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Fred Beihn
Tribal Chairman

Chairman's Corner

Hi everybody,

Fall is coming. School is back in. Watch for those little kiddos at the bus stops.

Prop 27 - NFR is supporting the 'NO INITIATIVE' to keep Out-of-State Corporate Gaming companies from entering into the California Gaming market with On-Line gambling and Sports Betting. Advertisements are being shown on TV. The bottom line is, tribes want to keep the future of all California gaming inside our Native Casinos.

Prop 26 – In person Sports Betting. NFR is choosing to remain neutral at this time.

We recently met with the California Energy Commission Vice Chair Siva Gunda and his staff at our tribal office. The meeting was to learn what types of programs the CEC had to offer tribes. August 29th & 30th, I attended a tribal consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Energy Commission and the California Air Resource Board. This was another great opportunity to learn what each agency had to offer tribes. Many topics were discussed, such as Rules on how to communicate with Commissioners, Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP) and tribes First Right of Refusal for purchasing properties from the utilities like PG&E, Assistance and funding for Broadband/Wifi, On Site Energy Storage and Solar designed to Island. There are many great opportunities for tribes. On the second day, I had a private Consultation: One-on-one with CPUC, these are questions/comments I posed to CPUC.

Land purchases, first right of refusal — No point unless tribes are in position with funding to make a purchase. Funding is available - Loan Loss Reserve Fund - \$750 million

Modify home power panels for emergency — are there funding sources

Install gravity feed water tanks, tie into existing systems — are there funding sources

Purchase PG&E Crane Valley Project – Is this possible. Is it too late. Is there funding available? CPUC believes not too late. Believes funding available. Absolutely possible.

Ponderosa monopoly Broadband/WiFi – will check with resources (legal), CPUC believes Ponderosa does NOT have rights, tribal sovereignty prevails. May be able to have our own Broadband.

The CPUC would like NFR to host the next Consultation with tribes in Central California.

You are always welcome to attend ALL meetings, in all departments.

These meetings are your opportunity to provide input and learn about the departments and programs. Get involved, stay involved. We are all in this together!

Please, if you haven't already, register for the Citizen's portal. We post many tribal activities on the Citizen's portal. We have also been conducting our Monthly council meetings by zoom for those registered through the Citizen's Portal.

Please continue to communicate with your Tribal Council. We want to hear from you!

You are always welcome to contact me, 24/7. Email, call or text!

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559-760-2485

Have fun and be safe everybody!

Fred L. Beihn
Tribal Chairman



L-R: CEC Tribal Liaison: Katrina Leni-Konig, CPUC Tribal Advisor Kenneth Holbrook, CEC Chief of Staff for Chair Hochschild: Noemi Gallardo, NFR Tribal Chair: Fred Beihn



Christina McDonald
Tribal Vice Chairperson

From the desk of the Vice-Chairperson

Munahoo Neum

Nüü Christina naniyadü. (My name is Christina)

This is a Tribal Election year!

We will have two Tribal Council seats open for this upcoming election. Are you ready to take on a leadership role with the tribe?

Refer to our Constitution and Election Statute:

Constitution:

Article IV. Elections, Section 2. Eligible Voters & Council Member Requirements

Any enrolled citizen of the Tribe who is at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the election shall be eligible to vote. Any eligible voter of the Tribe who is at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and who has not been convicted of a felony, and who resides in Madera, Mariposa, Fresno or Kings Counties shall be eligible to serve on the Tribal Council.

Election Statute:

Refer to Article I. Eligibility of Voters and Candidates

Point of Contact:

Contact Election Board Registrar Nichole Redmond and Election Board Members Shannon Wentworth, Melony Egure or Peggy Taylor regarding eligibility to vote, council member requirements and other questions you may have at 559-877-2461 or email at nfrelect@nfr-nsn.gov

Acknowledgement

Shannon and Melony are both appointed North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (NFRIHA BOC) and are taking a leave of absence from the NFRIHA BOC to assist in our tribal election. Thank you both for stepping up to

fulfill this need for the tribe. In addition, thank you to all our current board and committee members for their commitment to the tribe. Our Tribal Citizens provide valuable information regarding our social service programs, housing and homelessness issues, environmental and cultural issues as well as preservation of language and custom which is referenced in our Tribal Constitution. Many of these members work full time jobs and are committed to our tribal community. You are very appreciated!

Take care...it's still fire season...maintain situational awareness and be prepared to go at a moment's notice and don't forget your pets!

Christina McDonald





From the Desk of the Tribal Treasurer

Maryann McGovran
Tribal Council Treasurer

National Congress of American Indians Youth Scholarship October 2022

Tribal Council is pleased to announce that a Youth Scholarship will be provided for one youth between the ages of 16-23 with an accompanying adult will be awarded for the upcoming NCAI Annual Conference taking place in Sacramento, California October 30th – November 4th, 2022. The Scholarship will include registration fees for one NFR Tribal Youth and one accompanying Adult, lodging and per diem pay per day at the GSA locality rate. Interested Youth are to provide a one-page essay explaining why they would like to attend the NCAI Youth Commission Conference.

Mission Statement of NCAI Youth Commission

We, the National Congress of American Indian Youth, unite to serve our people's concerns and interests by enhancing the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional well-being of tribal youth for a better Native America.

NCAI works to ensure that Tribal Youth thrive by equipping tribal leaders with the resources necessary to support the young people in their communities and by providing young leaders with the tools needed to be successful in their endeavors.

