

## First Election Notice

# Bear River Bulletin

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January/February 2016

### NOTIFICATION OF REGULAR TRIBAL ELECTION ON MARCH 26, 2016 AS SPECIFIED IN THE ELECTION ORDINANCE OF THE BEAR RIVER BAND OF THE ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA

**TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS:** The regular Tribal Council Election will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2016. The First Notice mailing will be sent to all eligible voters early in February. It will include the First Notice of the Election, an Intent to Run Form, a Request for an Absentee (Mail-In) Ballot, and a stamped envelope addressed to the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Election Service Post Office Box 3806. You may request an absentee (mail-in) ballot if you will not be able to vote in person on **Saturday, March 26, 2016 from 8 AM to 4 PM.**

The mailing will also include notification of your status as a Permanent Absentee Voter if you have completed that paperwork, instead of a Request for an Absentee (Mail-In) Ballot.

**If you wish to run for a position you must submit an Intent to Run Form that will be in the packet you receive. Just writing a letter or an email will not be sufficient.**

#### **THE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION ARE:**

**CHAIRPERSON:** 4 year term to March 2020

**TREASURER:** 4 year term to March 2020

**ONE (1) MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** 4 year term to March 2020

**THREE POSITIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CBDO) - 2 year term to March 2018.**

The Tribal Council has defined two proposed referendums for the March 2016 election. They are:

- 1. To amend the Constitution to allow currently enrolled adopted members the right to vote and hold office.**
- 2. To amend the Constitution to place a permanent enrollment moratorium, only to individuals that are 18 and older that apply for membership. Minors that are 17 years of age and younger and newborns will still be able to enroll in Bear River should enrollment criteria be met.**

Constitutional Amendments require that at least 45% of the eligible voters take part in the election, with a majority of those voting in favor of the amendment for it to pass.

Election conducted by:  
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELECTION SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 3806, EUREKA, CA 95502 (707)444-9252



## Economic Development

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2016

TISHNON COMMUNITY CENTER

5:00 - 6:00 PM

#### Agenda

- 1) Economic Development Report for 4th QTR 2015
- 2) Update ON Current Investments
- 3) Open Session
  - **ADJOURN**

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, 2016**

Dakota McGinnis Jr.

Economic Development Director

## Employment

**Looking for Employment? Bear River Casino Hotel and Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria is currently hiring for the following positions:**

- Benefits Administrator
- Bonus Pit Dealer
- Cocktail Server
- Daycare Teacher
- Experienced Table Games Dealer
- Facilities Carpet Specialist
- Guest Room Attendant
- Human Resources Assistant
- ICWA Advocate/ Clinical Care Coordinator
- Marketing Coordinator
- Night Auditor
- Outside Maintenance
- Player Development Host
- Porter
- Security Officer
- Social Services Director
- Soft Count Team Member
- Surveillance Manager II
- Surveillance Officer
- Temporary Transportation Driver
- Tish-Non Receptionist
- TNCC Security Officer
- Transportation Driver

**How to apply? Check out our website or stop by the Human Resources Department**  
<https://www.vscyberhosting2.com/bearriver/>



## New Employee

Dear friends and colleagues, allow me to introduce myself, my name is Trista Clark. I have recently started working in the higher education department as Aileen Meyer's assistant and I am still working in the daycare. I am en-

rolled in college and I am in my third year. I am very close to getting my BA in early childhood development. I am the daughter of Sheila Moon. I have a six year old daughter and we live on the reservation. I am so happy to be working for Bear River and

with so many other tribal members. I look forward to growing and learning with all of you.

## Social Services Department

The Bear River Social Services Department has been busy at work advocating in order to ensure that Bear River children are receiving appropriate education services that meet their individual needs. Bear River's Educational Advocacy Initiative entails collaborating with attorneys to support individual students, as well as addressing systemic issues present in some of our local schools. We want to hear from more of the tribal community about your student's experiences at local schools. Do you notice that your child is having difficulties learning at school? Do you feel like your school is not supporting you or addressing your concerns?

Come join us to learn what your rights are and how to make the school listen. Ruderman Knox, LLP in collaboration with California Indian Legal Services (CILS) is presenting an "Understanding Your Child's Individual Education Program" workshop. The presentation will teach parents, students, community members, tribal social workers and staff how to advocate for students before, during, and after school meetings.

Attendance is free and the meeting will be held at Bear River after the upcoming General Council Meeting on January 23, 2016.

Please call Barry Brenard at (707) 601-9794 or Shaylyne Masten at (707) 599-7346 for more information. We look forward to seeing many parents at this presentation!

## Social Services

### Barry Brenard-Socio/Culture

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(707) 601-9794 | barrybrenard@brb-nsn.gov

January 5, 2016

Dear Tribal Members:

Exciting news for the new year to come and a little old news from last year,

I have been spearheading a cultural reunification project for the tribal grounds here at Bear River. On Sept. 18, 2015 we now have a sweat lodge that is running sweats for the spiritual guidance and comfort of tribal members. It is located on tribal property and have scheduled sweats as weather permits. Edward "Gusto" Bowie is the lead on this project and has been clean and sober for 3 years now and has shown that he is committed to this new lifestyle in developing into productive tribal member with a good heart. His contact number is (707) 499-3238 call for information on times and dates for sweats. Now the tribe can get their spiritual on.....

Also this coming year we will have our own dance pit and cultural community grounds here on site with a barbecue pit and feeding area, thanks to Edwin Smith and John McGinnis for their commitment to seeing this project getting up and going, also the Tribal Council for seeing the need for this to happen. We have awhile yet to go on this project but hope to complete by August in time for our next California Indian days in Sept.

Our annual California Indian days celebration went on this last year with some new staff members doing their part. The induction of the basketball tournament two years ago, has been a very popular addition to the event Shaylyne Masten did a fine job in coordination the tourney in place of Teresa McGinnis who was away on maternity leave (she had a boy).

In Traditional times winter was the season in which, as with the animals, we would slow down our existence to manifest a sense of compilation (like the bear hibernating), where we would learn new songs or practice the old ones and thus bring that spiritual energy within the protocols, traditions and values that we as people had.

Now days we can do the same for our community in a way that is fitting for our social structure of today, such as using the traditional values and beliefs in a contemporary manner. Such as storytelling, reading to the children, teaching them to cooperate rather than compete with each other and listening to them about their life as a young person. Video games and TV are tools that can be used for both positive and negative but communicating with our families when we are at home and are at peace is what traditionally we did as people. Then we would bring this way of living to the community when we would gather for events and the experience would be harmonious and balanced. These are things that bring blessings from the Creator and make our ancestors proud to have been part of that teaching while in this world.

We are getting healthier each passing day and our spiritual connection is getting stronger and stronger with each prayer and song that we sing. We are Bear River.....

Sincerely, Barry Brenard  
Socio/Cultural Specialist

## Social Services

The winter break activities were a great success! Our youth and some parents worked together during the first week making Christmas gifts for their families. On the first day, the youth decorated beautiful stockings that were then filled with gifts from the Bear River Tribe. We also spent a day watching Christmas movies on the “big screen” during our pajama party where Primitivo Ruiz won the “Best Pajama” contest! A big **THANK YOU** shout out to the Tish Non maintenance department for making the big screen a possibility and making

it a day to remember! At the end of the first week, youth got to create amazing candle holders to give to someone special on Christmas. During the second week, our youth under the age of 13 were able to meet with the Humboldt State University Social Work Intern, Desiree, to do arts and crafts. The older youth were welcomed to attend a job readiness class put on by Brenda Bowie. Our youth were able to build their resume’, learned interviewing skills, and began to figure out some career goals. A big **THANK YOU** to all the youth who attended! Your

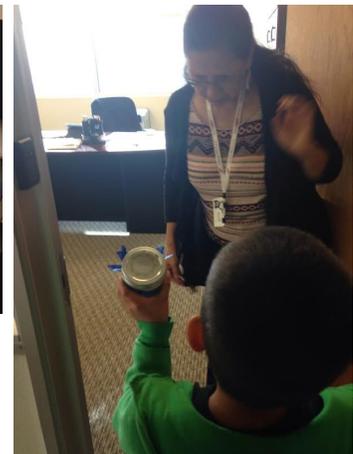
presence at the Tish Non Community Center can really make someone’s day!!! Also, we want thank Barry Brenard for his ongoing support and help with youth projects and to Bear River Tribal Council for sponsoring the Winter Break Activities!



