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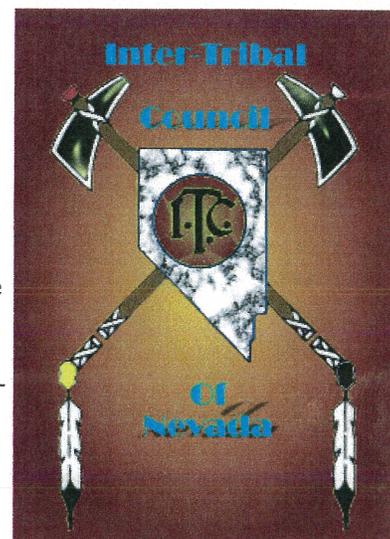
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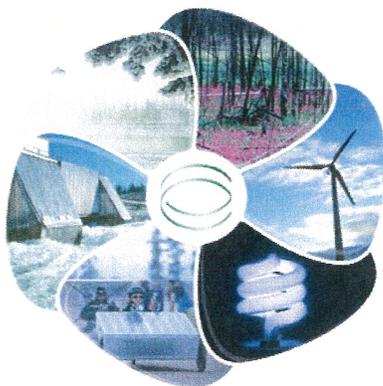
Greetings to all! Welcome to our second issue of the Tribal-State Environmental Liaison Office Newsletter. Since our last issue in March, the Tribal-State Liaison, Tansey Smith, and Liaison Administrative Assistant, Christy Tom, have been involved with several trainings, meetings, conferences and activities that have contributed and educated us further on the concerns and impacts of Nevada Tribes.

It is the goal of the Office to bring you the most beneficial information, please notify us of any specific issues you would like to know more about or published in the newsletter.

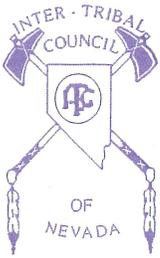
We encourage you to contact us anytime with any questions or concerns you might have. On behalf of the Tribal-State Liaison Office, thank you for taking the time to read this quarterly newsletter.



Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium



The Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium is in the early stage of development. The Consortium seeks Tribal input to begin assessments of your Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient needs. The Consortium strives to inform all Nevada Tribes of the Renewable Energy/Energy Efficient projects and opportunities that are available. The Consortium meets monthly at the NDEP (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection) offices to discuss future activities for funding opportunities and outreach. The Renewable Energy Response forms are a tool that have been utilized to gather pertinent information to assess your tribe's needs. For more information about the Consortium meetings call the office at (775) 687-9483.



INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF NEVADA, INC.

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July 8, 2010

Dear Chairperson,

The Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium is in the early stage of development. The Consortium seeks Tribal input to begin assessments of your Renewable Energy and Energy Efficient needs. The Consortium strives to inform all Nevada Tribes of the Renewable Energy/Energy Efficient projects and opportunities that are available. The Liaison Office has received a few response forms, and seeks input from all tribes. The Tribal-State Environmental Liaison Administrative Assistant, Christy Tom will follow up with each tribe individually one week after the receipt of correspondence to ensure the form has been completed and returned. She will also be in coordination with Selim Sandoval, Grownngreen Energy, to schedule a visit with your Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency contact. Please take a few minutes and fill out the form below. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Tansey K. Smith
Tribal-State Environmental Liaison
Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

Cc: Daryl Crawford, ITCN Executive Director

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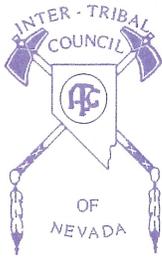
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Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Response Form

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Tribe: _____

Contact Person for Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Is your community looking for Economic Development and Renewable Energy Efficiency? If so, what kind?

What type of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency has your community shown the most interest in?

Briefly describe your tribes needs in regards to Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects: (Example: Solar, Wind, Geothermal, etc...)

