TERO NEWS!

The Big Pine Paiute Tribe TERO Commissioners are looking for Big Pine Tribal Members who are interested in helping with the commodity distribution each month. This person will help with bagging produce, distributing, and carrying boxes of food to participants vehicles. Each person will be paid a flat $100 for about 4 hours of work. Two people will be selected from the TERO skills bank each month to work.

If you are interested please come in and fill out a TERO application.
If you have any questions please contact the Tribal Office at (760) 938-2003.
August—September 2019

News from the Housing Counselor/Secretary

I would like to thank everyone who has completed their Recertification Applications and Annual Inspections for 2019! Renters and Homebuyers who have not submitted their Recertification Packets are currently being charged an extra $100 along with your regular rent/payment amount! Getting behind on your utility and rent payments will put your IGRSTF disbursement in jeopardy! So please keep current!

Regular Housing Meeting Dates:
August 21, 2019—6:00 pm
September 18, 2019—6:00 pm
October 16, 2019—6:00 pm

REMININDER HOUSE PAYMENTS!
Tenants and Homebuyers:
Payments are due on the 1st of each month, and considered late as of the 11th of the month. A $25.00 late fee will be applied to your account if payment is not received by the 10th.

Keeping Your Family Safe During an Earthquake
If you are indoors when a earthquake hits:
Drop down and take cover under a desk or table. Be prepared to hold on until the shaking stops. Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to exit. Stay away from bookcases and other furniture that can fall on you. Stay away from windows and light fixtures. Keep a current emergency supply kit in your home and make sure all family members know its location.

- Food and Water
- Light and Communication
- Shelter and Warmth
- Tools
- Hygiene and Sanitation
- First Aid

Low-Rental Units, The CDD Housing Program will be scheduling fire extinguishers to be serviced in the upcoming months. Keep an eye out for your notice in the mail.

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Solar Coming to the Big Pine Reservation!

The Tribe is excited to announce the first funding for the installation of solar on the Reservation! Through cooperation with the Utility Department, solar will be installed to power the domestic water pump at Well 4. The grant funding has been awarded through GRID Alternatives’ Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund, based on an application submitted by the Tribal VISTA, Emily Ontiveros. The project will be implemented with assistance from the GRID Alternatives Inland Empire regional office and will include a workforce training program to get Tribal members involved and informed about solar.

This project provides a great opportunity to strengthen sovereignty by creating a Tribally-owned energy source for a facility that is essential to the community’s well-being. It will provide a significant economic benefit to the Tribe, with electricity savings of almost $9,000 annually. While the technical aspects of this project are such that it must still be interconnected to LADWP’s electrical grid, installing solar could be the first step to creating an independent system for the water pump through the addition of a backup source or battery power in the future.

This is an exciting first step to becoming a solar-powered Tribe!

Inyo County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

At the Big Pine Transfer Station

Saturday August 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Free Disposal of chemical wastes, in quantities of no more than 20-gallons in no larger than 5-gallon containers. Contact the Tribal Environmental Department for more information or assistance at 760-938-2003 ext.237.

Tribe Suspends Burning for Duration of Cal Fire Moratorium

Press Release: CAL FIRE Suspends Burn Permits in Inyo and Mono Counties

The increasing fire danger posed by the high volume of dead grass and hotter, drier conditions in the region is prompting CAL FIRE and the BLM to suspend all burn permits for outdoor residential burning within the State Responsibility Area of Inyo and Mono Counties.

This suspension took effect on July 1, 2019, and bans all residential outdoor burning of landscape debris such as branches and leaves.

Fire officials estimate that nearly 90 percent of wildland fires affecting BLM-managed public lands in California during the last decade have been human caused. Individuals who spark wildfires, intentionally or unintentionally, may be held responsible for fire suppression and property damage costs. Officials encourage the public to be extremely careful when recreating outdoors, to carry a shovel and water at all times, and to check weather forecasts and fire danger conditions before leaving home.
Above, Alan Bacock answers a question from the audience.

