

With July 1, 2016 marking my one year anniversary at the Hoopa Tribal Planning Department I would like to take time to give the Tribal Membership and Community an overview of all that our three person staff has been working on over the course of the last year. The Hoopa Tribal Planning Department has been involved with many projects. We have been in charge of the administration of the Housing Improvement Program (HIP), Land Commission, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). We have also been involved with: the One-Year Action Plan of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Northern California Inter-tribal Drug and Alcohol Rehab Collaborative, the Skate Park Project, and Grant Writing. Most recently, we have been in collaboration with the Chairman and Tribal Council in working hard to solve the grocery store crisis.

With the closing of Ray's Food Place in June, the Planning Department has carried out the directions of the Chairman and Tribal Council regarding this situation in many ways. We have: participated in health and building inspections, developed reports, taken part in negotiations with C&K Market, met with roofing companies and solicited 3 bids, helped coordinate transportation for community members to shop on the coast, secured bus tickets to Willow Creek, taken questions from the community, supplied the public with information, set up and coordinated emergency food and personal hygiene distributions with County Services, and more. Most recently we have been working with engineering and architectural firms as well as the Tribal Council to develop plans for a grocery store. We have met with: LACO Consulting Engineers, Taylor and Syfan Consulting Engineers, SHN Consulting Engineers, John Ash Architecture, Pacific Builders, Trinity Valley Consulting Engineers and others. At one point we had worked with an engineering firm to develop a request for proposal (RFP) for a contractor to convert the Modular Building into a grocery store. This option was eventually taken off of the table however. Currently, we are looking to develop a task force composed of relevant Tribal Entities that will put a plan into action to tear the existing shopping center down to the frame work. We will then go from there with regards to developing it into a new grocery store as a short term option. (5 years). The goal is to eventually develop a completely new store building, and we have worked on options for this, but in the mean time the majority of the Council believes that rebuilding the current shopping center is a faster and more cost effective solution. We will be looking to work with the County Health Department to ensure that all rat contamination is thoroughly eliminated. Once we get to that point, we will work with engineers and architects to create a design for the re-building of the store which may include adding on to the 14,562 square foot facility.

In addition to working with parties such as the North Coast Small Business Development Center (NCSBDC), Parry's Market, and United Grocers to explore options for a tribally owned store, we have also reached out to grocers such as: Murphy's Market, Grocery Outlet, Top's Market, and Safeway to explore the option of bringing in an independent grocery store operator. Each has expressed differing levels of interest and negotiations are ongoing. Additionally, we have recently met with representatives of the North Coast Co-Op, Fresh California, the Ahmad Corporation and Save Mart/Lucky's/Food Maxx who are all interested in operating a grocery store here in Hoopa.

Other work of the Planning Department related to the grocery store has included the collection of market study data and traffic study information as well as our successful application for the Hoopa Mini-Mart to accept EBT, AKA "food stamps". We have also been working with the County to develop job re-training opportunities for displaced Ray's Food Place workers. Working with federal, state, and other agencies to develop funding options for making these goals and objectives of our Tribal Leadership a reality is an ongoing major priority in all of this.

With regards to the HIP Program we have administered a case file of more than 70 HIP applicants over the course of the last year. The scope of these duties has included: working with the clients to help them complete the lengthy application, processing the applications, making assessments and developing scopes of work, scoring applicants, notifying applicants, getting Council approvals, developing Requests for Proposals (RFP's), advertising RFP's, accepting and evaluating bids, awarding bids, developing contracts, finalizing contracts, accounting, and managing construction projects through completion including inspections. Working with the Chairman, the Office of Self-Governance, and BIA we successfully re-wrote the HIP eligibility guidelines in order to make them more compatible with our own unique circumstances as a Self-Governing Tribe. This has led to 24 HIP projects being approved by the Tribal Council including 3 brand new homes for Tribal Member Families and restoration of several existing Tribal Member homes. We have also completed handicap accessibility projects and provided a new roof for Tribal Elders.

As for the oversight of the Land Commission we have been: accepting agenda requests through the Land Department, scheduling meetings, sending out meeting notifications, ordering and delivering lunches for the meetings, attending the meetings, filing Commission documents, doing payroll, working on filling the Commission's vacant position, corresponding with the County regarding the Land Use Plan, corresponding with members of the Community, doing research and helping the Commission with the task of getting a Land Use Plan approved that is in compliance with Title 48 of the Tribal Code.

