



NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEDIA ADVISORY

TRIBE AND STATE TO SIGN HISTORIC PROTOCOL OCTOBER 25 *Official signing of consultation protocol between the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection*

CARSON CITY— The Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection will sign a Consultation Protocol at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 25 at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino at 407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nev. This official signing marks the first protocol to be signed between Tribal Government and the State of Nevada. The ceremony takes place in conjunction with the 40th Annual Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Convention during the general session.

- WHO:** Leo Drozdoff, Administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Wayne Garcia, Chairman, Yerington Paiute Tribe
Tansey Smith, Tribal Liaison, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
- WHAT:** Official signing of the Consultation Protocol between the Yerington Paiute Tribe and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- WHERE:** Silver Legacy Resort Casino, 407 N. Virginia Street, Reno
- WHEN:** 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 25
- WHY:** State law does not provide a formal mechanism for the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to consult with Tribes. The signing of the Consultation Protocol between the Yerington Paiute Tribe and NDEP formalizes a government-to-government relationship and provides an opportunity for open communication between the government entities.

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