Movie Day



Stockings



Giving Gift to his special person

# Social Services Program Coordinator Department

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**Happy New Year 2016!** We hope you all had a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and holiday season and this New Year brings many great blessings to you and your family.

We want to thank all families and tribal members for your patience and understanding while processing the Bear River Service Requests Forms received throughout 2015. It was a blessing to us to have helped our tribal members and families one more year at Bear River Band. We would like to provide a brief overview of what our year (2015) looked like:

This past year we were able to serve a total of approximately 410 Tribal Members numerous times throughout the year. Every month our program served approximately 35 Tribal members and processed approximately 75 Service Request Applications. Additionally, we addressed and served numerous tribal members with emergency family needs in the last year!

Despite some issues that were out of our control this last Thanksgiving and Christmas, Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria and Northern California Indian Development Council provided over 275 low-income tribal elders and families with holiday food assistance to help reduce barriers to family stability and strengthen family supportive environments.

I would like to remind everyone that February is quickly approaching and it is that time of the year again to submit Service Request Form Applications for School Clothing assistance! If you are eligible and would like to apply for your children's clothing benefits, please make sure to submit your application fully completed with a current phone number/contact information so we can reach you if needed. Due to the high number of applicants we receive, we have started to accept the school clothing Service Request Applications now; however, benefits will not be disbursed or received until mid-February 2016. To help facilitate the process we have enclosed a Service Request Form, for additional processing information refer to page 2 of the application and the Clothing Policy.

Our goal is to make the process of delivering services to tribal members and their families as easy as possible, within the confines of the Bear River Band Policies and Procedure set by Tribal Council.

We are open to feedback about how we can facilitate this process in order to better serve you as a tribal member.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Varelas and Shania Brissette

Social Services Program Coordinator/ Assistant



**All Service Request Form Applications and Required Documents must be submitted to:**

Elizabeth Varelas- Social Services Program Coordinator or

Shania Brissette-Social Services Program Coordinator Assistant

**Phone:** (707)733-1900 ext. 209

**Fax:** (707) 733-1923

**Email:** elizabethvarelas@brb-nsn.gov  
shaniabrisette@brb-nsn.gov

**Mailing Address:** 266 Keisner Road  
Loleta, CA. 95551-9707



**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**  
266 KEISNER RD LOLETA, CA 95551-9707 PHONE 707-733-1900 FAX 707-733-7972

**Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria  
Service Request Form**

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Supportive Service Requested:**

- LIHEAP-Supplemental Funds-6100-055
- Christmas Food Box/Card- 6420-055
- Elders Clothing - 6240-055
- Work Clothing- 6240-055
- Infant Clothing- 6240-055
- Household Assistance- 6260-055
- Elder Assistance (Barry approval)069
- Utility Assistance (Loan)-1280
- Elder Utility Assistance- 6100-069
- Thanksgiving Food Box -6420-055
- School Clothing-6240-055
- Back to School Backpacks-6110-055
- Youth Work Clothing- 6240-055
- Dental Assistance 6250-055: **Adult Minor**
- Food Care Assistance (Loan)-1280
- Sports & Recreation- 6940-055 \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my food assistance will be applied as a loan to me; \_\_\_\_\_

Please write any additional information we might need to process your request:

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Child Information (If the Child is the Beneficiary)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment#: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit All Signed Applications in person to Elizabeth Varelas, Social Services Assistant or as a scan via email to [elizabethvarelas@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabethvarelas@brb-nsn.gov) or as a via fax to (707) 733-1723 or as via regular US Postal Service Mail to the Bear River Social Services Department in the Tish Non Community Center at 266 Keisner Road Loleta, CA 95551-9707.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS ACCURATE AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I further acknowledge that this information is subject to verification and that falsification of such information shall be grounds for my termination from any program in which I am participating or eligible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian or Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Services Program Coordinator Signature

Program Coordinator Use Only

In compliance: Y\_\_N\_\_      W-9 on file (if applicable): Y\_\_N\_\_      Verification complete: Y\_\_N\_\_

Payment to type: SSDC: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor/Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**  
266 KEISNER RD LOLETA, CA 95551-9707 PHONE 707-733-1900 FAX 707-733-7972



## **BEAR RIVER SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE POLICY**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes the financial needs of parents with children in school.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

Children are children between the ages of five (5) and eighteen (18) for the purposes of this policy. Children attending preschool age (5) and under are eligible for clothing assistance under the Pre-School Clothing Assistance Policy and are not eligible under this policy.

### **III. LIMITS**

An eligible minor Tribal Member going to school may receive preschool clothing assistance in the amount of \$400.00 per twelve (12) months. The benefit must be distributed in bi-annual installments with a maximum per installment of \$200.00. An eligible Tribal Minor may receive school clothing assistance twice per year.

### **IV. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Minor student must be an enrolled member of the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. Only the parent or legal guardian may apply for the assistance on behalf of the eligible preschool student.

A parent or legal guardian must provide receipts to demonstrate expenditures for clothes children within thirty (30) days of distribution of a benefit installment.

### **V. DEFAULTS**

A parent that fails to provide receipts to demonstrate proper use of a benefit installment will have to repay the funds advanced back to Bear River and may have future per capita distributions deducted to cover the benefit amount received not supported by receipts and will only be eligible on a going forward basis for

Bear River Band  
School Clothing Assistance  
Effective: August 4, 2014

reimbursement for school clothing assistance. The reimbursement suspension period is twelve (12) months.

William Sand 8-18-14  
William Sand, Tribal Chairman Date

Dakota McGinnis  
Dakota McGinnis, Vice-Chair Date

Brenda Bowie 8-18-14  
Brenda Bowie, Treasurer Date

Aileen Meyer 8-18-14  
Aileen Meyer, Secretary Date

John McGinnis  
John McGinnis, Member at Large

Barry Brenard  
Barry Brenard, Member at Large

Edwin Smith  
Edwin Smith, Member at Large

## Housing

### BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA

266 KEISNER RD LOLETA, CA 95551 PHONE 707-733-1900 FAX 707-733-1723



January 6, 2016

Tribal Member

Ref: Tish Non Homeownership Housing Application

The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria is applying for FY2016 Indian Community Development Block Grant funding and we also have one vacant FY2013 HUD home to be awarded this year. If you are 18 years old or older, don't own your home, haven't been previously assisted with down payment assistance or previously been given a HUD home, please submit a current Homeownership Housing Application if you would like to be considered for these opportunity. These HUD homes do have income eligibility limitations but, if you submit the application, I'll provide a letter if you appear over income based on the estimated income you provide.

We require current applications from all Tribal families that would like to be considered in the rating/ranking described in our Housing Policy. Complete the enclosed application and return to my attention at your earliest convenience if you want to be considered for the homes under rehab this year. You must have a current application (submitted within prior twelve months) to be considered. I have many names that have submitted applications in past years. You must provide an updated application to be considered.

Be sure to include all forms of income shown on the list including all public assistance and Tribal per capita. You don't need to send income verification copies at this time – these will be requested from the highest preliminarily rated/ranked applicants when needed.

Be aware that all applicants are also subject to the screening criteria in the Tish Non Village Housing Policy.

