

Tribal State Environmental Liaison Office Newsletter



Welcome

Greetings all tribal members and staff. Once again, welcome to our second issue of the Tribal State Environmental Liaison Office newsletter. Over the past few months, our office has been involved with multiple trainings, meetings, conferences and activities that we feel help address the concerns of the tribes in Nevada.

We hope to get feed back from you on what issues need to be addressed and what you would like to read about in each article.

On the last page of this issue, we have provided a brief background of our pro-

gram and we hope this helps you to understand more about what our office does on a daily basis.



Please feel free at any time to contact our office with any comments and concerns you might have. On behalf of our office, thank you for reading this quarterly newsletter. The Office encourages feedback to the contents of this publication.

Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium



The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, with assistance from other entities, is in the process of development of the Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium. The Consortium strives to inform all Nevada Tribes of the green energy projects and incentives that are currently available.

Because so much more information is needed about green energy and the incentives that are available to the tribe, the Inter-Tribal Energy consortium meets monthly to discuss what has been learned over the prior month. For more information on these meetings, please feel free to contact our office at anytime.

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Solar Financing

On March 3, 2010 Black Rock Solar lead a discussion on solar financing at the Truckee Meadows Community College Campus. The topic of this discussion was the NV Energy Incentives that are currently being offered. It is now faster and more responsive for new applicants to receive funding. Below is some information that was gathered from this discussion.

- **Nevada Energy Incentives**

How to Implement SB 358, Committee on Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation.

- There are now steps on how to become a new applicant and receive funding faster and more responsive.
- This is to fix how long it takes to start solar projects.
- Right now, it is planned thru step five, each year, the step will continue to increase in kW capacity and decrease in funding for Rebate per watt.
- This is a semi-permanent project set by the legislature until funding runs out.
- After applying and receiving your approval letter from NV Energy, you will have one year to complete building your project or you will not receive your incentive.
- As soon as you finish your project and it is verified, NV Energy is then obligated to pay the subsequent funding rate, even if the project is then not used.

- **Financing**

Incentive Tax Credit, (ITC)

- With this tax credit, you will first need to receive a bridge loan from a local bank to pay for the cost of building and completing your solar project.
 - Before starting your project, you will need to first apply for the program through Nevada Energy or you will not be eligible for the credit.
 - Once the project is verified to be complete by Nevada Energy, 30% of the cost of the project will be reimbursed.
- Example: Cost of Project: \$1,000,000.00 Energy Incentive Returned: \$300,000.00
- By signing the agreement with Nevada Energy, you are only allotted the amount the current step was at, at the time of signing. Everything that is produced over this amount is now owned by Nevada Energy and can be sold by them and you will receive not funds from this.



Recycling 101 Presentation

On January 8, 2010 the Tribal-State Environmental Liaison Office held its first recycling presentation for the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada's staff. There were seven people in attendance during this presentation. During the presentation, ITCN staff were able to learn some of the basic facts about recycling. Here are some of the interesting facts discussed:



Recycling Facts

- The estimated amount of waste that the average American produces is 4.5 pounds per person, per day.
- The average Nevadan produces above the national average at 8.00 pounds per person, per day.

What is the alternative to landfills?

- Reduce: Cut down on the amount of trash you produce by buying quality products that last longer.
- Reuse: Reuse as many products as you can. Examples; canvas bags for grocery shopping, quality cameras instead of disposables.
- Recycle: Try to save as many products that can be recycled as possible.

To learn more information on recycling, please visit the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Website at:

<http://nevadarecycles.gov/>

Assistant Farewell

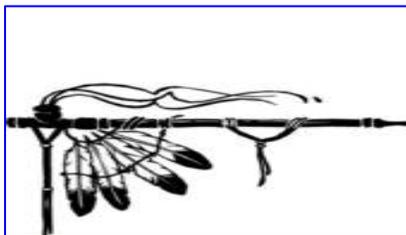
This will be my last month working with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Tribal State Environmental Liaison Office. I have learned so much while working in this position. I am very thankful to all the people I have met over this past year. There are so many topics that effect the Nevada tribes and there are a lot of amazing people working together to address these issues. I want to thank each one of you for your help and guidance as I learned about the tribes and the issues affecting them. This has been a wonderful experience and I will miss work-

ing with all of you. Once again, thank you for the generosity that you have all shown me. I pray blessings for all of you and wish you well.

- Danielle Radley
Administrative Assistant



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EXECUTIVE LEADERS FORUM
APRIL 14 & 15, 2010
Nevada State Library & Archives
100 North Stewart Street
Carson City, Nevada
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**JOIN US FOR A PRODUCTIVE FORUM ON
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO TRIBAL LANDS**

Discussion Topics:

Day 1: Nevada Tribes

1. Nevada Tribal Advocacy
2. Tribal Foundation
3. Issues

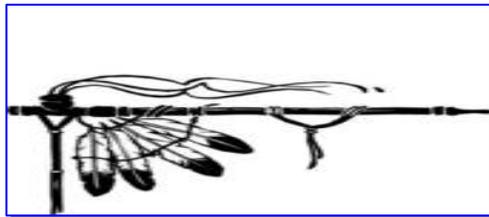
Day 2: Tribes State and Federal Agencies

1. Priorities Government to Government relationship
2. Presidential Consultation Order
3. State/Federal Discussion
4. Next Steps

Attendees: Nevada Tribal Governments, State and Federal Agencies Division Directors.

Please contact Tansey Smith at (775) 687-9483 or e-mail your confirmation to tsmith@ndep.nv.gov by **April 2nd** for the Executive Leaders Forum to be held on April 14th and April 15th, 2010.

