. He and Don divide the work and he intends to work on things that have a long background. When new stuff comes in, Don does that work. They try to be as efficient as they can and divide the work for as few hours as can be. He doesn't see how there would be any cost savings.

Councilmember John asked John why he made his recommendation. John said he feels her work is duplication of work done by Don and his firm. Don also has brief writers and there could be brief – Bob interjected saying there may be some overlap. Don said almost everything they do is circulated to the other members.

Chairman Wright said with regard to John's operations of the department, where does that portion fit on the consultant or legal side and the overall objective. John said he is looking at long-term consulting costs where we may not have the funding to continue. He is trying to save money for the future.

Councilmember Jason Davis said in looking at Stephanie's contract with a ceiling of \$100,000 this means the Tribe could utilize her with the cases she is most familiar with and use Don's firm for the other items. Councilmember Janet Davis said she doesn't think we should be paying others in the firm. Councilmember Jason Davis said if Stephanie's contract wasn't renewed, Don could fill the void with his own staff. Councilmember Mendes said Bob and Don should be aware of the use of Stephanie's time and be aware that the Tribe is paying for that time.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve Stephanie Zehren's contract and resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were 7 for, zero opposed, with one abstention. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 10-08**

Bob Pelcyger's Contract: John said Bob submitted a yearly contract in the amount of \$229,500 and John recommends reducing the amount to \$114,750 so that Bob can submit hourly billings on a monthly basis.

Bob stated he doesn't want his contract on an hourly basis. He feels that the amount of time he has worked for the Tribe is in excess of anything he has done before and expects it to continue this year. He thinks the amount is fair and not much more than last year. He is trying to phase out over a period of time. He suggested continuing on as last year and looking at it again at the end of the year.

Chairman Wright said his concern is with analyzing it at the end of the year is that it will be hard to keep track on the number of hours worked. Bob said he feels strongly that the Tribe is getting more than their money's work and it would cost more to replace him.

Chairman Wright then asked Bob if it were all or nothing. Bob said John's recommendation would be unacceptable. He feels that it is a modest increase from last year.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked Bob if he would be doing on his own briefs. Bob said he does write briefs and they try to do it to the most benefit to the tribe. Councilmember John asked Bob if he submits a monthly report or just the statement and Bob said no, it stopped a year ago. Councilmember Mendes said she would like to see a report and a break down of hours he would spend on a project in any particular month. Nobody questions the work he does, but we would like be able to make an analysis. Councilmember John said we are sending out payments without backup and we need to be accountable. Bob said he would be able to do that. Chairman Wright said if we get to a point of where we are significantly under the contract amount it would be to our benefit and know that we got the most out of our money. Bob said last year he worked harder, more hours, and was paid less. Councilmember Mendes said you can say that but there is nothing written to back that up.

Councilmember John made a motion to approve Bob Pelcyger's contract with the changes for the amount of \$229,500 with expenses. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were 7 for, 1 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Don said the items that are going to be discussed are attorney-client related and should be in a closed session. Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to move into an executive session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session.

Councilmember John made a motion to move into an open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an open session at 9:35 p.m.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to authorize delegation of authority to Don Springmeyer and John Jackson to begin process of negotiating parcels that are 1 acre or less. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Chairman Wright distributed a copy of High Desert Recreation's mediation brief. This brief is more of an argument. Ann Julius, Circuit Mediator, had requested documents be submitted regarding background information on the case. A meeting is scheduled on Monday at 1 p.m. with Chuck Zeh.

Councilmember Jason Davis said he would like to state for the record that he opposed Bob's contract because even though Bob does have the knowledge of Pyramid Lake and the background, he believes a consultant should not be paid the same as a firm with a full staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary



**PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2008**

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal
Chairman
Gordon Frazier
Janet Davis
Johnnie Garcia
Jason Davis
Genevieve John
Judith Davis
Sherry Ely Mendes
Carla Eben, Vice Chairman
Clayton Servilican

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the March 7, 2008 regular meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 7 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