This is a tremendous opportunity – the HUD homeownership housing doesn't require mortgage payments, only a nominal monthly homeowner's fee. You need only be income eligible on admission and can have higher (over) income later. Please submit an application and encourage other Tribal members to submit applications as well.

If you have any questions call 707-733-1900 Ext. 231.

Respectfully,

  
Charmin Bailey  
Housing Director

## Housing

# HOUSING REPORT

**Tish Non Multi-Family Element:** Housing Department has submitted an application for ICDBG FY 2015 grant on October 13, 2015. We did pass the (Program/Project-Specific) Threshold Requirements and awaiting for the scoring results. The planned project is to begin development Tish Non Village Apartments Phase I on existing infrastructure development (end of Bowie Road) was funded principally by HUD Rural Innovation Fund grant of \$300,000. Tish Non Village Apartments will be developed in two phases with the support of the ICDBG Grant FY 2015 and 2016 if awarded. These 16 units; 4 buildings will be located at the end of Bowie Road. They will be, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, low income, and energy efficient units complete with all appliances.

This project will be carried out and administered through the Bear River Development Commission, a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO). The proposed project has been identified by CBDO, the Tribal Community and Tribal Leaders to be a priority with the aim of reducing the number of families that are access impaired, homeless, overcrowded, and that have multiple families sharing a single home

**Basayo Village Court:** Vacant units are available and Tribal members are encouraged to apply. Over income families can now apply. Remember we are also accepting Priority 2 applicants (non-Tribal parents of Tribal children) and Priority 3 applicants (other Native American Indian), but these will only be served after all Priority 1 (Tribal head of household) applications are placed in units.

**Off Site Rentals:** Now Accepting Applications for one- 3 Bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage Home. This Rustic Home is located close to Bear River Casino and amenities. For further information contact Housing Department (707) 733-1900 Ext. 231 or 228.

**Charmin Bailey, Housing Director**



# Housing

## Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tish Non Village Housing Application

**NOTE:** A separate form is to be completed for each individual family (including single individuals who are over 18 years of age). For the purposes of this survey, a "family" will consist of a single adult, a single adult and associated dependents, or adult partners and associated dependants. Dependants listed on the application must be biological lineal descendants or be assigned legal custody through a court of law to the adults listed on the form. Do not include in the family composition minor children of the household adults who are in the custody of someone else.

**Identification Information:** Please identify the Tribal Member Head of Household (applicant) in this section.

Name (Head of Household) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Mailing) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ / Country \_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  This is a Message Phone /  No Phone

**Income:** Provide the combined annual income for all members of your immediate family - \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund distributions for every family member must be included. Also all forms of public assistance including food stamps. Income information will be verified prior to final admissions to the Homeownership Housing or Assisted Living Programs. **Income data must be provided for your application to be accepted and rated/ranked.**

Provide indicate all sources contributing to family income:

- Employment
- Unemployment Insurance
- Welfare - Transitional Assistance
- TANF / AFDC or related program
- General Assistance
- Social Security
- Foster Care Funding
- No Income Source
- S.S.I. (Supplemental)
- Retirement, Pensions, Survivor
- Veterans / Other Government Ret.
- Tribal Per-Capita Payments
- Interest, Dividends, Estate, Trust
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Handicap / Disability:** Complete this section for all family members included in the family composition having a permanent disability and receiving State or Federal assistance as a result of the condition. You will be required to show proof of permanent disability evidenced by governmental agency determination.

- Head: Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_\_\_\_] Details \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse/Partner: Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_\_\_\_] Details \_\_\_\_\_
- Child: Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_\_\_\_] Details \_\_\_\_\_
- Child: Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_\_\_\_] Details \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_\_\_\_] Details \_\_\_\_\_

### Housing

**Family Composition:** Complete this section for all immediate family members including yourself and domestic partners. For Native Americans or Alaskan/Canadian Natives, identify their specific tribal affiliation as well as their blood/culture affiliation. Example: Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria (BRBRR) / Wiyot.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Country/Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male  Female   
 \* Head  Spouse  Dependant Child  Custodial Child  Non-Married Partner  Other   
 \* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Cultural/Blood Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_/  
 \* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled  Tribal Roll Num. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Veteran  Currently Enlisted   
 \* Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this section for children of participating families that are in the custody of others. Do not include children who are in the custody of others in the "family composition" section of this survey form or your application will be screened for false information:

Number of children  Names \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

# Housing

**Employment Situation:**

	Head	Spouse/Partner
Full-time Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Part-time Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seasonally Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ( _____ )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Occupancy Status:**

Complete this section based on your present occupancy status - *Owner, Renter or Non-Owner/Non-Renter*

Own or Buying the Dwelling You Reside In (ownership disqualifies you from HUD assisted Tish Non home):

Renting the Dwelling You Reside In:

Monthly Rent Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dwelling Type:  House,  Apartment,  Mobile,  Other

Complete this section if rent payment exceeds 30%/50% of family monthly income  over 30% /  over 50%

If this rental unit is publically subsidized, indicate here:

Basayo Village  Other Public Housing Authority  Section 8 subsidized

Neither Own nor Rent (Do not have a current residence - Homeless):

Living with extended family  Living in available shelter  Not living in residence

Present "Non-Owner/Non-Renter" Circumstances: Provide a description of circumstances (Example-"Living with Parents in a single-wide trailer, overcrowded and dilapidated")

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

If a non-owner/non-renter, please list the general reason:

Unemployed,  Under-employed and unable to afford home purchase or independent quarters  
Student  full time /  Part time,  Institutionalized,  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Overcrowding:** Note: Overcrowding is defined as two or more family units living in a single residential unit. A family unit is defined as: Individual adults (over 18) or adult cohabitants and their dependants. Note that multiple "family units" may reside at one residence. Example: *A grandmother living with her daughter, son-in-law and 12 year old grandson, In this example, two "family units" are residing in one dwelling.*

Is this dwelling "overcrowded"  Yes /  No (See "Definition of Overcrowding above")  
Are there multiple "family units" living in this dwelling?  Yes /  No How many family units? \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification:**

Signature of Tribal Member Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/201\_\_  
Tribal Member Signature required

**Housing**

**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**

266 KEISNER RD LOLETA, CA 95551 PHONE 707-733-1900 FAX 707-733-1723



**Note:** Each Applicant over the age of 18 must complete their own application form. Prior to placement in a unit or receipt of services, the Housing Department shall conduct a thorough screening process of each adult applicant to determine suitability for admission.

**Property(s) of Interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Head of Household): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Income:** Provide the combined income for all members of your household \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund distributions and all forms of public assistance including food stamps. Income information will be verified prior to final admissions to rental housing.

**Provide indicate all sources contributing to family income:**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment                        | <input type="checkbox"/> S.S.I. (Supplemental)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Insurance            | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement, Pensions, Survivor     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare - Transitional Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans / Other Government Ret.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TANF / AFDC or related program    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Assistance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Per-Capita Payments         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Interest, Dividends, Estate, Trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care Funding               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Income Source                  |   |

**Applicant:**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Applicant:**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Gross Monthly Income: \_\_\_\_\_

### Housing

**Family Composition:.** You will be required to provide copy of social security cards, photo ID, and tribal ID cards or verification.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

\* Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Tribally Enrolled-This Tribe  / Other Tribe  / Not-Tribally Enrolled

\* Veteran  Currently Enlisted  Disabled  Handicap.  Percentage [%\_\_]

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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5. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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7. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Head  Spouse  Dependent Child  Custodial Child  Other

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# Housing

Complete this section based on your present occupancy status -

Applicant:

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_ 30-Day Given? Yes  No  Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_ 30-Day Given? Yes  No  Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant:

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_ 30-Day Given? Yes  No  Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord: \_\_\_\_\_ Landlord Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_ 30-Day Given? Yes  No  Reason for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Questions:

