



## HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Chairman Joe Davis

May 2, 2022

Dear Tribal Members,

On behalf of the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council, I would like to invite you to our General Meeting which will be held on Saturday May 14, 2022 starting at 9 AM. The meeting will be held in person at the Tribal Office. For those who are unable to attend in person, you can also take part through Zoom or listen live at KIDE 91.3 FM which can also be heard online at [kidefm.org](http://kidefm.org). Please see the attached information for logging into Zoom.

There will be many updates to share during the meeting. This will include a presentation from Blue Stone Strategy Partners which will outline our efforts working with them to bring in funding available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Federal Infrastructure Bill. We will also be sharing information with regards to: our efforts to re-acquire lands within our aboriginal territories, the construction of a new Human Services Building, groundbreaking for a new Education Center, our efforts to develop an Elder Housing Village, our lawsuit settlement negotiations with the Department of Interior, the development of a Section 17 Corporation, and financial information which can also be accessed through our Tribal Website provided that you register your email address with Tribal Enrollment at (530) 625-4364. From there Tribal Members can be issued a pass code that will allow access to such sensitive information.

There are many other updates we would like to share with you all. We are now doing monthly clean ups of the Valley. This is being done by tribal staff and community volunteers. We also have a new Chief of Police in Rolando Ramos who held a meet and greet at the Tribal Office last month. Chief Ramos will be introducing himself again at the General Meeting and will give an update on the Police Department including our renewed efforts to find justice for our Missing and Murdered Tribal Members. Recent news reports have left out Hoopa Tribal efforts to locate some of our Missing and Murdered. Despite what you may have read, the Tribe has dedicated thousands of dollars in grant and compact funding to assist with these efforts. This is in addition to many hours of hard work that has been put in by our MMIWM Program at Kimaw, Hoopa OES, Tribal Police, and others. It is not about who gets credit for all of these efforts, it's really about the missing and murdered Tribal Members and their families but we do want to give credit to the people from our Tribe who have put in hard work towards helping our missing and murdered and their families. I also want to encourage everyone to attend the Walk of Justice, Honor, and Remembrance to be held in Shasta Lake, CA on Saturday May 7 starting at 9:30 AM where Hoopa Tribal Member Angela McConnell will be remembered as her family continues to seek justice.

Other updates Tribal Members should be aware of include the fact that we recently approved the

purchase of a new water truck. This is a step towards building enough capacity to start going out and getting federal and state contracts. We recently had meetings with representatives from Cal-Trans and the Klamath River Renewal Corporation as well and with the development of our Section 17 Corporation, we are positioning ourselves to obtain more work both on and off the reservation that will bring in revenue for the Tribe and add high paying jobs. Another important update will include the work of our Fiscal Department which has reduced the annual shortfall we have seen with regards to indirect cost. More information will be provided on this matter during the General Meeting. I also wanted to share with Tribal Members that we have been working closely with Cal Poly Humboldt, College of the Redwoods and our local school district to provide input into the development of educational programs at local schools. In partnership with Building Lives by Building Structure a 501c3 non profit, we are developing a tiny home construction course with College of the Redwoods at the Modular Building, developing programs with Cal Poly Humboldt where we have now joined their Food Sovereignty Lab, and are working with KTJUSD to develop a tribal governance course for students at Hoopa Schools.

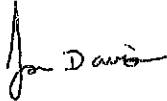
We have also been participating in consultations with Federal and State Agencies. This has given us the opportunity to have a say in how government programs and operations are carried out and has given us insight into new funding opportunities. We have also renewed our efforts to push for the 50,000 acre feet of water due to us ever since the 1955 Act of Congress. We are working with our 5<sup>th</sup> District Representative Steve Madrone who we recently endorsed for re-election for the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on this important issue and we'll have more updates for you on this in the near future.

Other important work has included collaboration with the Arcata Economic Development Corporation for the restoration of our status as a CDFI for Hoopa Development Fund, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians ( ATNI) on a program to further small business loan opportunities for Tribal Members, renewed efforts by our Tribal Education Department and other stakeholders to develop a language teacher's credential program, Mental Health collaboration meetings with Humboldt County DHHS, Youth Services collaboration meetings, Trauma Informed Care regular meetings, and the reintroduction of our drought task force which will also be taking the lead on the Tribe's efforts to address climate change.

Finally, we have been working collaboratively with the Yurok Tribe to push the Federal Government to take actions that will promote colder and higher quality water being released from the dams this summer and fall. We'll be participating in a Government to Government consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation and others on May 9 to further these efforts to protect our fish runs and the entire ecosystem. The Tribe has also been working on a new Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), consulting with the Humboldt County Roads Division to improve local roads, increasing the amount of cultural burns and other fire prevention work, developing valley wide camera systems that will increase security and hopefully reduce property crimes and we are working to engage more closely with State leaders including a meeting coming up with State Sen. McGuire and representatives from Governor Newsome's Office. The Hoopa Valley Tribe has also been staying active with regards to litigation against big pharmacy opioid dealers and will be in the forefront when these class action lawsuits wrap up.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone, who is able, to look towards growing and preserving your own food. We have been working with the USDA and hope to bring in grant funding that will help boost our local irrigation systems and provide start up funds for those who would like to get into agricultural production. In the meantime, it will be important for our people to start planning for the future in these uncertain times especially with inflation, climate change, and the drought being what they are. It is our goal to make sure the Tribe can support these efforts to the greatest extent possible going forward. If you have ideas on how we can best support this work, please feel free to share them at the general meeting or email me at [HoopaChairman@gmail.com](mailto:HoopaChairman@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joe Davis  
Chairman  
Hoopa Valley Tribe

HVTC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Hoopa Valley Tribe General Meeting

Time: May 14, 2022 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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### Agenda

9AM Chairman's Update

9:30AM Financial Update ( Fiscal)

10 AM COO Update and Blue Stone Presentation

11 AM Departmental Updates

12 PM Lunch

1 PM Open Discussion/Member Input

3 PM Adjournment