Please return form by **Friday, July 9th, 2010** to:

Christy Tom
Tribal-State Environmental Liaison Administrative Assistant
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Carson City, Nevada 89701
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Tribal Renewable Energy Workshop

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

AUGUST 17 -19, 2010

The Tribal Renewable Energy Workshop is a free three day workshop sponsored by several organizations and entities seen below. The Department of Energy will present the workshop material with the following speakers:

Roger Taylor
Principal Project Manager
Tribal Energy Program
National Renewable Energy
Laboratory

Kimberly Craven
Senior Project Leader
Tribal Energy Program
National Renewable Energy
Laboratory

Meeting Venue:

Sierra Nevada College
Patterson Hall Room 207
999 Tahoe Boulevard
Incline Village, Nevada
89451

Host Hotel:

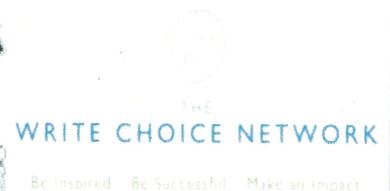
Cal-Neva Resort Spa & Casino
2 Stateline Road
Crystal Bay, Nevada
89402

Please call 1.800.225.6328 &
mention "Tribal Renewable
Energy Workshop" for rates.



***Please make reservation by July 26th.**

There will be a total of 40 open slots, space is limited. This workshop is a first-come, first-serve basis. So please **register by July 30th, 2010** if you wish to attend this workshop.



Please see attached agenda for Workshop

FINAL AGENDA
Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Development
Tribal Strategic Planning Outline
Sierra Nevada College
August 17-19, 2010
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 17th

Opening & Introductions

The Global and U.S. Energy Picture Why an increase focus on community energy development is increasingly important at this time.

Community Energy vs Commercial Energy. What do we mean by Community Energy? The value of local energy self-reliance. The elements of community energy development and community energy planning. Merchant power and the electric utility industry. Which path to follow?

Discussion: Projects currently in the pipeline or completed. New project opportunities.

Community Energy Strategic Planning A working session focused on self-identification of an energy vision, energy needs (demand), energy supply options, and approaches to implementation. Discussion of visions & objectives for session.

Community Energy Baseline. Community energy audit. Current energy providers & costs. Local energy supply options. Forecasts – How is your community energy demand going to change in the future?

Afternoon

Terminology. The language of energy. What is the difference between a kilowatt and a kilowatt-hour? What is a BTU? What is a Therm? And more.

Discussion: TO Status – Energy Efficiency and Building Options.

New construction versus retrofits to existing facilities. Building design: reducing the need

for energy is often the most cost effective energy solution. The important of building codes and quality construction. Detailed energy audits. Weatherization and energy efficiency improvements. Tribal business opportunities.

Discussion: Energy Options

Discussion: Technology Priorities for the next day and day after

August 18th

Based on “technology priority discussion” focus on subset of below:

Solar Options: Big or Small. Solar resource assessment. Low and mid-temperature solar thermal. Solar electric systems for stand-alone or uninterruptible power. Solar electric system connected to the local utility grid. Solar electric economics. Supplier connections and business opportunities.

Geothermal. Geothermal power. Community heating & economic development. Geothermal heat pumps.

Wind Options. Wind resource assessment. Community grid-connected wind power opportunities. Small application-specific wind power.

Afternoon

Biomass for Community Energy. Biomass resource assessment. Biomass for Heat. Biomass for Power. Biomass for Fuel.

Hydro Power.

Community Hybrid Power Systems. Due to renewable energy seasonal variations, renewable energy technology combinations are often more cost-effective than single-technology solutions. Renewable-fossil combinations can also be economically-optimum approach.

Analytic Tools. Individual RE technologies (RETScreen)

August 19th

Community Strategic Energy Planning – II This session will focus on trying together the pieces of the puzzle into a more coherent picture. Every community and Region are unique, and have a different starting point.

Greenline Renewables – Dr. Bill Redel- Sierra Nevada College

Presentation on opportunities within the local area in terms of substantial solar energy projects that will offer significant benefits and advantages of tribes.

What are the opportunities? What are the priorities? What are the next steps? Who's going to do what? By When?

What is your vision, given what you now know, and what will be your next steps?

Afternoon

Final Group Discussion

Key policy challenges: e.g., working with Regional electric utilities; developing TO businesses and programs. New business options and job creation.

Available Resources- What resources are available?

Generating a Final Report

Executive Leaders Forum

The Executive Leaders Forum was held on April 14-15, 2010 with twenty-eight participants in total. Attendees included: Nevada Tribal Governments State and Federal Division Directors.