Councilmember Johnnie Garcia gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmember Clayton Servilican arrived at 7:05 p.m. All other Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Jason Davis added the Pyramid Lake Cattleman's Association to the agenda. Councilmember Johnnie Garcia would like to include the BIA transportation grant. Councilmember Judith Davis would like to remove Human Resources from the Consent Agenda. Chairman Wright stated a Senior Citizen Emergency request can also be added. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated the items remaining on the Consent Agenda include minutes for Tribal Council meetings held on

January 18, 2008; February 1, 2008, and February 21, 2008. The Human Resources items will be discussed under New Business.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were 8 for, none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

ATTORNEYS

Wes Williams, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated an invoice in the amount of \$2,325.80 was received from Wes Williams, Jr. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the invoice from Wes Williams, Jr. in the amount of \$2,325.80. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Robert Maddox & Associates: Chairman Wright stated two invoices had been submitted from Robert Maddox & Associates for the special counsel contract and general attorney contract. Councilmember Frazier made a motion to approve the special contract invoice in the amount of \$11,714.97 and the general contract invoice in the amount of \$7,012.50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elder Assistance Procedure – Councilmember Sherry Mendes: Councilmember Mendes stated this is a proposed program and each program states the Tribe would allocate funding for each program. The two programs are the elder energy assistance program and elder emergency assistance program. The proposed emergency assistance fund is on a sliding scale depending on the amount of the request.

Councilmember Mendes said the amount of \$100 was suggested and they tentatively talked about a funding pool of \$10,000. This would be re-appropriated each year because not all elders will participate in the program. The amount would be determined by the Tribal Council and it would be an incentive for the elders to apply for other assistance such as the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

Chairman Wright clarified that the current program will continue until the new year. Councilmember Mendes said this is a decision for the Council and she asked if the Council wants to start this new procedure and if so, a start date will have to be identified.

Councilmember Jason Davis said this is needed to be fair to everyone and at the same time a precedent has already been for this year and it may be better to start next year. Councilmember John said if we are going to structure something it needs to start immediately. Vice Chairman Eben suggested it should only be the one program. Chairman Wright clarified that the reason it was separated is because there were two types of requests.

Councilmember John said the fund was initially set up for emergencies and not everyday utility costs. Councilmember Mendes said it was her opinion that it should be applied to the current year and discuss the funding at the meeting with the Appropriations Committee.

Councilmember John made a motion to approve the elder assistance program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Councilmember Janet Davis clarified that both programs are being approved and asked if a person can apply for one or the other. Councilmember Mendes replied that it's both programs. Councilmember Mendes said it could be approved and then determine the funding. Chairman Wright said right now it is for approval of the process.

Votes taken on the motion to approve the elder assistance program were 5 for, 4 opposed, and no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Janet Davis said an amount of money should have been identified.

Closed Circuit TV/Technology Grant Budget Approval – Janice Gunderson: The Secretary stated the budget had been tabled from the last meeting in order to determine if the transfer of the grant was approved by the funding agency. Councilmember Jason Davis asked if a letter was received from the funding agency about the transfer. Councilmember Judith Davis stated she had asked for that because the Council was informed that funding had already been spent and they were unsure if the transfer could be done. Sandra Hicks, Contracts/Grants, said Janice Gunderson was to contact the funding agency and have the letter sent to the Tribe. But she can follow up on this on Monday.

Pyramid Lake Police Department – Erin Calvin, Chief of Police: Erin Calvin, Chief of Police, was present with two items for Council action.

Department General Orders: Councilmember John asked if the orders are approved, it states that the Chief of Police would be creating new orders and will that follow the same process. Chief Calvin said that's up to the Council.

Jolyne Sander asked if the general orders were in place of the Department's policies and procedures. Chief Calvin said these orders are replacing the old policies and procedures. Jolyne asked if these will coincide with the draft Law & Order Code that is currently being worked on.

The Committee has a copy of the general orders but they have not reviewed them yet. Chief Calvin said the Law & Order Code says the Committee's job is to review laws and develop new laws. Councilmember Judith Davis said these policies would have to coincide with the Code. Councilmember Mendes said these are separate because there are laws and the general orders are a form of a business practice. This is following procedure to uphold the department's practices. Jolyne said the Code may have specific duties and responsibilities of the officers on certain types of call. Councilmember Mendes said the policies are general and not real specific so that it could fit in with the Code.