The work of seeing through the 5-Year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) of the Hoopa Valley Tribe has been extensive. Working with Consultant Megan Rocha we assisted in researching and analyzing past CEDS documents, other economic development plans of the Tribe and Tribal Department and Entity Charters. The Planning Department in conjunction with Rocha coordinated several working meetings with the CEDS Committee, the Tribal Enterprise Sub-Committee, the Tribal Council and Tribal Chairman. We also: made a presentation on the CEDS at the October 2015 General Meeting, developed and conducted two separate surveys, held a public hearing and administered the month long public comment period. We wrote an article in the Two Rivers Tribune informing the community of all aspects of the CEDS, edited and helped write the CEDS, and handled all correspondence with the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). Correspondence with EDA included several phone calls and emails, writing letters, two meetings, submission of the CEDS, and completion of the Final Report. We also managed and ensured contract compliance with the consultant and handled payroll. Recently we have been coordinating with the Office of Self Governance and the Tribal Council to move forward with implementation of the plan which was approved by the Tribal Council on March 7, 2016 and EDA on June 22, 2016. Many of the goals and objectives

of the CEDS action plan are already being accomplished and I will be providing more information as we move forward.

For a complete copy of the CEDS document please visit the Planning section of our Tribal website at hoopa-nsn.gov. Here you will also find more information on the Planning Department including our list of priorities for the coming days, weeks, and months. Please note that the "meat" of the CEDS document is found between pages 43 and 50. You can also get a copy of the CEDS by emailing me at jgd119@humboldt.edu or stopping by our office in the old dental hall at the Tribal Office.

I would like to thank all of the Tribal entities, community members, and local businesses who participated in the CEDS process as well as my predecessor Julia Hostler and past Planning Staff for all of their hard work.

In late July of 2015, I participated in the Strategic Planning Session of the Tribal Council held at Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA. It was here that the One-year Action Plan of the Hoopa Tribal Council (See Tribal Website) was developed. Since this time the Planning Department has been working hard to keep the Council updated on progress and helping with the completion of actions identified as objectives in the Plan. We have worked with the Tribal Roads Department, PUD, and others to round up all plans that have been developed with regards to downtown as well as for a new waste water treatment facility. We have also worked with the Chairman's Office, Council, and Lois Risling to plan and organize the General Meetings and are currently developing options for a downtown public bathroom. We hope to have an RFP issued by October. Other work of the Planning Department related to the One-Year Action Plan includes the taking over of the Walking Shield Application Process which was recently completed by Planner/Project Manager Lesley Hunt. We have also overseen a relatively smooth transition of the HIP Program over to the Housing Authority by providing them with copies of all HIP documents, meeting with them, and answering any questions that have arisen. The Walking Shield Program is something that will bring much needed Land Surveys to the Reservation and will also help with other infrastructure needs. These aspects of the Program are priorities within the One Year Action Plan and we have been working with the Land Department, PUD, and other stakeholders to make it happen.

Lesley Hunt of the Planning Department has been instrumental in the ongoing collaborations with our Tribe's Behavioral Health Department and other local Tribes to develop a local drug and alcohol rehab facility. We have hosted two separate regional meetings and attended 3 more in other Tribal Territories. We have also done research on Land Options and best practices with regards to a Rehab Facility. Most recently our Tribe's Behavioral Health Department coordinated a tour of other Tribal Rehab Facilities which was something the Planning Department has really pushed for as part of our ongoing research of best practices. We anticipate being a major player with regards to obtaining funding for the project in the coming year and plan to work with the Indian Health Service (IHS) who recently completed a multiyear youth rehab facility project in the Hemet Area of Southern California.

Hunt has also been working with TANF, TCCC, Roads/Ag and other community stakeholders to develop a local skate park. Several meetings have been held between the parties involved

including the Tribal Council. Something that is currently being worked on with the Land Department is the solidification of a site for the park to be constructed. We have also been evaluating survey data, evaluating other parks, and identifying funding sources. The development of this community driven project continues to be a major goal of the Planning Department.

As for grant writing, we have applied for four separate grants over the course of the past year. We submitted applications for the Nike N7 and Junior Giants Grants on behalf of Hoopa Recreation, the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) for Behavioral Health, and Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies (ANA SEDS) Grant on behalf of KIDE. The Nike N7 grant application was successful and is something that will soon allow the Recreation Department to replace the NF scoreboard as well as purchase new equipment like on field pitching machines, new work out equipment, and more. The application to bring the San Francisco Junior Giants Program here to Hoopa was also successful. Unfortunately, not enough people signed up for the Junior Giants Program and nobody applied for the job it created to coordinate the League so we ended up losing out on this opportunity. The Giants have informed us that we may have the opportunity again next year however. As for the CTAS Grant we have not heard back on the outcome of our proposal. We expect to be informed any day now as to whether or not our projects for this opportunity will be funded by the Department of Justice. Working with KIDE to apply for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) Grant was a major undertaking but unfortunately this application was not successful. With the transfer of the HIP Program over to the Housing Authority we hope to have more time to spend on Grant Writing in the year ahead.

In closing, I would just like to say that it has been a great honor to serve our Tribe and the Community and I am very appreciative of the opportunity. This is a very exciting time in the history of our Tribe as I am very confident that we are on the right track to achieving our goals. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (530) 625-4211 ext. 125 or (530) 515-0433. You can also stop by the Planning Office.

Thank you,

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