The outcome was very good, tribal, state, and federal entities were present, Tribal Chairs, Nevada Indian Commission, Nevada Dept. of Transportation, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the State Historic Preservation Office, Bureau of Reclama-

tion and Forest Service are just a few to name. The Governor's Chief of Staff, listened and spoke to the Forum about the relationship between the state and the tribal governments throughout Ne-

vada. Michelle Singer, and Roy Sampsel. travelled from Oregon to speak at the forum,. Mr. Sampsel is the Executive Director of the Tribal Leadership Forum , which offers tribal trainings and workshops for tribal governments, organizations, federal and state agencies. Ms. Singer is the Communications Coordinator for the One Sky Center at Oregon Health & Science University. She gave presentations on the Executive/Congressional Relations & the Tribal Interface, and another on Sharper Federal Advocacy. Thank you to all of the guest speakers and attendees for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend. Also for making the Forum such a great learning process. The Nevada Indian Commission has offered to transcribe the minutes from the Forum and will be available by the end of July 2010.

Northeastern Site Visits

Elko Band EPA:

- Alfreida Jake, EPA

On May 5th, 2010, the Office met with Alfreida Jake, EPA in Elko. Topics of discussion included: 1) Emergency response program and how their funding has been cut completely. 2) community outreach was conducted at the Earth Day event along with a BBQ 3) Future grants they seek to apply for to assist in program funding. A lot of funding has been cut in the environmental programs. Everyone is seeking for more funding opportunities to supplement their current programs. Good Luck to Elko Band EPA!

Te-Moak Tribal Council

The Te-Moak Tribal Council meeting held on the 5th of May was short, and to the point. The Council questioned why the Liaison Office had not been back to the Council since 2006. This was an unfair statement as the Liaison has continued work with the Environmental Programs since the last visit. Due to the funding cuts, the Liaison Office is allowed one visit per year. The Council inquired about receiving their portion since services were not received. It was commented that the funding is not distributed on an individual tribal basis. There was not a request for tribal resolution at that time.

South Fork Band EPA:

- Marla Stanton, EPA

On May 4th, 2010, the Office met with Marla Stanton who is the EPA Director for South Fork Band. Issues discussed importance of land as Lee Creek has erosion, where it has shifted 5 or 6 times this past year. The activities her program has conducted are: 1) Earth Day 2) Green houses, where there are plans to construct green houses for all members of the tribe to grow plants. Future plans include: to be the first Zero Waste community in Nevada. Zero Waste is where the company is responsible for packaging and disposal of products.

Confederated Tribes of the Goshute:

- Clell Pete, EPA

On May 7th, 2010, the Office travelled to Ibapah, UT to meet with Clell Pete of the Goshute EPA to discuss the environmental impacts they have experienced. Topics include: 1) Land 2) Animals 3) Tribal people. The wetlands are fading away, due to overgrazing of their livestock. The Bonneville Cutthroat Trout is on the endangered species list, which is an important part of the ecosystem. Improvement measures include: 1) water bottle distribution 2) wind based power. Good luck to the Goshute Tribes in achievement of their goals!

“The wetlands are fading away, due to the overgrazing of their livestock...”

Northeastern Sites Council Meetings

South Fork Community Council

The Council meeting was held on May 4th, where issues were discussed of impacts to the tribal community. Solar Energy is something the Tribe looks into to cut the cost of energy for the community. The Tribal Protocol between NDEP was signed on May 19, 2010. The council also voiced their opinion about the lack of communication between the tribe and BLM (Bureau of Land Management).

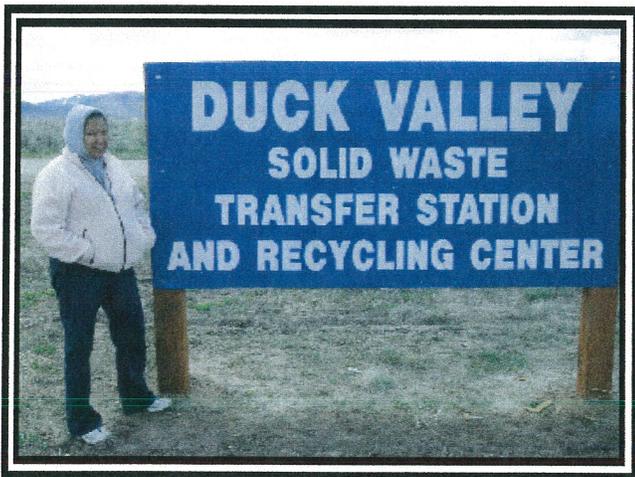
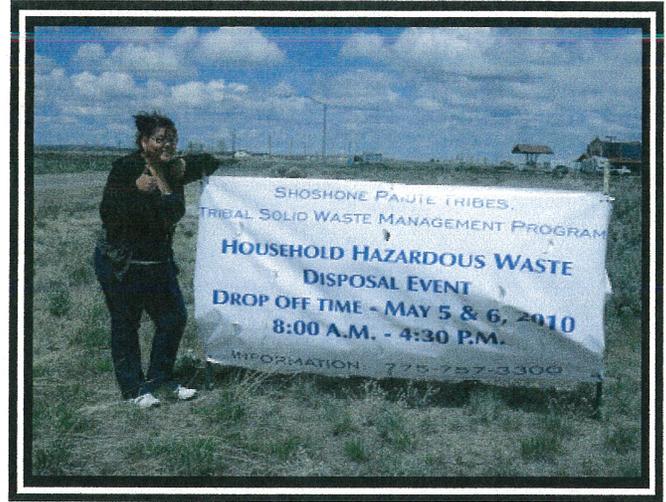
Goshute Community Council