Chairman Wright said this is clarifying the practices on how the department operates. Right now the policies are from 1996 and there are loopholes that need to be clarified. Councilmember John suggested Chief Calvin meet with the Law & Order Committee to go over the general orders.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to table action on the General Orders to March 21, 2008. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Community Protection: Chief Calvin said this item was discussed at a previous Tribal Council meeting. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 7:56 p.m.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to exit out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an open session at 9 p.m.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the resolutions for exclusion of Dennis Shortt and Alfonso Perez-Sanchez. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were 7 for, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 11-08** (Shortt) and **RESOLUTION NO. PL 12-08** (Perez)

Chairman Wright stated that an investigation was complete regarding the concerns Wendell Henry had raised at the last meeting. The investigation showed that everything had been done in accordance with policies and procedures. The Pyramid Lake Housing Authority has a standard practice of allowing individuals to pay outstanding balances on their account once an eviction has occurred. The concerns raised with law enforcement were also discussed with Chief Calvin. It was determined that the Police Department is following their procedures with regard to probable cause and the rights of individuals.

Request Action on a Liquor License for the Nixon Store – Duane Florez: Chairman Wright said that there was a meeting with Fred Drye and we were informed there are PIT royalties available to the Tribe. A plan is being developed for the Nixon Store and should be ready for the March 21st meeting. Councilmember Janet Davis asked who are "we" and Councilmember John clarified that it will be a Tribal operation. Councilmember Jason Davis said it's probably a good business concept of having a liquor license at the Nixon Store and it would bring in revenue to the Tribe, but the community has concerns regarding liquor sales. The manager said it's for the fishermen and Councilmember Jason Davis said he can't grasp that idea when the fishermen come out early in the morning and on Sundays and the Store is closed. Chairman Wright said part of the information is to look at the time frame when liquor was sold before and it was reported that crime did increase at that time. Councilmember Judith Davis

asked if information will also be brought forward on the I-80 Smokeshop and the duties of the manager since he won't be managing two stores. Chairman Wright said the job descriptions could be brought forward.

Follow-up on U.S. Dept. of HUD Grant for the Wadsworth Community Center: Chairman Wright said he spoke with Jim Plympton about the grant and he had some ideas about renovation and what could be included. The grant has about six months remaining and it appears we will move forward with the renovation of the Nevaco building.

Vice Chairman Eben said they met with Wes Williams today and he said if it is with Nevaco, it comes to the Council for approval and then a request for proposals could be done. Councilmember John asked if we would have to get approval from the funding agency to change it from construction to renovation of a facility.

Pyramid Lake Cattleman's Association – Jason Davis: Jason Davis said he was recently elected as Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Cattleman's Association. After discussion with BIA, the Cattleman's Association is proposing to work on the AUM's to determine the percentages on wild-life and livestock and have a group do the assessment on the AUM's. They asked the Environmental Department to continue handling the annual permitting and perhaps by next grazing season, they could have the numbers available to determine the 5- or 10-year permit. They are requesting a turn-out date of March 15. The BIA or the Environmental Department did not have a problem with this date. Chairman Wright said the BIA is recommending the one year permit because the process in determining the percentages on the AUM's would take too long to determine.

Councilmember Servilican asked when they will be bringing them back and Jason said October 31st. This is already in the permit. Jason said they will still go with \$1 per head and they will be using the same process as last year. The Environmental Department will take the lead, but the Cattleman's Association will have more input and activity. They will try to enforce the Ordinance and hopefully be able to take the lead.

Councilmember Servilican asked about the cows running along the River in Wadsworth and is anything being done about it. John Guerrero said there is a lawsuit against him, so he shouldn't talk about it and asked where it says the River is closed. Councilmember Servilican asked why the cows are out and John said it's because of the fences. Chairman Wright said it's the responsibility of the Cattleman's Association and the Ordinance does address the River corridor and the Comprehensive Management Plan addresses the different range units and it will be up to the Cattleman's Association to enforce it. They understand that and he thinks they will take the steps to enforce the Ordinance. Jason said once they take over, they will have to enforce the Ordinance. They will also be working in coordination with the Fisheries because they put up the fence.

