

GENERAL ELECTION

OF THE
HOOPA VALLEY TRIBE

JUNE 16, 2009



SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Polls Open: 7:30 a.m.

Polls Close: 7:30 p.m.

Polling Place: Hoopa Valley Tribal Council Chambers
Hwy. 96, NF Building, Hoopa, CA 95546

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM ENCLOSED

NOTE: Please be prepared to show a valid I.D. card

Official Ballot

This number to be detached by inspector and handed to voter.

Absentee voters:

Detach and keep for your records. Failure To detach will not invalidate your ballot

Mark on ballot only with pen provided by the Election Board.

Absentee ballots may be marked with any pen or ink.

"If for any reason the ballot is spoiled or not executed, the clerk shall write 'spoiled' in the space provided."

No. 00000

FOLD BALLOT ON LINE - LEAVE TOP MARGIN EXPOSED

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

- ◆ To vote on any measure use the pen provided by the Election Board by marking the voting square of your choice.
- ◆ All distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.
- ◆ If you wrongly mark, tear, or deface this ballot, return it to the inspector of the election and obtain another.
- ◆ Absentee voter ballots may be marked with any pen or ink. *(pencil not permitted)*

CHAIRMAN - (TWO YEAR TERM)

VOTE FOR ONE

- Clifford L. Marshall (Incumbent)
- Leonard E. Masten

SOCTISH/CHEYNONE DISTRICT- (TWO YEAR TERM)

VOTE FOR ONE

- Margaret M. Dickson (Incumbent)
- Hayley E. Hutt

HOSTLER/MATILTON DISTRICT - (TWO YEAR TERM) BALD HILL DISTRICT- (TWO YEAR TERM)

VOTE FOR ONE

- William "Joe" Jarnaghan (Incumbent)
- Byron Nelson, Jr.

VOTE FOR ONE

- Oscar "Tyke" Billings (Incumbent)
- Richard Marshall

ELECTION BOARD - (THREE YEAR TERM)

VOTE FOR ONE

- Leilani Jones
- Mary Jane Risling

ALTERNATE ELECTION BOARD- (THREE YEAR TERM)

VOTE FOR ONE

- Thomas Joseph

VOTER INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 11. ABSENTEE VOTING.

Absentee ballots shall be issued upon request for all elections as provided in Section 11-a of this Ordinance.

11-a. Basis for Providing Absentee Ballots

1. **Temporary Absence.** Whenever a qualified resident voter expects to be absent from the Hoopa Valley Reservation for any reason, including illness, on the date of the election he may request an absentee ballot for the pending election in the manner provided in Section 11-d of this Ordinance.
2. **Non-resident Status.** Registered voters who physically reside outside the boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Reservation are to be considered non-residents for the purpose of participating in Tribal Elections. As such, they shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot in all elections unless they change their residence to within the boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Reservation. The Election Board shall determine whether a person is entitled to non-resident status.
3. **Physically Incapacitated.** Registered voters who are unable to go to the polls by reason of being bedridden or disabled may request an absentee ballot for the pending election in the manner provided in Section 11-d of this Ordinance.

11-b. Notification.

As long as the non-resident absentee voter is registered, he shall be notified by mail of elections, the issue and/or candidates to be voted on, and shall be advised of the proper manner of requesting an absentee ballot. Notification shall be in the form of the Sample Ballot.

11-c. Proper Address.

It shall be the duty of the non-resident voter to provide a current mailing address to the Election Board. All correspondence regarding Tribal elections will be mailed to the last address supplied by the voter.

11-d. Manner of Requesting and Issuing Absentee Ballots.

Only non-resident status voters may request absentee ballots by mail. Each application for a non-resident absentee ballot shall be made individually, in writing, by the voter who is to cast the ballot. Requests for absentee ballots that are mailed seven (7) or fewer days before the Election Day may not be processed in time to be counted in the election. Upon receipt of a valid request, the Election Board secretary shall forward to the voter all necessary forms, ballots, and instructions to be used in the pending election. Any mailed absentee ballots received in the Election Board post office box after 5:00 p.m. on Election Day, and any hand-delivered absentee ballots presented at the polling place after 7:30p.m. on Election Day shall not be counted.

Resident absentee voters will not be allowed to receive or return their ballots by mail. A resident voter who is unable to travel to the polls by reason of absence from the Hoopa Valley Reservation on election day may request and cast an absentee ballot as follows; 1.) the voter shall appear in person at the election office during regular business hours 2.) the voter shall complete and sign a written request for an absentee ballot on a form provided by the election office 3.) an absentee ballot will then be provided to the voter who shall proceed to cast the ballot at that time . The ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box provided for absentee ballots in the Election Office.

A resident voter who is unable to travel to the polls by reason of his being bedridden or disabled may request by mail, under his signature, to the Election Board, that he be provided with an absentee ballot. An absentee ballot shall be delivered to him by two Election Officials, provided he will be within the boundaries of the reservation. The voter shall proceed to cast the ballot at that time. When marked by the voter, sealed in the inner envelope provided, inserted in the outer envelope, sealed, and voter's signature affixed thereto, such election official shall immediately return the ballot to the polling place and deposit it in the locked ballot box provided for absentee ballots.

Only one ballot, or set of ballots, shall be issued to each voter for the election in process. Each such ballot stub shall be stamped with the words "absentee ballot" and bear the date of issuance. Should more than one ballot be issued due to an error of the Election Board, the voter shall immediately be notified that he should execute and return only one of the ballots and that if he should execute and return both ballots, the second ballot received shall be automatically disqualified without being opened. A qualified voter shall be allowed to cast only one ballot for each Tribal election. In conjunction with issuing an absentee ballot, the signature space of the official Register of Voters shall be marked indicating the voter has been issued an absentee ballot and the date of issue. The secretary shall maintain a file of all applications received with the date of receipt stamped thereon. Further, the file shall show the names and addresses of all persons to whom absentee ballots are mailed, including date of mailing.

11-e. Execution and Return of Absentee Ballots by Mail.

The absentee voter shall mark and fold the ballot and enclose it in the inner envelope supplied by the Election Board. The ballot shall be folded so as to conceal the marking and be placed in the inner envelope marked "Absentee Ballot" and the envelope sealed. It shall then be inserted in the pre-addressed outer envelope, on which the voter must sign his name, sealed and mailed.

ANY ABSENTEE BALLOT NOT PROPERLY SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTING SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.

Absentee ballots returned by mail shall remain in the locked post office box until 5:00 p.m. on Election Day. Two members of the Election Board will remove the envelopes from the post office box and immediately return them to the polling place and deposit them in the locked ballot box provided for absentee ballots.

15. c. Challenged Ballots

In the event a voter appears at the polls to vote, and finds that they have already been issued an Absentee Ballot for the pending election, upon request by the voter, the polling official shall issue a Challenged Ballot to the individual. Absentee voters not appearing at the polls may obtain a Challenged Ballot by written request to the Election Office. The written request will include a statement from the voter, stating that he/she will not execute and return his/her original absentee ballot.

Section 5-d Voter Qualification

Any member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe who will be eighteen (18) years of age or older on Election Day shall be entitled to vote, provided he is duly registered. To register, please request a registration card from the Hoopa Tribal Election Board, Post Office Box 1327, Hoopa, CA 95546. Voters must register in person or by mail with the designated registrar.

- *The Voter Registration period for the April 28, 2009 Primary Election closed on March 20, 2009.*
- *Voter registration Deadline for the June 16, 2009, General Election is May 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.*