The Goshute Council meeting held on the 7th of May was a very good meeting. They discussed topics such as The Ruby Pipeline, which is a natural gas line starting in Wyoming and ending in Oregon. The Tribal Council supported the placement of an EPA project officer within the state of Nevada. It is at the discretion of the Region 9 Tribal Program. The Native American grave sites are being dug without any consideration of the Goshute people for the extension of the mine sites.



Owyhee Hazardous Waste Collection Event

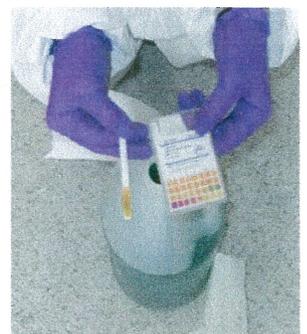
On May 6th 2010, Tribal-State Liaison Office drove to Owyhee, Nevada to attend the Owyhee Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Jennifer Eisele, the Pesticide Program Coordinator was the Project Lead. Upon arrival to the site, it appeared to be a dangerous chemical site because all the workers wore white HazMat suits in order to stay safe from the oils, paints and other hazardous materials. There were many calls made to the Collection Event staff giving notification of hazardous waste pickup from tribal members that weren't able to transport it themselves. A (55 gal.) drum was found buried in the ground filled up to the top with liquids that could only be pumped out by hand, which can be hazardous or dangerous dependent on classification of liquid. There were many materials that were collected that day. A special thanks to the collection crew who helped make the Duck Valley Reservation a cleaner and healthier place for all of its members. There is the potential for similar projects. The Office will keep you all informed if and when the opportunity is presented.



OBJECTS COLLECTED—

- Oil (more than one type of oil)
- Asbestos pipes
- D.D.T. (harmful pesticide)
- Paints (and all paint related materials)
- Acids
- Batteries (car batteries)
- Unidentified materials (pH balances are neutral, acidic, or bases-making it difficult to figure out whether they were harmful or not)

“...it all looked like a dangerous chemical site, because all of the workers wore white HazMat suits in order to stay safe...”



Liaison Activity Reports

Project WET Conference-Spencer, Indiana

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) was attended by Tribal State Liaison, Tansey Smith on June 7-10, 2010, in Spencer Indiana. The trip was funded and reimbursable to the Program through Project WET Native Water Funds. The first day began with the Gather of Waters Ceremony led by Scott Frazier, Project WET Native Waters Director.

Ms. Smith was asked to smudge all of the attendees and staff with sweet grass before the ceremony began. Each attendee was asked to bring water from their respective communities, and share where it came from and what it meant to their people. The exercise was putting all of the attendees' water into two pitchers, by the end of the ceremony, the two were no longer clean. This made everyone realize how important it is to keep the water clean to use and drink. The key speaker, Lenore P. Tedesco, who is an Associate Professor



for the Dept. of Earth Science at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, spoke for the opening dinner. She included information on Indiana's water systems on a regional watershed basis.

The second day was dedicated to field experiences. Everyone was able to pick a field experience, Tansey chose White River Rafting. During the rafting trip, there was a lot of wildlife to be seen. The fisheries and biologists that toured them, demonstrated species in the river by electro-fishing. They identified mussels and shells

witnessed a turtle nesting her eggs on the shore, and saw a juvenile Bald Eagle.

The third day was the Native Water's excursion to the Angel Mounds. The Angel mounds is home to the "Mississippian" people, who inhabited the area for thousands of years. The picture above shows that they were made of mud, and had walls around the perimeter. The Angel Mounds State Historic Site was toured, and only gave that interpretation of the people who once lived there.