The Owens Valley Indian Water Commission was invited to show Paya at a Patagonia store in Pasadena, CA, in June. Following the film showing, there was a panel discussion and question-and-answer session. Panelists were Teri Red Owl (OVIWC Executive Director), Brian Poncho (Bishop Tribal Councilmember), Paul Huette (OVIWC rep from the Big Pine Paiute Tribe), and Alan Bacock (Big Pine Tribal Water Program Coordinator). At least 100 people tried to squeeze into the store lobby for the showing. Unfortunately, the store is not huge, so some people were turned away. Evidently, southern Californians are interested in Owens Valley and in water and social justice issues! Many were unaware of the colonial status of Owens Valley residents, where we have little to no say in how the environment is managed. They were surprised that LADWP had not resolved Tribal water rights since making the land exchange deal way back in 1939. They were disappointed that LADWP was going to continue Owens Valley water exports despite Mayor Garcetti’s “Green New Deal.” There were at least three LADWP representatives in the audience, taking notes, but these individuals did not make any comments.

Environmental Department Gets Summer Assistance from Work Experience (WEX) Program

Manahu! My name is Rainah Dewey and I am the daughter of Shawnee and Glenn Nelson. I am 16 years old and attend Big Pine High School. As part of the WEX Program, I am currently working at the Environmental Department as the summer intern. I enjoy helping the staff from printing to gardening. I would like to thank the Big Pine Paiute Tribe for giving me this opportunity.

One thing that is interesting is learning about droughts and its effects. Droughts are interesting, because they have been occurring in many areas, especially here in the Owens Valley. Droughts are characterized by long periods of no or minimal precipitation. Some effects are: wilting plants and desertification. Desertification is a process in which a landscape becomes drier. As a result, there can be drier soil, invasive plant species, and warmer weather.

During droughts, a good thing to do is to use water more efficiently. It is very important to save water so that our future generations can have access to both water and resources.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!
Sustaining Tribal Resources Conference
July 9th-11th, 2019
By Emily Ontiveros, Tribal VISTA

On July 10th and 11th, the California Energy Commission co-hosted a Sustaining Tribal Resources Conference with the Bishop Paiute Tribe. This conference was intended to bring together California tribes and state agencies to discuss a wide variety of topics and issues, and to consider how best to proceed when energy and water projects conflict with efforts to protect cultural resources. With the Energy Commission’s support, it was a continuation of conversations started with tribes at the inaugural California Tribal Energy Summit in November 2018. Other state agencies in attendance included Cal EPA, State Lands Commission, Office of Planning and Research, Strategic Growth Council, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Water Resources.

One of the major focuses for the state was to better their understanding of how tribes and the state can work together on climate change research. For Owens Valley tribes, it was a good opportunity to bring to the state’s attention some of the issues being faced here.

The day preceding the conference, July 9th, was an opportunity to show the Owens Valley to folks from other places. A field trip led by Kathy Bancroft and Monty Bengochia — with input from Sally Manning and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) — travelled from Bishop to Owens Lake. This trip focused on DWP’s impact on the landscape and the efforts being implemented to mitigate the PM 10 air pollution on the lake. An additional field trip was a walking tour of the sustainable projects being implemented on the Bishop Paiute Reservation. Attendees also learned about serious conflicts that took place when Euro Americans arrived in Owens Valley.

The two days of the conference consisted of panels and speakers covering a range of topics such as conservation easements, climate change, wildlife, and cultural landscapes. The film Paya was shown on day one and the film We Are The Land, describing the impact of utility scale solar on the tribes in the Chuckwalla Valley, was shown on the second day.