NO  YES Pets? List type, weight, breed, and age of each pet \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Do you have a water bed, aquarium or other liquid? \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Does anyone in the house smoke? Outside?  NO  YES Inside? \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Auto(s): Make, Model, Year, Color, License # \_\_\_\_\_

### Eviction History:

NO  YES Have you ever been served an Unlawful Detainer? \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Have you ever been served with a notice to move or 3-day notice? \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

NO  YES Auto(s): Make, Model, Year, Color, License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification: I/We certify that the information above is correct and authorize Bear River Housing Department to verify it by obtaining landlord verification, employment verification, background screening, credit report, public report and other such information as deemed reasonable.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/201\_\_

Signature of Co-Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/201\_\_

## Community Garden



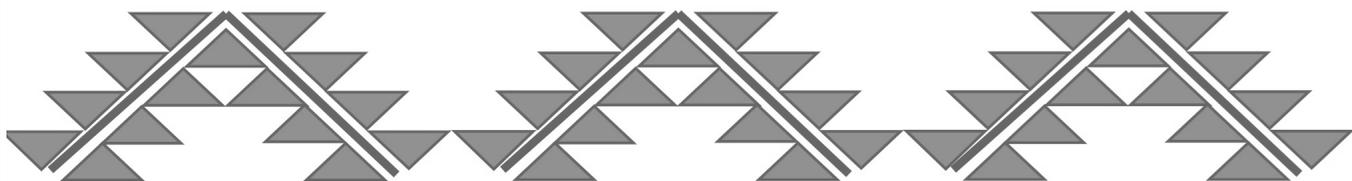
### Native Plants and Traditional Foods Garden

With the help of *Lost Foods* we are planning and designing a California Native Food Garden in 2016 it will be next to the new fence (house side) on Brenard Rd and across the street from Tobacco Traders. In addition to edible native plants, the garden will also include native plants with a variety of traditional cultural uses, such as basket making materials and medicinal plants. This Garden will have a trail so that people can take walks through the garden pick some food and enjoy it. The trail will also provide a safer route for people to walk to the gas station, Tobacco/Coffee Shop, Community Center and Casino. Our plan is to create interpretive signs to post around the trail to provide information on the plants and the traditional uses. Hopefully we will be able to place benches and trash/recycling receptacles around the trail to prevent littering. We only ask for people to be polite and responsible of their trash and dispose of them in the correct receptacle.

We are very excited to be working with *Lost Foods* on this project, “a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring native plant diversity and abundance and reintroducing native plants and native foods to create a sustainable society.” If you want to read more about their organization check out their website at <http://lostfoods.org/>.

### Tribal Garden

We planted lettuce, spinach, cabbage, broccoli, chard and kale in August for the Fall/Winter garden, but unfortunately deer and birds came and ate them to the ground, so no Fall/Winter harvest in 2015. Needless to say we began to prepare for 2016 immediately by planting a raised bed of garlic, herbs and planted a few raised beds with a cover crop. A cover crop (aka: green manure) protects the soil from rain and wind, choke out weeds and add nitrogen and organic matter back into the soil. Green manure and compost (aka: organic matter) will enrich the soil keeping it happy and healthy. Soon we'll be building mini hoop house over the raised beds and adding deer fencing to prevent the deer and birds from destroying our upcoming crop. We have already expanded the size of the garden, nearly doubling the number of raised beds that we had last season. With this expansion our 2016 garden will be big enough that we'll be starting a small Farmer's Market!



## Community Garden

### Farmers Market

Erika Cooper and I (Murina Pepetone) are in the process of creating a Farmer's Market and we are accepting applications for people who are interested in being a vendor. The cost is \$50.00 for the Season or you could pay \$5.00 a week. The Farmer's Market will be held every Thursday 3pm- 5pm from June –September.

#### Vendor products consist of:

1. Agricultural Products (fruits, vegetables, eggs, honey, plants, NO resale and only homegrown)
2. Prepared foods/ Concession (Indian Tacos, lemonade, hotdogs, barbeque, etc.)
3. Arts and Crafts (Paintings, Jewelry, Carvings, etc. all items must be handmade and NO resale/ yard sale items are allowed)

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, have questions, or additional input and ideas please feel free to call me at (707)733-1900 ext. 414 or email me at [murinapepetone@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:murinapepetone@brb-nsn.gov)

Thanks for reading,

Murina Pepetone  
Tribal Garden Coordinator

## ENR Department

The Environmental and Natural Resources Department still offers free Electronic Waste recycling. Feel free to drop off your e-waste at the ENR department on the pallets next to the big storage containers, if you would like your e-waste picked up you may call Kayla San Filippo (707) 733-1900 x119 or Delanie Farnham (707) 733-1900 x165. Please no refrigerators unless the Freon has been removed. If you have any questions about what exactly qualifies as e-waste, please call!

Pet vouchers for vaccination and spay & neuter are still available as well.

These vouchers can be used at Riverwalk Veterinary or Ferndale & Fortuna Veterinary. Please call Kayla San Filippo at the above listed number for questions or stop by the ENR office to pick one up.

**Community Emergency Preparedness Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13th, 2016  
4:00 p.m. Tish Non Community Center**

## ENR Department

We received over 14 inches of rainfall in the month of December alone, due to this recent precipitation all of our wetland locations have sufficient amounts of water to take weekly samples. These samples are collected as part of Section 106 of the Clean Water Act to monitor the level of contaminants and quality of the water on tribal land. We are also working on a Tribal Watershed Based Plan to protect unimpaired waters and restore nonpoint source impaired waters within the Rancheria's trust land boundaries. This project encompasses three streams and several acres of riparian woodland and wetlands that are tributaries to the lower Eel River, these areas will be monitored and sampled in order to reduce contaminants to acceptable levels.

What is El Niño?

El Niño is a climate pattern that describes the unusual warming of surface waters in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean. El Niño is the "warm phase" of a larger phenomenon called the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO). La Niña, the "cool phase" of ENSO, is a pattern that describes the unusual cooling

of the region's surface waters. El Niño and La Niña are considered the ocean part of ENSO, while the Southern Oscillation is the atmospheric changes. El Niño has an impact on ocean temperatures, the speed and strength of ocean currents, the health of coastal fisheries, and local weather from Australia to South America and beyond. El Niño events occur irregularly at two- to seven-year intervals. However, El Niño is not a regular cycle, or predictable in the sense that ocean tides are (Source: NOAA & National Geographic). Northern California is expected to experience a warmer and wetter than average winter season.

Predicted national precipitation and temperature outlook for this winter is depicted below:

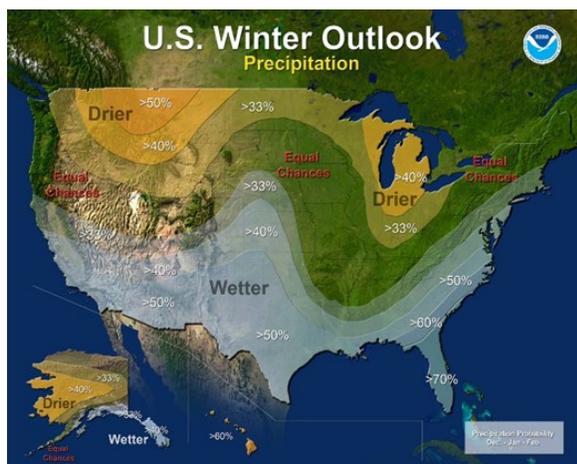


Figure 1: Precipitation - U.S. Winter Outlook: 2015-2016  
(Credit: NOAA)