Jason said he asking for approval for the March 15th turn-out date with the permitting process led by the Environmental Department along with Cattleman's Association. They will be using the same AUM numbers as in the past. Della John, Tribal Administrator, stated she volunteered to help the Environmental Department with the process.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the turnout date of March 15, 2008 and to continue with the one year permit process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor (Councilmember Jason Davis not voting), **motion carried**.

Transportation Grant – Johnnie Garcia: Councilmember Garcia presented two resolutions for the BIA transportation grant submittal. Della reported that the Tribe submitted a transportation planning grant and received feedback from the Agency. Instead of the \$200,000 that was requested, it will be \$150,000 to plan for the \$1.8 million

construction funds that must be spent by 2009. This funding would hire the director and support staff. The first resolution is approving the revised grant application.

Councilmember Garcia reported on his travel to Phoenix on February 19th to attend the Roads Inventory Field Data Systems training. This system makes essential data and attachments electronically available to tribal users. A contact person is needed at each tribe to initiate the system. He stated it will be beneficial for our Tribe to have this contact person.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to approve the revised BIA transportation grant submittal resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 13-08**

The second resolution is adopting the 2004 field data which will include the road routes. The Indian Reservation Road system has proposed changes to the inventory identified which includes BIA road classification changes, construction need changes, section number changes, BIA road system additions and deletions and non-BIA road system additions and deletions. The maintenance of the roads will be under the Tribe's responsibility.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to approve the resolution for adoption of the 2004 field data. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 14-08**

NEW BUSINESS

Anthropology Research Request – Andrew Carey: Andrew Carey was present with a request for permission to conduct an anthropology research regarding Tribal sovereignty. He would like to focus on the Tribe's water issues in which the Tribe has been very successful. Councilmember Mendes asked what the research consists of. Mr. Carey said he would also like to speak with the Council and other entities such as TCID, Reno, and Sparks. He proposes to explore this question from many sides by interviewing people and agencies that would talk to him. Councilmember Mendes asked if the Tribe could have a copy of his study and asked if this is field work. Mr. Carey said this is for his dissertation and that he is a graduate student at the University of New Mexico. Chairman Wright asked if only includes Pyramid Lake or other tribes and Mr. Carey replied it would be mostly Pyramid Lake. Councilmember Judith Davis said her concern was with regard to the Tribe's litigation and especially with legal counsel. Councilmember Jason Davis said there is nothing in the letter about water issues and Mr. Carey said he is looking at the water situation as an aspect of sovereignty. Della suggested he look at taxation instead of our water issues.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were 5 for, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Arlo Townsend Guide Permit: Chairman Wright stated Arlo Townsend submitted an application and fee payment for permission to operate a guide service. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the guide permit for Arlo Townsend. The motion was second by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were 6 for, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Norman Harry Request for Donation: Norman Harry was present to request a donation to assist with his entry fee for the Perry DiLoreto Invitational Team Roping event in June. They are doing fundraising and would like support from the Tribe. If successful, he would be giving something back to the Tribe. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to donate the individual rate of \$50 to Norman Harry. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Human Resources – Billie Jean Guerrero: Billie Jean Guerrero, Human Resources Manager, was present to answer any questions regarding the classifications and reclassifications. Councilmember Judith Davis stated the classifications and reclassifications did go to the Personnel Committee and they recommend approval. But she doesn't see where they reviewed the job descriptions and what additional duties there are and showing where the money is coming from. The other job descriptions are under grant programs and her concern is that the Comptroller is under the indirect cost pool.

Councilmember John stated she had a concern with the Contract & Grants position and supervision as being the Tribal Chairman. She believes supervision should be under the Finance Department. Billie Jean said with regard to the Finance budget there were projections made for upgrading the positions during the budgeting process. The Contracts & Grants position and the Comptroller are funded under indirect and are needed in order to maintain the indirect cost percentage.