The presentations and conversation revealed many opportunities for tribes and the state to work together. There was much discussion about ways that the state can be more respectful of tribal sovereignty moving forward. Governor’s Tribal Advisor Christina Snider spoke about the state’s efforts to better relations with tribes, including the recent Executive Order issuing an apology to California tribes for the wrongdoings of the state and the inaccurate history that has been told. More conferences and gatherings like this one are expected in the future. Overall, it seemed that there is growing intention and opportunity for the state and tribes to build a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship.
During March this year, the Tribe’s weather station recorded temperatures as low as below-freezing 28 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) to balmy 71°F. From droughts to deluges, scorching heat to freezing temperatures, and blasting winds, we experience quite the extremes living in the high desert of Owens Valley.

Scientists explain our climate based on our mid-latitude position on the earth, the effects of topography (including the valley’s elevation), and our proximity to the Pacific Ocean. Unlike most of the rest of California, we are within the Great Basin, a region of the U.S. characterized by flat valleys with no outlet to the sea, bordered by parallel mountain ranges generally oriented north-south.

Our high desert climate consists of hot, dry summers, and the majority of our annual precipitation (rain and snow) falls during the cold winter months. Precipitation is meager, particularly on the valley floor. We experience abundant sunshine. Summers are clear and dry, with warm, dry days extending into autumn. In the high-country, winters are noteworthy for long periods of mild temperatures and sunny days, due to the frequent influence of warmer Pacific air masses. In Owens Valley, as in the rest of the mountainous Great Basin region, air temperatures decline with increases in elevation. In general, temperature decreases 3.6°F for every 1000 feet gained in elevation. This translates to as much as a 30°F difference between mountain tops and valley floors on the same day at the same time. In the heat of summer this difference can be even more pronounced.

Another sometimes extreme annual weather factor is precipitation (the rainfall we receive that lands on the ground) or lack of. As everyone knows, Owens Valley is located on the east side of the massive Sierra Nevada. Weather coming in from the Pacific Ocean quickly loses its moisture as rain and snow once it is forced up the steep, windward side of a mountain range (see diagram). By the time the air mass reaches the lee (east) side of the mountains, little moisture is left. This phenomenon puts Owens Valley in a rain shadow, and it is particularly strong due to our valley being located immediately east of the high Sierra. Typically, more precipitation occurs in valleys on the east side of the Great Basin (eastern Nevada) than here, because the air masses gather moisture as they flow inland. Moisture that reaches the Great Basin tends to precipitate as rain and snow in higher elevations, primarily over the region’s long, parallel mountains. The Big Pine area receives an annual average precipitation rate of around 5-7 inches, and even though we typically see snow each winter, most of the annual precipitation comes from rain and not snow. The average water content of snow in January is 0.3 inches, and for November, December, and February, it’s 0.1 inch.

(Average-Weather-in-Big-Pine-California-United-States-Year-Round)

Another noteworthy weather factor is wind. With some exceptions, wind generally increases with elevation, and thus strong winds are often encountered on mountain tops and ridges. In summertime it is common for a clockwise whirl of air, several hundred miles across, to sit mostly over the Pacific Ocean. This accounts for the high pressure systems that keep our air clear and dry. During this time of year an afternoon breeze arrives at the Sierra crest about noon and Owens Valley about two hours later. We also experience a similar diurnal effect in canyons when on warm, sunny mornings heated air rises along the ground creating a valley breeze. During the wintertime when cold fronts are approaching the Owens Valley from the northwest and west we receive wind coming over the Sierra Nevada. The Sierra Nevada cause many fronts to stall west of the crest, but after they pass, we often get the bone-chilling north winds.
Take time this summer to visit the special places. Say hi to a flower or bird, and share their joy. Be inspired to protect our lands for generations to come.
September 10, 1863 the Forced March to Ft. Tejon began. Our People were forced from the land they loved. Our People didn’t even have time to gather their supplies for the long walk, some not even their moccasins. Many, many lives were lost to genocide or illness, or in trying to escape to make it back to their homelands in Payahuunadu. Many did survive, as is proof of our lives being here today. For that we are forever grateful to the Ancestors that made it. We also honor those that didn’t.