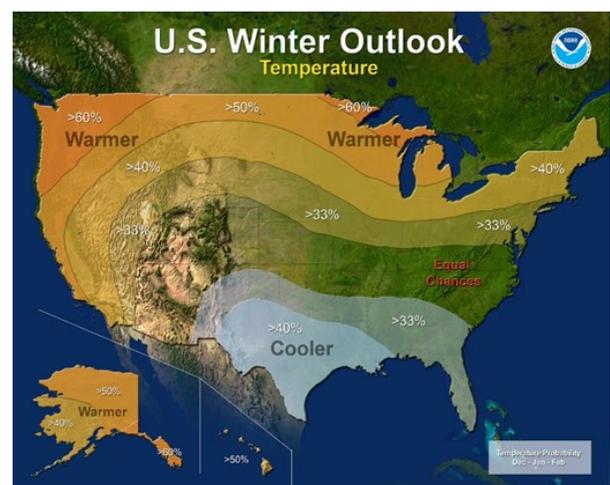


Figure 2: Temperature - U.S. Winter Outlook: 2015-2016  
(Credit: NOAA)

## ENR Department

### Climate Change

It is the issue that we have all heard of, but set aside because our immediate struggles are of more importance to us. Our brains are wired to ignore long term problems, which makes sense considering for much of humankind's history we have lived in a more natural world, facing immediate threats from animals, nature, and other people. To think of climate change as a distant problem is a mistake—climate change is currently affecting people worldwide and little is being done to stop its acceleration. The low-impact traditional ecological ways of life of natives throughout the world do not contribute to the excessive greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, yet the ill effects of climate change affect indigenous peoples at a disproportionate rate. From Alaska to the Amazon, indigenous peoples are currently experiencing shifts in the availability of traditional foods and disturbances in traditional ways of life.

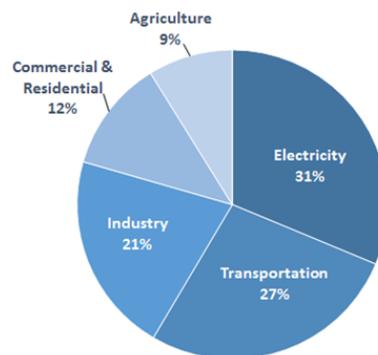
Local effects of climate change may be longer summers, warmer temperatures, sea level rise, in addition to:

- More extreme storm events and more frequent droughts (EPA)
- Food availability will be affected by these weather events (Vermeulen et al.-Annualreviews.org)
- Energy prices and supply may be impacted by changing demand and water availability needed for cooling systems in power plants (EPA)
- Salmon will continue to face environmental threats, especially as warmer temperatures create even more inhospitable rivers (NWF)
- Ocean acidification will continue to occur and harm shelled sea life's ability to survive (NOAA), which in turn will affect the ocean's food web.
- Ticks and mosquitoes are expected to rise in abundance along with warmer temperatures, thus meaning more chances of West Nile Virus or Lyme disease occurring (NRDC)

Globally, climate change will have even more drastic impacts as seen with melting glaciers, increased frequency and severity of extreme weather events, and increased amount of droughts and severity of wild fires.

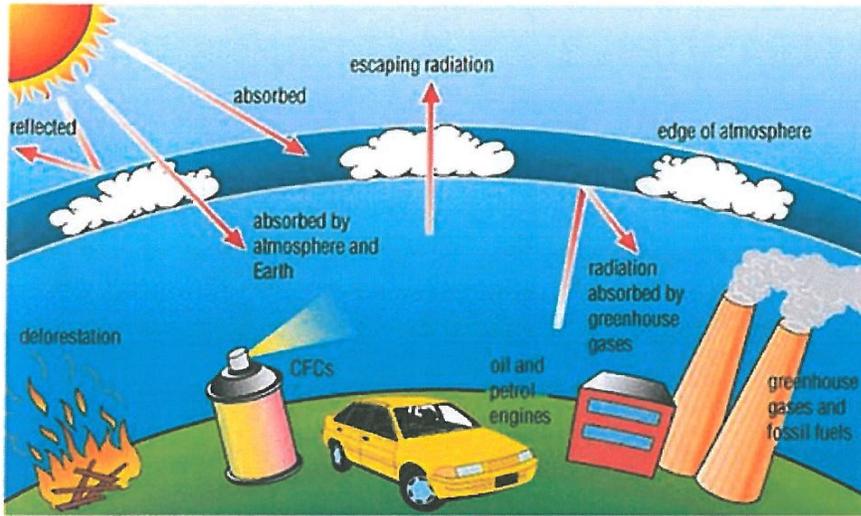
Unfortunately, halting climate change is no easy task; while individual actions may be a great step towards the kind of environmentally conscious future this planet needs, they are not enough to stop the effects of climate change. The majority of changes that need to occur in order to keep the planet at safe CO2 levels need to be undertaken at a higher level of action. The chart below shows the percentage of total US greenhouse gas emissions that each economic sector emits. Much of the electricity generated is created through fossil fuels, as is our transportation methods, industrial production methods, etc. Switching to renewable energy for powering vehicles, electricity, and production needs to occur on a global scale. Most companies are not going to initiate sustainable behavior themselves, which means that climate change must be dealt with through laws and regulations.

**Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Economic Sector in 2013**  
Source: EPA

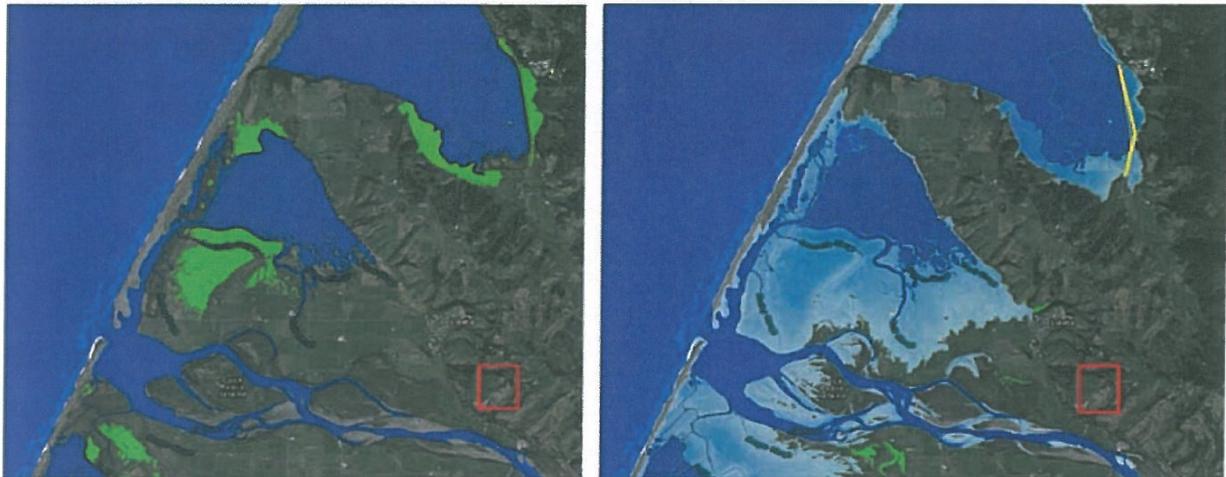


*The Koch brothers (interests in oil industry), have contributed 79 million dollars to climate change denial organizations. (Source: Greenpeace)*  
*ExxonMobil has also been found to have contributed to climate change denial groups as well as congress members who deny climate change. (Source: The Guardian)*

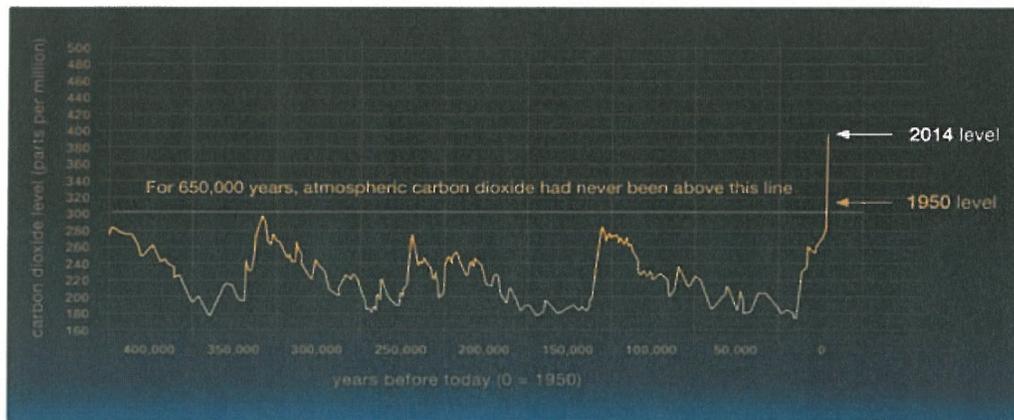
ENR Department



<The picture to the left shows how the greenhouse gas effect works: CFCs, deforestation, oil, and fossil fuels contribute to the changing climate. The greenhouse gas effect is a normal function of the planet, however these pollutants have trapped excess heat in the atmosphere.