Councilmember John said she would like to see all the positions that are going to be proposed so that the Council knows what is being proposed and the total cost. She would like to see an overall organization plan for this department. Councilmember Janet Davis said she would like to see the budget and justification to go with it and where it fits in the overall picture. Chairman Wright said the budget will support the upgrades and everything that is projected. When the Council meets with the Appropriations Committee, the Council will get a clear indication of where we are going. Right now we need to bring staffing up to standards in order to get caught up. Audits are being conducted on several accounts and putting them into compliance. Councilmember John said she would like to see the entire plan.

Billie Jean said at that budget meeting it was also stated that there was a plan to evaluate the positions and to revise as necessary because the finance manager would be in place as an intermediary position. The finance manager job description had been developed for the Fisheries. As with all of the job descriptions, you are looking at the position and not the employee, as well as looking at the needs of the department and how it fits within the goals and visions of the Tribe.

Councilmember Mendes stated it's looking at reorganization of a department. She believes it's important to look at all aspects of reorganizing the department. Councilmember John stated she believes the Contracts & Grants position should be under the supervision of the Finance Department. She would also like to see a requirement for experience with 638, federal or state grants or contracts. The person should also have hands-on experience with compliance issues. Also there was no supervisory experience under the Comptroller position.

Councilmember John made a motion to approve the classification and reclassification of job descriptions for Medical Records Clerk, Retail Clerk, Criminal Justice Liaison, and Victim Services Assistant. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Chairman Wright asked for clarification on what is needed for approval of the two job descriptions. Councilmember John stated the entire structure of the Finance Department and the type of positions that are needed and the cost. Billie Jean stated the approved budget also outlines what is being projected for the department.

Emergency Senior Citizen Request: Paul Lowery submitted an emergency senior citizen request for a total of \$525.98 for Bi-State Propane and Sierra Pacific. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to

approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Enrollment – Carol Smith: Carol Smith, Enrollment Officer, was present with several items for Tribal Council action.

Approval of Two (2) Applications for Regular Membership: The Enrollment Committee is recommending approval of two applications for regular members. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor (Vice Chairman Eben not voting), **motion carried.** **RESOLUTION NO. PL 15-08**

Vice Chairman Eben read the names of the individuals approved for regular membership: Manuel Antonio Hernandez and Myakoda John.

Approval to Schedule Three (3) Disenrollment Hearings: Carol stated the Enrollment Committee is recommending disenrollment of three individuals and would like the Tribal Council to schedule the hearings. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to schedule the disenrollment hearings for the April 4 Tribal Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Conduct One (1) Rejection Hearing: The Enrollment Committee had recommended an individual for rejection and a hearing has been scheduled for this meeting. Carol informed the Tribal Council that no one is present on behalf of the individual. More information had been faxed and the Council received the information tonight. The applicant is deceased and his daughter sponsored the application. The applicant is enrolled with another tribe.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to accept committee's recommendation for denial based on the applicant's enrollment with another tribe. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.** **RESOLUTION NO. PL 16-08**

Appoint Enrollment Committee Member: The Enrollment Committee has one vacancy and one individual submitted a board application. Councilmember John made a motion to appoint Cheryl Hicks to the Enrollment Committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Water Resources Department – John Jackson: Chairman Wright stated John Jackson, Water Resources Director, was unable to attend the meeting. John is requesting Council action on two items.

Authorization of Payment to the Federal Water Master: An invoice was received from the Federal Water Master to fund the TROA implementation costs incurred by his department. The Tribe's portion of \$80,000 was a stipulation issued by the Orr Ditch Court. Funding is available for this cost. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve payment to the Federal Water Master. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Authorization of Payment to U.S. Geological Survey: The Tribe received a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Geological Survey to pay half the cost to operate and maintain two stream gauges at Wadsworth and Nixon. The Tribe's cost is \$21,215 and the funds are available. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the payment to the U.S. Geological Survey. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Bob Pelcyger Contract: Chairman Wright said the Tribal Council approved Bob Pelcyger's contract and a resolution for the contract needs approval. Councilmember John said Bob is supposed to be phasing out and the Council needs to make sure that this begins to happen.