Payahuunadu THPO’s and the Chairwoman of the Kutzudika’s planned and held a Memorial Ceremony for our Ancestors that were in the Forced March. A Commemorative Run was decided upon to start from the old schoolhouse at the Fort Independence Reservation and to end at Patsiata, Owens Lake. So a 25 mile run by Native Runners was put in place. Runners were called out and they answered, from young to old.

Special Thank you to Bobbie Piper for making our running staff to hold eagle feathers from each Tribe. Mtn. Apparel Shannon Romero for jazzing up our t-shirt design, and especially the NATIVE RUNNERS!!! The SUPPORT CREW with paya and snacks!!! Mr. Mike Hanson for sharing a Tule Story and Drum Song, Mr. Gerald Lewis for sharing Round Dance songs. Thanks for everyone showing up at 5am to start the gathering for the Commemorative Run!! Special thanks to Charlotte Lange, Chairwoman of the Kutzudika’s of Mono Lake, Kathy Bancroft THPO for the Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Sean Scruggs, THPO for the Ft. Independence Tribe; Monty Bengochia THPO for the Bishop Paiute Tribe; and Danelle Gutierrez, THPO for the Big Pine Paiute Tribe, for planning, mapping, cooking, designing and working together to honor the memory of our People…..Our Ancestors

Mahno~
Cultural Resource Technicians on the Olancha-Cartago Project Assignment

Employment opportunity for BP Tribal Members (serious inquiries only)

**Start a new career with Cal-trans as a Cultural Resource Field Technician - you can then be considered for future hire on road projects in California**

Note: People who are hired as employees may not later be contracted as a subconsultant (on any Far Western project)

- Must have Protective Personal Equipment (hard hat, reflective vests, appropriate footwear, etc.)
- Must be able to work in extreme weather conditions (hot, warm, cold weather)
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time
- Must have transportation to project assignment (Olancha area).
- Pre-employment drug screening and background check.
- Employees must present ORIGINAL (not photocopied) identification documents for the I-9 form to a Far Western supervisor. Employees are required to bring them on or before the first day of work as you will not be able to work without them.

Complete and return (All documents are available at Big Pine THPO office, 825 S. Main Street)

- Form I-9
- Employee Information Form
- Permission for Release of Driver Record Information (If you don’t have a California license, please just indicate the state next to your license number on the form)
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of Safety Program
- Acknowledgement of Receipt of MPN Information
- Handbook Receipt
- Employment Application & Background Check Authorization form

For your records (review, sign and return acknowledgement forms as listed above):

- Employee Handbook
- Safety Program Supplement(s)
- Disability Insurance Pamphlet
- Sexual Harassment Hurts Everyone
- Paid Family Leave
- FCRA Summary of Rights
- Form W-4
- Direct deposit request
- Your Rights to Workers’ Compensation Benefits
- Programs for the Unemployed
- Victims of Domestic Violence Leave Notice

Note: Tribal Monitors will be hired at a later date for this project. They will not be supervised by Far Western, they will be a Contractor and responsible for 1099 tax reporting requirements and supervised by the Tribal THPO of their respective Tribe.

For more info or assistance with forms- contact the BP Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Danelle Gutierrez at 760.938.2003 ext. #228
An update from Tribal Administration...

Emergency Social Service Funds

- At this time the Tribe has no remaining Emergency Social Service Funds. We have depleted the grant and are waiting for another award from the BIA which is delayed. There have been some staffing changes in our Regional BIA office and it appears that many of the usual items are still pending completion by those in charge. When we receive the additional funds, we will announce it to the Tribal Community.

- Also, there are some changes to the Emergency Social Service Funding requirements due to the Rules that apply to this funding under 25 CFR Subpart C - Direct Assistance §20.300: Here are the rules the Tribe must follow when authorizing payments for Burial Assistance and Emergency Social Services. We will no longer be funding travel for medical needs.