The above photos show the sea level as it is now (left), and on the right you can see how it is predicted to cover the area with a 6 ft rise by the year 2100, this is if CO2 emissions continue at the current rate. The red shows the rancheria, roughly.



The above graph shows ice core samples taken from 650,000 years ago to present, only since 1950 has the rate begin to surpass the normal levels.

## Food Service Department

Greetings Tribal Members and Families

The Food Services Program here at Bear River Rancheria would like to announce some new changes to our program for the New Year. Beginning with our newest employee Ricco Donald, he is our new Food Services Program Assistant. WELCOME ABOARD

Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, this program will be eliminating the use of all disposable single serve products to include paper or plastic cups, to go containers etc. If you request a meal to go, after the designated time, you must be able to provide your own portable food container. We will no longer be able to provide you with a disposable one.

Also just a reminder that all meals requested to go will only be distributed after 12:30 PM, providing there is food left over. Elders/Seniors eligible for free lunch will have first request at any leftover meals, and then it will be first come first serve until we are out of lunch. Staff, who are on the clock, but do not have the option to enjoy the congregate meal, may have their lunch to go, if called in and requested to do so by 11 AM that morning. Please keep in mind that you will need to bring your own food container.

Beginning February 2016, we will begin to implement a new Diabetic friendly menu. It is to be our goal to serve healthy, nutritious, yet filling meals to our community and our children. If you have ideas on menu items you would like to see served please do not hesitate to call the number listed below.

For all of our Elders/Seniors receiving frozen meals weekly, beginning the first week of February 2016, it will be time to recertify for this program. Applications will be distributed with your meals in January. This program allows 5 frozen meals, 1 bag of (5) half pint milk cartons, and a bag of fresh fruit and/or vegetables. These meals are distributed weekly on Fridays. If you are already signed up, and wish to continue receiving meals please return new applications by Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Meals will not be distributed after that date if new application has not been received.

The Food Services Program is currently transitioning into a new after school snack program offered through the California Dept. of Education. After school snacks to ALL school aged children will still be provided between the hours of 3PM-4PM Monday- Friday excluding Tribal Holidays.

Through this new program there are some new changes, and they are as follows:

1. All snacks provided must be consumed on site in dining area. Children will be monitored to ensure that no food is leaving the facility.
2. Snacks will only be provided between the hours listed above (No Exceptions)
3. No snacks will be provided on days where children are not in school.

## Food Service Department

Beginning Mid January we will once again be starting our Bear Cub Program, providing kid friendly food items to children who are signed up. These bags will be distributed weekly on Fridays between the hours of 3PM and 4PM. Parents must fill out application and return prior to receiving the food bags. Please keep in mind that if you are already signed up through a similar program through your child's school, you will be asked to choose just one program to participate in.

We look forward to our continuing work within our community, and we welcome any and all ideas. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by at your convenience.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,  
Josefina Rivera  
Food Services Supervisor  
(707)733-1900 EXT. 189

## Job Readiness Department

### Job Readiness Class for Youth

A Job Readiness class for the youth was held December 29-31, 2015. Seven students completed the course. The students learned about the different aspects of job readiness. Each student left with a completed resume. One of the class assignments was to pick a career. Then they had to research the education required of this job; skills required of this job; typical pay that represents this job; where is this job available; If retirement part of career package – how long will you need to work to be able to retire from this field; why would this be a good career choice for someone; what are the downsides of having this type of job. The student had to give a presentation on their career of choice. The class covered the reasons why people work; pre-job search checklist; appropriate dress for work and interviews; resume creation; and the students filled out a “Your DREAMS Your GOALS” worksheet to talk about their future. We had discussion on job attitudes and the fact that very soon they will be adults and they are going to be **READY TO GO TO WORK.**



## Culture Department

# Bear River Culture Departments

Past Year of Culture Classes & Activities



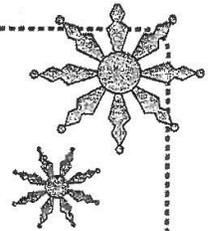
Culture Classes will be held twice a week beginning January 12 2016. A schedule of classes will be available in the Tish-Non Community Center, Bear River Band Library, BRB website and Facebook: (The Bear River Culture Department.)

If you have any suggestions or questions, Contact: Culture Coordinator  
Amanda Benson: (707) 733-1900 ext. 229 or (707) 499-5150 email: [amandabenson@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:amandabenson@brb-nsn.gov)



## Little Bears Daycare

# January News



## This Month's Learning & Activities

This month at Little Bears Daycare our themes are A New Year, Who Am I?, and Hibernation. We will also continue our work with number recognition, alphabet recognition, and writing our names. As the new year begins we will also start another session of our Second Step Program. Flyers will be sent home so that you are able to see your child's progress and work with your child at home.

## Important Dates

January 1, 2016- Closed

## Notes Reminders & Tips

\*Please pack an extra set of clothing for your child each day, including socks, underwear, pants, shirt, and jacket.

\*We do our best to take advantage of all sunny days by spending as much time as we can outside.

\*Remember that your child is allowed to bring a toy or object of their choice to share only on Toy Tuesdays.



## Little Bears Daycare

The staff and myself hope that you all had a fantastic holiday season spent with family and friends. Our holiday parties were a great success this year! We hope that you enjoyed your little ones gifts that they worked so hard on.

If you received a notice about our Healthy Teeth program it is because we do not yet have one on file for you. If you would like your child to participate in our Healthy Teeth program please fill out the form and return to me as soon as you can.

With flu season fast approaching we very much appreciate your cooperation and understanding of our Little Bears Daycare Illness Policies.

### Tribal Christmas

#### Christmas Party 2015

The Annual Tribal Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 19. Santa Claus was there and a great meal was served. The Elders were honored with gifts, Christmas songs were sung and Nancy Burrow presented a very cute puppet show. The theme was Candyland and each table had its share of candy. I had many elf helpers and the party was a great success. Each year we try to improve on the quality of the program and I think this year's program turned out really well. Thank you to the many helpers that helped decorate (the Day Laborers) especially James Bowman, Mark Denman, Valerie Robinson, Dawnetta Carpenter and Logan O'Day. Facilities staff (Niekoma Cantrell, Manny and Brenda Solis) as usual help with the program set up and Celeste Ruiz helped decorate the front entrance of the Community Center.

The Staff members celebrated Christmas with a Christmas Ornament Exchange. There were lots of laughs during lunch time and there was a terrific potluck served. Thanks kitchen staff for your hard work during this event (Josefina and Ricco).

I cannot thank Procurement Staff enough for their hard work purchasing all the gifts and goodies for the party. **Deb Krohn and Aaron McKinney thanks for all your work hard you do for the Tribe.**

Any ideas that you may have that can help improve the community events are appreciated and welcomed.

**Brenda Bowie**  
Events Coordinator



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### Tribal Christmas



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Santa & Vincent Melms  
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Santa , Justin Melms &  
Santas Helper  
Tina Carpenter

Thank you Bear River for the amazing Christmas party! From Charmin Bailey and Family.