The same evening there was a closing dinner to the conference. Key note speaker, Jim Evanoff, of the Yellowstone National Park, spoke about the "Greening of Yellowstone". Project WET's next conference is proposing Yellowstone be a possible location for the next conference. Just like the greeting, the farewell had a closing ceremony, everyone was able to express their good thoughts and prayers into the water upon their travels.

Groundwater Permit Hearing-Moapa, Nevada

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has received approximately 60 letters from Moapa Band of Paiutes (MBOP), about the Groundwater renewal permit. There were many questions in terms of what they were doing to take action in resolving their issues with the smell from evaporation ponds, the hydrogen sulfide that contributes to poor memory and respiratory affects to the performance of children in school and sports. They also brought up the issue of the wind bringing ash from the dump, which affects the reservation. It was commented that the liquid and dry waste signified a car bomb ready to explode. The MBOP has addressed that there are a few elders no longer with us that had suffered from health ailments in Moapa. Adrian Tom, MBOP, stated that according to the Salt Lake City

newspaper, the five deadliest places to live on the west coast includes Moapa due to the pollution from the Coal-fired Power Plant. The pollution is a huge health issue to the Moapa Band of Paiutes. The Reid Gardner Station (RGS) has a number of raw storage ponds, process water evaporation ponds, and fly ash are settling in the ponds. Process water, which has been used beyond treatable limit, is routed to onsite ponds for evaporation. Environmental Contaminants identified at the RGS facility include but are not limited to, elevated concentrations of total dissolved solids (TDS), sulfate, chloride, dissolved metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and petroleum hydrocarbons. As you can see the Moapa Band of Paiutes are going through a very intense process trying to make their land a healthy place for their people.

"In addition to the groundwater contamination associated with the on-Site ponds, various other isolated areas of soil and/or groundwater contamination have been identified. All areas of soil and groundwater contamination associated with the Site operations will be addressed through implementation of the Administrative Order of Consent (AOC) by sampling soil and groundwater to characterize site contamination and then, as appropriate, through NDEP-approved clean-up activities."

NAS Fallon, 2010 Installation

Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site Status— there are a total of 9 active sites, a total of 16 closed sites (No Further Action), a total of 3 landfill sites closed with limited action, and one pending closure. A remedial investigation is currently underway at active IRP Sites, some of these sites include Underground Storage Tanks (UST)-R's, Air Sparge Pilot Tests, and Fuel Removals. The Navy is also in creation of a "Five Year Landfill Reviews" based on the assessment of operations and maintenance including: annual groundwater monitoring, inspection of landfill components, and regarding repair as necessary. Inspection of each landfill was completed in April 2010. The internal draft report is currently under Navy review. They anticipate completion of reports will be in late 2010.

"The five deadliest places to live on the west coast includes Moapa due to the pollution from the Plant..."

Carson High School Senior Projects 2010



On May 20, 2010, the Liaison Office was called upon to participate in the annual Carson High School Senior Project Panel. Both Tansey Smith and Christy Tom served on different panels, both experiencing different students with different projects.

In the last couple of years, the Program Office has participated in evaluation of Senior Projects for the Carson High School. The Project is evaluated by length and content of the research. The students are also required to conduct an oral presentation as it relates to their project. This year Tansey was able to evaluate a Washoe Tribal member, Daniel Lundy-Bryans Senior project. He researched the art as it relates to native culture. He talked about the meaning of different colors through native culture. As part of his project he shadowed work of a local artist named, Ray Valdez. Daniel spent time with Valdez to learn the techniques of painting a mural. Since the project was from his English class, he researched his favorite author Sherman Alexie and To Kill a Mocking Bird literature piece,

“You Never Really Understand a Person
Until you consider things from his point of view
Until You Climb..”



He integrated a portrait of Alexie and To Kill A Mocking Bird passages into his art piece. The mural can be viewed on the walls of Carson High School. Congratulations to Daniel on his recent accomplishment in graduation from High School.

HAZWOPER

Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response



When:

August 16-20, 2010
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where:

Washoe Housing Authority
1588 Watasheamu Rd
Gardnerville, NV 89410

Cost:

\$125.00/student

Make check payable to the Washoe Tribe of NV and CA - write HAZWOPER in the memo section
Checks may be received on the first day of training.