§ 20.300 Who qualifies for Direct Assistance under this subpart?

To be eligible for assistance or services under this part, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:
(a) Meet the definition of Indian as defined in this part;
(b) Not have sufficient resources to meet the essential need items defined by the Bureau standard of assistance for those Bureau programs providing financial payment;
(c) Reside in the service area as defined in §20.100; and
(d) Meet the additional eligibility criteria for each of the specific programs of financial assistance or social services in §§20.301 through 20.516.

SP. BURIAL ASSISTANCE.

§ 20.324 When can the Bureau provide Burial Assistance?

In the absence of other resources, the Bureau can provide Burial Assistance for eligible indigent Indians meeting the requirements prescribed in §20.300.

§ 20.325 Who can apply for Burial Assistance?

If you are a relative of a deceased Indian, you can apply for burial assistance for the deceased Indian under this section.

(a) To apply for burial assistance under this section, you must submit the application to the social services worker. You must submit this application within 30 days following death.
(b) The Bureau will determine eligibility based on the income and resources available to the deceased in accordance with §20.100. This includes but is not limited to SSI, veterans’ death benefits, social security, and Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. Determination of need will be accomplished on a case-by-case basis using the Bureau payment standard.
(c) The Bureau will not approve an application unless it meets the criteria specified at §20.300.
(d) The approved payment will not exceed the Bureau maximum burial payment standard established by the Assistant Secretary.
§ 20.326 Does Burial Assistance cover transportation costs?
Transportation costs directly associated with burials are normally a part of the established burial rate. If a provider adds an additional transportation charge to the burial rate because of extenuating circumstances, the social services worker can pay the added charge. To do this, the social services worker must ensure and document in the case plan that:
(a) The charges are reasonable and equitable;
(b) The deceased was an eligible indigent Indian who was socially, culturally, and economically affiliated with his or her tribe; and
(c) The deceased resided in the service area for at least the last 6 consecutive months of his/her life.

SP. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.
§ 20.329 When can the Bureau provide Emergency Assistance payments?
Emergency Assistance payments can be provided to individuals or families who suffer from a burnout, flood, or other destruction of their home and loss or damage to personal possessions. The Bureau will make payments only for essential needs and other non-medical necessities.

§ 20.330 What is the payment standard for Emergency Assistance?
The approved payment will not exceed the Bureau’s maximum Emergency Assistance payment standard established by the Assistant Secretary.

Financial Assistance means any of the following forms of assistance not provided by other federal, state, local or tribal sources:

Disaster means a situation where a tribal community is adversely affected by a natural disaster or other forces which pose a threat to life, safety, or health as specified in §§20.327 and 20.328.

Emergency means a situation where an individual or family’s home and personal possessions are either destroyed or damaged through forces beyond their control as specified in §20.329.

Emergency Assistance for essential needs to prevent hardship caused by burnout, flooding of homes, or other life threatening situations that may cause loss or damage of personal possessions;

Essential needs means shelter, food, clothing and utilities, as included in the standard of assistance in the state where the eligible applicant lives.

Jill Paydon, Tribal Administrator

(Please contact me if you have any questions.)
Have you been to the Wellness Center lately?

What are you waiting for?

We have the equipment you need to reach your fitness goals! We have weights, elliptical machines, treadmills, bikes, leg machines and friendly staff members who are here to help you. If you want a low impact workout, try the Full Body for Beginners class. Need a little more intensity? The Strong by Zumba class may be just what you’re looking for. Or, if you want to unwind from your day, Yoga with Sabine is on Wednesdays. All classes are free to Big Pine Tribal members!

We are currently recruiting for new instructors. Proposals for new classes are due by July 31st. Due to funding restrictions, contracts are limited to 90 days, with an option to renew at the end of the contracting period. Or, if you have an idea for a class you would like to see offered, we are always ready to listen.