### Tribal Christmas



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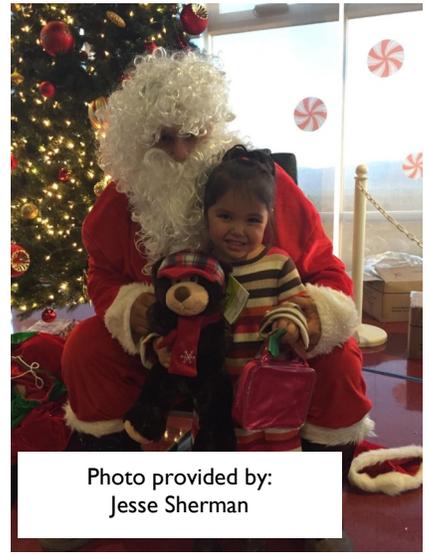


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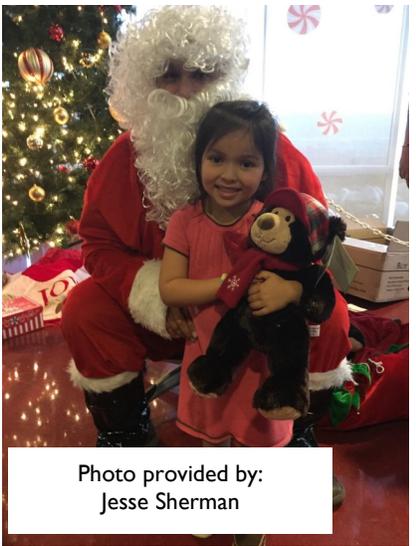


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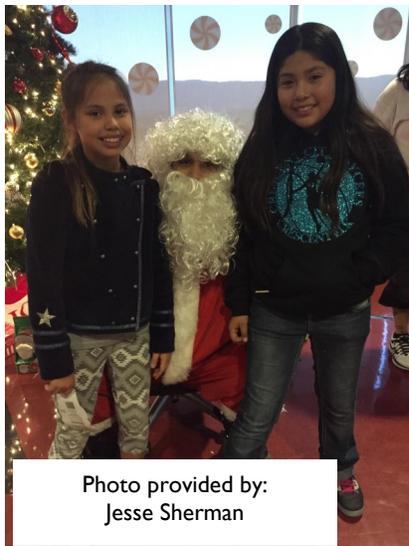


Photo provided by:  
Jesse Sherman



MaTaya Sherman received 4 medals from Toddy Thomas School for A honor roll, Student of the month for November, perfect attendances and basketball.

Photos provided by: Jesse Sherman (Ma Taya Sherman & Cousin Dylan O'Loughlin)

## Tribal Event

### New Year's Eve Party for the Youth

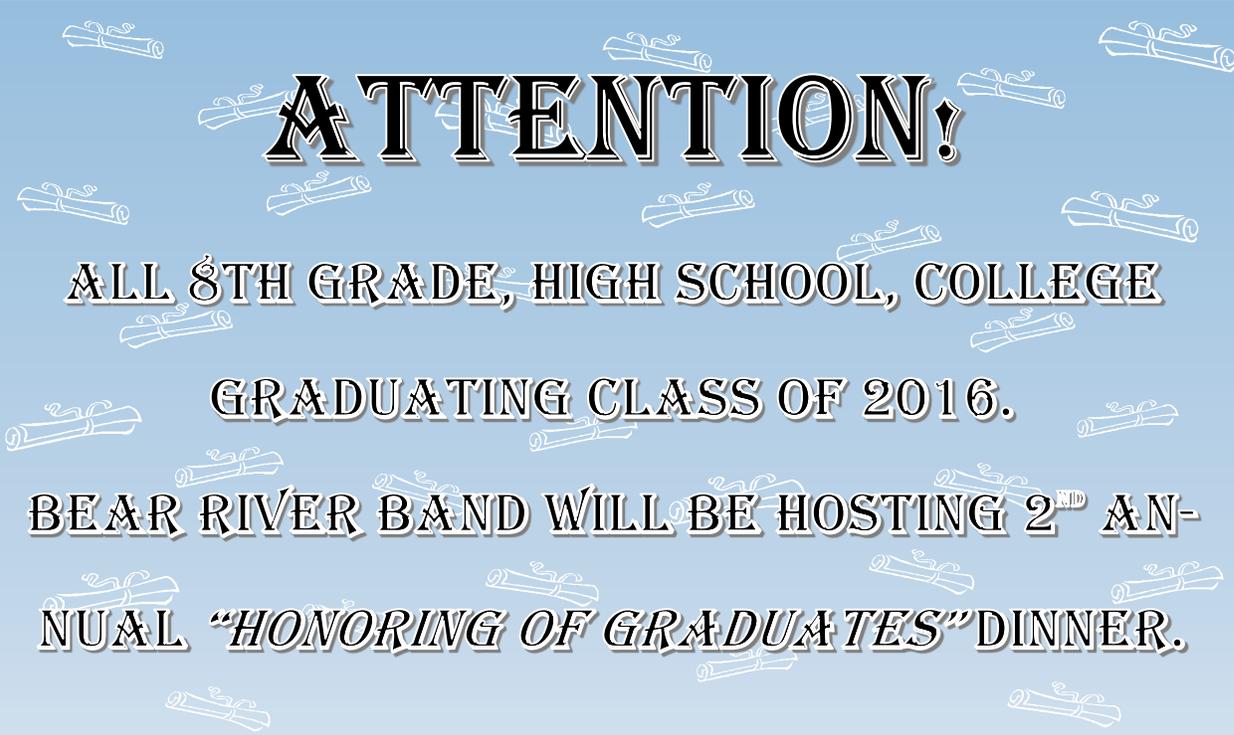
The Tribe sponsored a Safe and Sober party for the youth at the Tish Non Community Center in Loleta. An Elder Bingo event was also held on New Year's Eve. There were lots of party favors and food. Children were entered into a raffle to win a prize and the Elder's played Bingo next door. Thanks to Amanda Benson for cooking Indian Tacos. Also a thank you to Dawnetta Carpenter and Shaylynn Masten for working that evening during the event. I had special helpers Si-noe Johnson Sanchez, Maurico Johnson, Manny Gonzalez and Desiree from Social Services. There were plenty of treats and the party was a lot of fun. I had fun organizing the event and am looking forward to next year's Tribal Events.

Brenda Bowie



All photos provided  
by: Brenda Bowie

Tribal Event

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# ATTENTION!

ALL 8TH GRADE, HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016.

BEAR RIVER BAND WILL BE HOSTING 2<sup>ND</sup> AN-  
NUAL "HONORING OF GRADUATES" DINNER.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS GRADUAT-

ING THIS YEAR PLEASE CONTACT HIGHER

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TRISTA CLARK

(707) 733-1900 EXT. 298

A row of silhouettes of graduates wearing caps and gowns, positioned behind the contact information text.

CLASS OF 2016

## Tribal Member News



**Charles E. Peone, Jr.**

December 15, 2015

Attn: Teresa McGinnis

### **News Article: Nikki Peone Recognized as one of the “40 Under 40” leaders in the State of New Mexico.**

Attached is a news article we discussed for the “40 under 40” program seeks to recognize outstanding young leaders from both the private and public sectors throughout the state.

Parents: Charles (tribal member) and Cecilia Peone of Albuquerque, NM.

Nikki Peone (tribal member): Graduated from Highland High School and the University of New Mexico – Marketing with a major in Journalism.

Tribal Support: The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria provided partial financing in her last year in college and we are deeply grateful that the financial assistance enabled her to complete her education. Since then, Nikki worked as Events Planner at the United Way of New Mexico and she has started her own Events Planning business, already recognized for some of her most notable events that include weddings, receptions, birthdays, and other special events throughout the state.