Presented By: The Washoe Environmental Protection Department

Economic Strategies in Indian Country

Join this workshop to learn how you can promote economic development in Indian Country. At this workshop, you will have the opportunity to:

- Share views on barriers to economic development in Indian Country
- Discuss potential solutions to the barriers
- Learn how to develop an effective economic development strategy
- Identify ways a legal infrastructure can encourage economic development
- Meet with government representatives with resources for supporting tribal strategies
- Network with regional economic development practitioners and local support organizations.

Who Should Attend

- Tribal Council Leaders, Members
- Tribal Economic Development Planners
- Resources for Economic Development in Indian Country
- Native Community Development Financial Institutions
- Tribal Attorneys
- Lenders
- Government officials

Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome The Need for Economic Development in Indian Country
9:15 a.m.	Challenges and Solutions to Economic Development Indian Country
9:45 a.m.	Steps to Creating an Economic Development Plan
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Federal Resources for Economic Development
Noon	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Creating Your Economic Development Plan
2:00 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m.	Successful Economic Development Strategies in Indian Country
3:15 p.m.	Next Steps
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

*There is no charge for the workshops, but **advanced registration is required.***

Questions? Contact [Craig Nolte](#), Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, at (206) 396-2192 or [David Scherler](#), Department of the Treasury, CDFI Fund, at (202) 622-8689

To see all locations for this training, please visit our website:

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

Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) Regional Grants

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-OPP-10-005
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Jun 11, 2010
Creation Date:	Jun 11, 2010
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 26, 2010 Please refer to the full announcement, including Section IV for additional information on submission methods and due dates.
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 26, 2010 Please refer to the full announcement, including Section IV for additional information on submission methods and due dates.
Archive Date:	Aug 25, 2010
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment
Category Explanation:	
Expected Number of Awards:	11
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$530,000
Award Ceiling:	
Award Floor:	
CFDA Number(s):	66.714 -- Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Regional Grants
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

Brief Description: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), in coordination with the EPA Regional Offices, announces the availability of approximately \$530,000 for assistance agreements to further the pesticide risk reduction goals of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP). Proposed projects must address implementation of integrated pest management approaches that reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in an agricultural or non-agricultural setting and demonstrate the importance and relevancy of the project to the goals of PESP. Eligible applicants include the 50 States, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a State including State universities, and all federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

The total estimated funding expected to be available for awards under this competitive opportunity is approximately \$530,000. The Agency anticipates funding approximately eleven (11) projects, one per EPA Region (except in Region 9 where up to two projects may be funded), with a maximum funding level of \$53,000 per project. The project period of performance is limited to two years. Selections and awards will be made by EPA's Regional Offices with funding from EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants include the 50 States, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States, any agency or instrumentality of a state including state universities, and all federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

Please see our website for more information on this grant opportunity.

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

A Little Information About Recycling

11 Facts about recycling:

1. The average American uses 650 pounds of paper each year - 100 million tons of wood could be saved each year if all that paper was recycled.
2. Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.
3. A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers that can all be recycled!
4. About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet our recycling rate is only 28%.
5. Every month Americans throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper (think: Empire State Building), but all of these jars are recyclable!
6. Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures a year! Ever heard of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? It's twice the size of Texas and is floating somewhere between San Francisco and Hawaii. It's also 80 percent plastic, and weighs in at 3.5 million tons.
7. Recycling one ton (about 2,000 pounds) of paper saves 17 trees, two barrels of oil (enough to run the average car for 1,260 miles), 4,100 kilowatts of energy (enough power for the average home for six months), 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of pollution.
8. The 17 trees saved by recycling one ton of paper can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the air each year.
9. If all of our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250 million trees each year! If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we could save about 25 million trees each year.
10. More than 20 million Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of aluminum foil. Believe it not, ALL that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it so most it goes in the trash!
11. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours. In spite of this, Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every three months!

Reading all of this information makes you think of what you could do to really help save our planet. Most people think recycling was introduced not too long ago in the 70's...truth is, recycling has been around for centuries. In Roman times they used to melt down old bronze and reuse it for armor and weaponry. In Britain, they used to use the residue from wood and coal fires as base materials in brick making.

Recycling doesn't only help us, it helps other species of animals, plants, etc...to live a longer life. So don't be selfish, don't only save your planet, save other living things as well!



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“We must listen

The water sings life

Mother earth is

Our natural delight

The water roars

**And rises in spirit
strength**

The water tells us

We are one”

John Trudell ‘81



Background Information

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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