We are working hard to get the bike rental program back up and running, and will be planning several bike-themed events in the coming months. Our current CRIHB grant is helping to purchase new bikes and to repair old bikes. Due to the amount of goat heads in the area, we are looking into purchasing solid tires or tubes for the new bikes.

We are lucky to have three Summer WEX participants working with us. Hillary Duckey, Evan Fuller and Elizabeth Richards have been a big help to the regular staff and we’ve enjoyed having them here. Not only do they keep the front desk staffed, they are personable and professional when assisting clients.

You may have noticed some progress on clearing the weeds at the east side of the parking lot, and that is due to the initiative of Elizabeth Richards and Jarrid Cortez. Thank you guys so much for what you have accomplished! Aaron Rave also did a great job cleaning up the vegetation in front of the building and the walkway. Huge shout out to Paul Huette for bringing the backhoe down and clearing the back area! And thank you as always to Paulette Buff-Roman for keeping the inside of the facility running smoothly.

In conjunction with the Big Pine Indian Education Center Summer program, we have been able to bring over the Leadership through Sports participants. The kids come over to the Wellness Center and stretch, learn how to properly use machines and work on team building and leaderships skills through exercise games.

We are looking for the community’s input when it comes to scheduling classes and workshops. We have a survey for July at the front desk, or online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/76KTX7B. We also have a Facebook page that we keep up to date with hours, classes, news, etc. Follow us at https://www.facebook.com/BPWellnessCenter/

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SATURDAY | 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
545 BUTCHER LANE, BIG PINE, CA
Manahuu! A Big Thank You goes out to the Tribal Voters who supported me during the Tribe’s 2019 Annual Election. As the incumbent it humbles me to have the opportunity to serve another term as your representative to the Owens Valley Board of Trustees. I want to also express my appreciation to the out-going Tribal Leaders; Genevieve Jones and Roseanne Moose for their continued service to our Tribal community. I know they will continue to serve our people in other ways, these two ladies follow in their late mother’s footsteps as strong, caring, independent women that truly understands what it means to be a Community leader. I want to congratulate Delia Booth and James Rambeau for their recent appointment to Tribal Council, I look forward to working with the new Tribal leadership and trust they will have all of our interests at heart and will bring new positive energy and ideas to move our Tribe forward.

In June the OVBT was in Reno for the mid-year National Congress American Indian (NCAI) Conference to support OVCDC’s effort in advocating for the passage of the TANF Reauthorization Act. We are happy to say NCAI created a TANF Task Force committee comprised of Indian TANF programs that will advocate for TANF programs across Indian Country to State and Federal lawmakers. It is important that we do as much as we can at the local level to assist in the passage of the Act as it will insure annual funding. We are pleased to announce Tiflford Denver (Bishop Tribe) was appointed by NCAI to Co-Chair the TANF Task Force Committee and Brian Poncho (Bishop Tribe) was elected as the Pacific Region Area Vice-President of NCAI. We wish them luck on these two NCAI appointments.

**OVCBT Board Officers**

Elected officers of OVCBT Board; Tiflford Denver, Chairman, Dave Moose, Vice-Chairman, Earleen Hess Williams, Secretary, Brian Poncho, OVBT member, Jeff Romero, OVBT member, Alan Summers, OVBT member, Loretta Howard, OVBT member. Ryan Howard, Executive Director and Kellie Carrillo, Deputy Director, Salom Habtom, TANF Director.

**Less-Than-Arm’s-Length (LTAL) Issue**

Big Pine Paiute Tribe’s first payment of $50,451 was received in June 2019, the total amount due is $151,353.50. The next payment is due in 2020 and final payment is 2021. The HR Bill-2128 fairness act moving forward in congress, and if passed will allow Big Pine Tribe to charge fair market rent for the TANF property being used. I want to thank Bishop Tribe for their effort in lobbying and sponsorship of this bill.