In her current job with the City of Albuquerque, she directs numerous successful events promoted by the city throughout the year working with state and local agencies serving over one million people in the valley. She continues her active involvement in numerous community projects and events.

## Tribal Member News

40 UNDER 40 2015

## NIKKI PEONE

**Community Events Division Manager** | City of Albuquerque

**Education:** B.A., Communications and Journalism, University of New Mexico

**What are your greatest professional achievements?** Focusing on community engagement has been a key goal and achievement in my career. My event work has led me to launch my own business of event planning and management and led to my current career path overseeing the Community Events Division for the City. The opportunity to oversee many venues, programs and events on such a large scale has been my greatest achievement. Providing quality, enjoyable experiences to thousands of people has been a priceless opportunity. Creating thoughtful and positive ways for the community to engage with one another is a privilege, and I am honored to do the work I do every day.

**What tangible action demonstrates your leadership, and what is its significance?** Joining the City of Albuquerque and tasked with reorganizing the Community Events Division has been the ultimate challenge and test of leadership. Change is not always welcomed. Creating trust by listening to staff concerns through strategic planning and development has allowed for continued success. The work

AGE: **37**



**Laughing often and loudly.**

^ **HER BEST HABIT**

*"My daughter who is a tribal member. She is quite energetic and active in the community and of course, we are quite proud of her."*

Charles E. Peone Jr.

**#SIXWORDMEMOIR:**  
There is always something to celebrate.

@abqeventplanner

my team has accomplished to create a cohesive events program under the Community Events Division has been a true testament that change is possible and can be good and rewarding for all.

**What is the defining moment/turning point of your career?** In 2013, through my company Peony Events, I planned three events in Washington, D.C., mostly over the phone and via email and in less than 30 days, for Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham's inauguration. In the events industry, reputation and relationships are everything.

# Crystal Carpenter Memorial Athletic Scholarship St. Bernards High School

Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria  
266 Keisner Road  
Loleta, CA 95551

## APPLICATION FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES: FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBAL AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION IN ONE MAILING: NO EX-  
CEPTIONS

1. Letter giving family history, financial status, and education objectives.
2. Official copy of last semester transcript, or last transcript obtained and sent by previous school.
3. Three letters of recommendation from persons such as teachers, clergy, or others who have known applicant for a minimum of two years.
4. Proof of American Indian blood as indicated by one of the following:
  - A card issued by Tribe
  - A letter from the Tribal Council

**NOTE:** GPA 3.0 required, based on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. Must be member of a sports team at St. Bernards High School, Eureka, CA.

**NOTE:** the terms under which the scholarship is set up specify that all checks are sent directly to St. Bernard's High School for use in defraying expenses such as tuition and fees. No deadline for application. One scholarship per year. \$500 will be awarded annually.

All information must be included on the application or it will not be accepted. Applications must be mailed to the executive secretary at the address shown above.

## November/December Newsletter Re-cap

### Tribal Policies

The Bear River Tribal Policies are now available for check out at the Bear River Library. If you are interested in reviewing the policies stop by the Bear River Library and fill out forms and Jessica Cantrell will assist you.

### Bear River Bulletin

Help Bear River be more environmentally conscious by reducing our use of paper as well as cut down on costs of postage and printing by signing up for the E-Newsletter, Direct deposit for Per Capita and E-Billing. Sign up for the Bear River Bulletin E-Newsletter by contacting Teresa McGinnis at [teresamcginnis@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:teresamcginnis@brb-nsn.gov) or (707) 733-1900 ext. 154.

Sign up for direct deposit for per capita and E-Billing by contacting Allen Rode at [allenrode@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:allenrode@brb-nsn.gov) or (707) 733-1900 ext. 206.

You can also check out our website and Facebook to access the newsletter. If you have any further questions feel free to contact the Tribal Office.

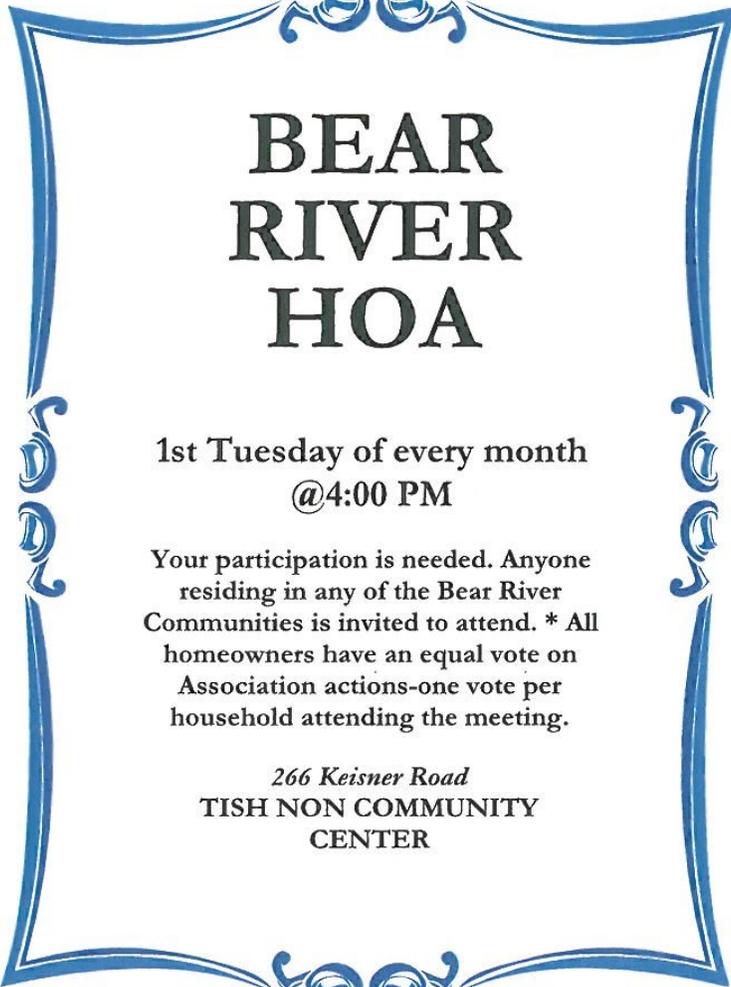
### Finance

In order to facilitate the calculation of per capita payments, Council approved moving per capita distribution payments from May 1st, August 1st, November

1st and February 1st to June 1st, September 1st, December 1st and March 1st. Under the new RAP, 33% of the casino distribution will be allocated for per capita payments. This 33% calculation will be divided by the number of Tribal members to determine the exact individual member payments. With start of the June 2016 distribution, quarterly payments will vary depending on the amount of the Casino distribution and the total number of Tribal Members.

As a reminder, please fill out the enclosed direct deposit form so that your per capita payment will get to your checking/savings account sooner.

Sincerely,  
Allen H. Rode  
Finance Director



**BEAR  
RIVER  
HOA**

**1st Tuesday of every month  
@4:00 PM**

Your participation is needed. Anyone residing in any of the Bear River Communities is invited to attend. \* All homeowners have an equal vote on Association actions-one vote per household attending the meeting.

*266 Keisner Road*  
**TISH NON COMMUNITY  
CENTER**

### Change of Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name as it appears on the Tribal Roll

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roll Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

I request that my address be changed to the following:

C/O \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_

I request that my minor child's address be changed to the following:

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ C/O \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_

### Direct Deposit Agreement Form

#### Authorization Agreement

I hereby authorize **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** to initiate automatic deposits for my quarterly Per Capita payments to my account at the financial institution named below. I also authorize **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** to make withdrawals from this account in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement will remain in effect until **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution, or until I submit a new direct deposit form to Accounts Payable.

#### Account Information

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking

Savings

#### Signature

Authorized Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Joint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a voided check or deposit slip and return this form to Accounts Payable

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