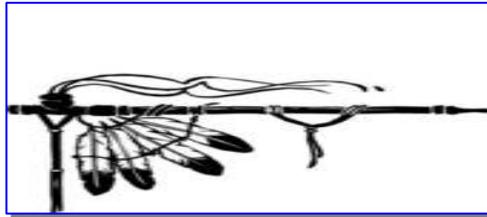
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Day 1: Wednesday, April 14th

7:30 a.m.	Registration	Participants
8:00 a.m.	Blessing	Washoe Elder
8:10 a.m.	Welcome	Tansey Smith, ITCN
8:20 a.m.	The Institute for Tribal Government	Roy Sampsel Michelle Singer
8:30 a.m.	Introductions	Participants
8:40 a.m.	Tribal Toolbox:	Roy & Michelle
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Toolbox Contents	Roy & Michelle
	Advocacy	
	Foundation	
	Issues	
11:30 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own	
12:30 p.m.	Tribal Discussion	
2:00 p.m.	Toolbox Implementation	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	Next Steps	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

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7:30 a.m.	Registration	Participants
8:00 a.m.	Welcome	Tansey Smith
8:10 a.m.	The Institute for Tribal Government	Roy Sampsel Michelle Singer
8:20 a.m.	Congressional Address	
8:40 a.m.	Brief of Day 1	Roy & Michelle
8:50 a.m.	Federal Agency Process Outreach to Tribes Consultation Process	Representatives
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	State Agency Process Outreach to Tribes Consultation Process	Representatives
11:30 a.m.	Lunch On Your Own	
12:30 p.m.	Discussion	
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Executive Leaders Forum Registration Form

Title: _____ First: _____ Last: _____

Tribe/Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please Fax or Email Registration to Tansey Smith at tsmith@ndep.nv.gov, Fax: 775-687-5856 by April 2nd Close of Business.

Photo Release Form

I grant the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me. I authorize the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada to use and publish the photos in print and on form.

I agree that the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as illustration and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____



JOB DESCRIPTION

Administrative Assistant

Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 5:00 p.m.

SALARY: \$10.25/hour @ 30 hours/week

START DATE: April 5, 2010

WORK SITE: Tribal-State Environmental Liaison Office
901 South Stewart Street Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701

CONTACT: Tansey Smith at (775) 687-9483 to obtain an application for this position.

DEFINITION: Applicant will perform a variety of secretarial, receptionist, clerical and administrative duties for the Tribal-State Environmental Liaison program through the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN).

DUTIES:

1. Prepares monthly requisitions for billing and supply purchases for the Liaison Program.
2. Provides daily supervision and responsibility of Liaison program when Liaison is out in the field. Performs administrative duties as needed and/or required.
3. Acts as intermediary between ITCN administration, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Project Office and all other agencies.
4. Provides both direct and indirect supervision within the department.
5. Compose routine correspondence and comprehensive reports pertaining to the department, which does not require the director's personal attention.
6. Screen calls and visitors to refer inquiries as appropriate, respond to requests for information.
7. Prepares agendas and distributes materials for meetings. Take and transcribe meeting notes for department records.
8. Maintains appointment calendar for Program Director; arrange for meetings and appointments, takes care of various details independently and anticipates administrative needs of program so that they may make maximum effective use of time.
9. Initiate and maintain a variety of files and records of information for department, assuring submission into appropriate departments/finance.
10. Maintains confidentiality of all records and information.
11. Performs other duties as required to maintain the Liaison Program Performances and Evaluations.
12. Perform appropriate research for Program presentations and other research pertaining to Liaison activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Possess knowledge of English, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Ability to perform office functions for a moderately complex office and implement or modify appropriate office practices and procedures; exercise good judgment, courtesy and tact in dealing with staff and community people. Must demonstrate typing ability at the prescribed rate of speed, must be computer literate. Possess skills in transcribing and dictation or any combination of experience. Must possess a Nevada Drivers license and be insurable. Knowledge of the Liaison Program and comply with program requirements. Possess background and familiarity with Tribal programs. Applicant must exhibit writing, editing, and computer programming skills. Applicant must be able to pass a State and Federal Criminal History Background check.

Applicant must be Native American, Native Alaskan, or Native Hawaiian who is economically disadvantaged, unemployed or underemployed. All TANF and Non-Custodial Parents are encouraged to apply.

For an application for this position, please visit our website at:

<http://ndep.nv.gov/tribe/itlp.htm>



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Mission Statement and Background

In 2003 discussions about creating the Nevada Tribal Liaison Program was initiated by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 Tribal program, and the Nevada Division of Environmental protection. These discussions took place after conclusion of the first "Native Impacted by Mining" meeting. The outcome of the meeting made it clear there was a need for expanded coordination and understanding between state and environmental regulators and the tribes.

The Nevada Tribal Environmental Managers met and developed a work plan along with a proposed job description for a Tribal Liaison position to be housed at NDEP. In January of 2003, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) submitted a grant to US EPA to support the new program. The grant was funded in November of 2003.

A Memorandum of Understanding was subsequently signed on February

6, 2004 between ITCN and NDEP. The Memorandum states that the tribes through ITCN will work with NDEP on environmental issues that have impacts on tribes.

Tansey K. Smith was selected for the position. Tansey is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and she is a descendent from the Pyramid Lake Region, Western Shoshone and Navajo. The Tribal State Environmental Liaison Office has made strides throughout many different areas. The relationship has grown over the past five years. Tansey and her staff have shown their dedication to this effort and are one of the main reasons the program has been so successful.

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