**Renewal of Administration of a Tribal Family Assistance Plan (TANF Program)**

On May 31, 2019, OVCDC received notice from the Administration for Children and Families that we have been funded for another three (3) years which begins August 31, 2019. This is pending final review of the Office of Family Assistance. The Owens Valley Career Development Center qualifies to continue receiving annual funding under TANF, a Tribal Family Assistance Grant (TFAG), in the amount of $15,326,827 subject to availability of funds.

**OVCBT Board Manual**

On June 6, 2019, the OVCBT finished final review of the manual that will be in place to provide guidelines for the operations of the OVCBT. The manual is good because it puts in a place accountability of the OVCBT. It is expected the final draft will be up for comment and approval at the meeting in July 2019. Once approved we will make it readily available to the Tribe.

**Creation of an Education Center Program for Lone Pine Tribe**

OVCDC is working with the Lone Pine Tribe to provide oversight of an after school education center program. You’ll recall Lone Pine Tribe got into some financial problems with the State education program and funding stopped, OVCDC contracted with a consultant group that provided an education curriculum program for the Lone Pine Tribe, regrettably the Lone Pine leaders are not satisfied with the group, and have asked OVCDC to intervene and administer an afterschool education program. It is expected the new program will begin September 9, 2019.

**Grant Update**

In 2018 OVCDC was awarded a three-year grant called Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP). This grant is a Three-year award with an annual budget of $445,402. This grant will assist the Career Education Program in offering training in the following areas; Business office technology, business administration, computer information systems, early childhood education, health careers, human services and construction technology. Flyers are at the Tribal office. This grant offers our Tribal community some great training opportunities and encourage you to enroll now. Furthermore this grant opportunity is not restricted by TANF requirements. If you have interest you may contact the career education department at 760-873-5107.

**Upgrades at Day Care in Big Pine**

In the very near future through carry-over funds from the Big Pine Day Care program, they will be replacing all appliances in the gym kitchen, countertops and replacement of the island. This includes replacing of the playground equipment. I want to thank Alma Lopez, Director for working with our Tribe to make sure these improvements happen for the betterment of the day care program and Education Center.

**FY 19-20 budget Updates**

On May 22, 2019, the Board approved our FY 19-20 budget at the amount of $31,771,965, including sub-recipient agreements. There were significant budget reductions at all site locations. This is very important if there are going to be reductions in the Federal TANF funding allocation to OVCDC. This includes Big Pine’s sub-recipient grants that were approved for the education center program at $369,901 and the Community Outreach Program at $171,154. For fiscal year 2019. The Owens Valley Career Development Center received an unmodified (excellent) audit rating in governmental activities, general fund, temporary assistance of needy families fund and other special revenue funds.

For employment opportunity or program information, please visit OVCDC’s website at www.OVCDC.com or call 760-873-5107.
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Updated & Correct Mailing Addresses Needed...

The Tribe has had an increase in returned mail from the Post Office as undeliverable, including 1099 Misc. Income tax documents, Utility Statements, and community notices sent to Tribal members/households. Please keep the Tribal office apprised of your current/correct mailing address. There is an update form at

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**Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (IGRSTF) Distribution Deadlines**

(For College, Trade School, Technical School & Certificate Programs)

To be eligible for the IGRSTF Distribution, all students must be enrolled in at least six (6) credits/units or enrolled in an accredited college, trade/technical school or certificate program. The following documents will be accepted as proof of enrollment:

- Most recent quarter/semester grades, Program progress reports, and/or official written verification of current enrollment.
- Submitted documents must show the student’s name & name of college, trade/technical school or certificate program.
- Documents must be submitted to the Big Pine Tribal Office, 825 South Main Street, Big Pine CA by mail, fax, email or in person. Verification of enrollment in a College, Trade/Technical School and/or Certificate Program must be submitted to the Big Pine Tribal Office by the following deadlines.

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**Additionally, please be advised that all Residency Verification forms must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the approval of the gaming revenue list.**

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to submit all necessary verification(s) by the above deadlines will affect your eligibility to receive the IGRSTF distribution(s).