

Tübatulabals of Kern Valley

Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Darrel Garcia: As you are aware our tribe lost a great young man and Vice Chairman, Darrell Garcia...we have buried Darrell with a well-celebrated Cry Dance and beautiful send-off funeral. Please take time, for a moment and sing a song for Darrell.

Cemetery: The tribe has been awarded a grant of \$25,500 for the Weldon Cemetery Project. The grant is designed to fence, identify graves, add markers, and make other improvements to our tribal cemetery located on Fay Ranch Rd., Weldon CA.

The first task was to start the project off with a gathering of tribal members at the site, on Fay Ranch Rd. The process and timeline for the project was presented. That was completed on March 21, with a good attendance. We had two drones at the event which took overhead images of the cemetery during and after Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). The Archaeologist brought the GPR and worked with several tribal members that day and two succeeding days to record possible grave sites. That part of the project was successful, and we are awaiting the results of the GPR report.

Since then, several tribal members and the Director of the Audubon, Kern River Conservancy has worked on the initial stages of construction. The cemetery grounds were cleared of the sagebrush, thanks to Reed Tolleson, Robert Gomez, Sonny Allen, and Louie Andreas who worked feverishly on the sagebrush, new road and parking lot construction. Louie's tractor work included road improvement and parking lot construction and installing a culvert on the ditch leading to the cemetery grounds. No more ditch to worry about getting stuck in the sand. We can now, drive over the ditch with ease....hooray for Louie. Oh yes, and thanks to Donna Begay who drove out one day to cheer us along.

We are scheduling another construction day on Sunday May 22, 2022, at about 8:00am to noon-plus. This date will be used to install corner posts and braces and some other bracing posts. More Information and confirmation on that date will come later. We will be needing strong young and old men for this day to start with the post construction.

Later, during another week, Reed, Sonny, and I put in posts for a new gate, which was donated by the Kern River Preserve. Incidentally, the culvert installed at the ditch was donated by Rocky Stone.

Gov't. -to-Gov't: On April 26, 2022, Sonny Allen and I attended the quarterly U.S. Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest Tribal Forum. I presented the following items of concern and interest for the Tribe.

1. FERC Project - Kern River 3, Re-authorization. Sonny Allen and Bert Eller are working as cultural monitors on this project.
2. Borel Project – De-commissioning. This is a pending project and will include tribal cultural monitors.
3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Lake Isabella Project. We will be re-visiting the mitigation measures that were agreed upon during previous negotiations.
4. Western Rivers Conservancy Land Acquisition Project – Fay Ranch Rd., Weldon, CA 93283 This project is still pending....no movement yet.
5. Weldon Tribal Cemetery Project, Weldon, CA 93283. This is on-going.
6. Nuui Cuni Name issue – Nuui Cuni Tubatulabal Paiute Center. Questions has come up as the new name for the center. Pending information forthcoming.
7. U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – name place areas. This item is being revisited by the tribe to create a greater community presence and visibility.
8. Lake Isabella land area, name place concept areas. As noted in #7 this is pending.

Tribal Council:

For your information your Tribal Council consists of the following members:

Robert Gomez
Diana Diaz
Betsy Johnson
Kat Gomez
Samantha Riding-Red Horse
Michael Sandoval
Kenneth Sonny Allen
Kayla Andreas



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Time is running out to submit all “**Enrollment Documents**”. ***Please contact Tina and/or Samantha (see below) to see what is needed!*** The Enrollment Committee needs all required **VITAL Record Documents**, see examples below.

Meet the upcoming review/audit deadline! **Call or email the Enrollment Specialist(s) to submit the appropriate documents:**

Do Not Wait For The Last Minute! Check with us Early! Submit to us Early!

Examples:

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| 1. Birth Certificate | 2. Marriage Certificate | 3. Death Certificate |
| 4. Divorce Decree | 5. Adoption Orders | |

Contact Us ---We Are Here to Help You!!



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