Councilmember John stated that the resolution also refers to Bob as "attorney and/or consultant." Councilmember Mendes stated that Bob can't be acting as the Tribe's because Don Springmeyer is the Tribe's attorney. Councilmember Judith Davis said she had a question on the resolution, page 2, regarding the Tribal Secretary signing the contract. Chairman Wright stated the Tribal Secretary attests to the contract. Councilmember John suggested removing "attorney" from the resolution because during the discussion, Bob is a consultant and not as an attorney. Councilmember Janet Davis stated the contract would have to be revised if the resolution is changed because it would change the contract.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to table the resolution for Bob Pelcyger's contract and readdress the contract with him. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Authorization for Native Americans Grant Resolution (Language) – Sandra Hicks: Sandra Hicks, Contracts/Grants Technician, presented a resolution for grant submittal to the Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Native Americans. The grant submittal is for the Language program. This is a 2-year project and has a 20% in-kind match. The first year in-kind will be space, salaries, Pyramid Lake High School and Natchez.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the resolution for grant submittal for the Language Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.** **RESOLUTION NO. PL 17-08**

Resolution for 110 Herman, Wadsworth, NV – Cindy Curley: Cindy Curley, Health Director, was present along with Janet Crutcher, Diabetes Program Coordinator. Cindy stated they are requesting approval of a resolution dedicating the building located at 110 Herman Avenue in Wadsworth to the Diabetes program. Janet explained that the Diabetes program has carryover funds to rehabilitate the building. Chairman Wright said they went through the process with the Realty program. Janet said they also spoke with Pyramid Lake Police Department for a possible location for a sub-station.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the resolution for transfer of the building at 110 Herman Avenue in Wadsworth to the Pyramid Lake Health Clinic, Diabetes Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were 8 for, 1 opposed, and no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

There was discussion regarding the supervision of the Health Director by the Tribal Administrator. Cindy stated the main reason for this is due to the involvement of the IHS at the Clinic because they will only speak with the Tribal Chairman. She said the Chairman is knowledgeable on the issues they deal with and knows the key people at IHS. Chairman Wright said at this point, it's the organization chart and the way it's established. This would be a point of clarification and he and Della will still collaborate.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated he has two items for Tribal Council action and he would also like to move into an executive session to report on a couple items.

Request to Search for and Collect Northern Leopard Frog Egg Masses and/or Tadpoles from the Reservation: Chairman Wright stated he received a letter from Otis Bay Ecological Consultants requesting permission to search for and collect northern leopard frog egg masses and/or tadpoles from the Reservation for a repatriation project on the Truckee River. Councilmember Judith Davis stated she would like to have an Environmental Department employee with them at that time.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request from Otis Bay. The motion was seconded by

Vice Chairman Eben. The votes were 7 for, 2 opposed and no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Contribution to the Longest Walk II Project: Chairman Wright said past Tribal Councils have donated their stipends for different things. The Longest Walk II Project has started and they are looking for donations. He said may be a couple of Councilmembers would like to donate to this organization. The website explains how to go about making a contribution which is tax deductible. Chairman Wright clarified several items that were included in his report to the Tribal Council. Councilmember John asked about a strategic plan for the Tribe. She would also like to meet with directors and/or department heads. The Council meets with certain departments and when you read the reports, there are items that may have an undercurrent of dissatisfaction and it's not acknowledged. Councilmember Mendes agreed that is something that needs to be done.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Carla Eben: Vice Chairman Eben stated she met with Wes Williams, Jr. today regarding the Wadsworth community center and infrastructure projects. They want to use the Nevaco building and are looking for matches on the infrastructure grant.

Councilmember Servilican asked about the conference she attended for the Tribe. Vice Chairman Eben replied she attended because economic development is not something she is familiar with and by attending the conference it answered a lot of questions for her and is able to understand a bit more.

Councilmember Mendes asked about the day care coordinator and is Social Services involved in the operation. There was a meeting held with the participants and she would like to know if it has been worked on since they held the one meeting. Chairman Wright responded this happened before Carla came on. Councilmember Mendes asked the Vice Chairman to make it a priority to develop the policies and procedures for the day care program.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to move into an executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 11:35 p.m.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to move into an open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into open session at 12:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 a.m.

Submitted by,
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Tribal Secretary



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