Topics that the Youth Commission has taken up in the past are as follows.

- Get-Out-the-Vote. Youth learn about the Election process National, State and County
- Mental Health and Indigenous Healing
- Environmental Conservation
- Data research careers to help American and Alaskan Natives Communities

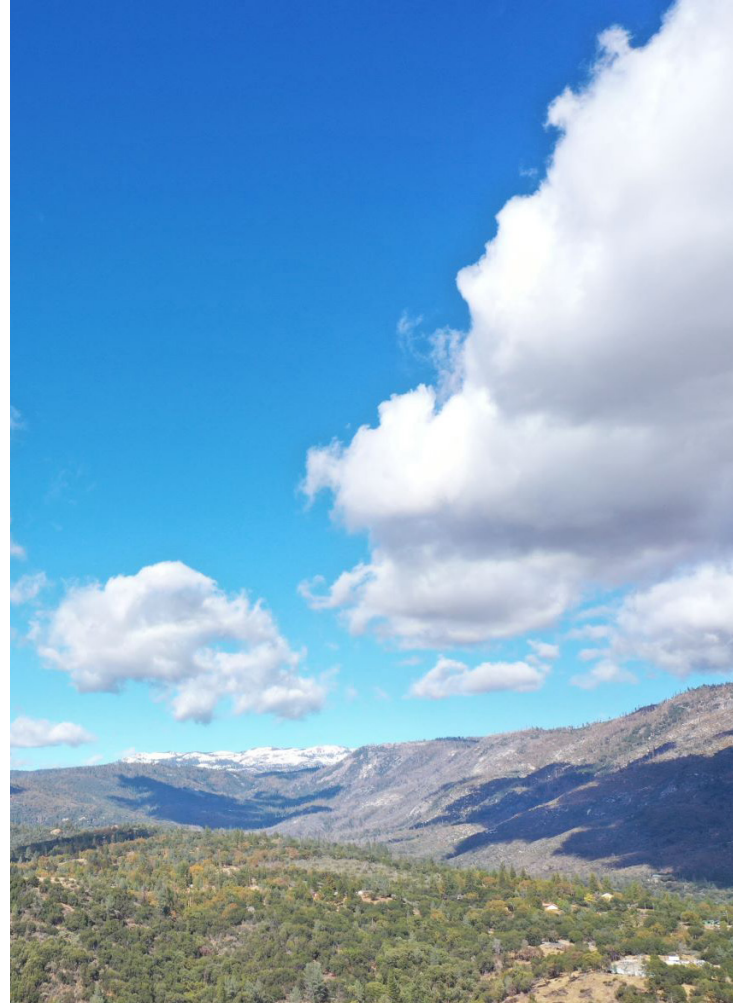
Past activities have included the following.

- Field Trips to Museums
- Meet and greets with other Youth and Tribal Leaders
- Movement as Medicine: Obstacle Course
- Attending NCAI General Assembly

- Networking Luncheons for Youth
- Attending Concurrent Breakout Sessions

This is a fantastic opportunity for a young NFR Tribal Citizen to learn about the issues Tribal Leaders face and how leaders work together to strengthen Indian Country. The Youth of our Tribe are our future Tribal Leaders.

Submit essays to Secretary Hale at P.O Box 929, North Fork, Ca 93643, or email to bhale@nfr-nsn.gov no later than Friday September 30th, 2022, by 5:00pm.





Bobby Hale
Tribal Council Secretary

Tribal Secretary Briefing

Munahoo Tribal Citizens,

Hoping all you Tribal Citizens have had a great summer and enjoyed wherever you were at and whatever you were doing and especially hope you were safe doing the things you were doing.

Just wanted to let everyone know that Tribal Council has been busy with interviewing applicants for our open positions and have recently been onboarding new hires. Those new hires are Sandra Morreo, TANF Family Wellness Program Assistant, Mike Hobie, Automotive Shop Manager, Clifford Knight, NFR Maintenance II, Yvette Temple, EPD Program Assistant, Ysabel "Bella" Esquivel, Administrative Assistant I, Crystal Baker, TANF Program Assistant (Atascadero). Tribal Council held their first Meet & Greet with new hires and it was an opportunity to get to hear their backgrounds professionally and their hobbies and interests on a personal level. Tribal Council was able to let them know about the expectations of them and their roles and responsibilities, and to inform them of the structure of the North Fork Rancheria and the short- and long-term goals of the Tribe. It was a successful Meet & Greet and will be doing this as often as possible with our new hires.

I had recently been involved in shadowing Treasurer Maryann McGovran so to speak, on the Oak Fire in Mariposa that started July 22, 2022 at 2:10 p.m. reportedly. Treasurer Maryann McGovran, Vice Chairperson Christina McDonald and myself were involved with being at the Incident Command briefings in the mornings and Cal Fire would go over what the fire was doing overnight and what the Fire crews assignments would be, and then in the late mornings there would be the Cooperators briefings which would be when we could meet with North Fork Rancheria Cultural Monitor Specialist Dene Fink and Tribal Liaison Dirk Charley along with Southern Sierra

Miwuk Chairperson Sandy Chapman and their Cultural Coordinator Jazzmyn Brochini to go over the mappings of their cultural sensitive sites and our shared sites. There was a lot of coordinating with BIA Land Management, Cal Fire, U.S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's department local and non-local on the Oak Fire to protect and preserve these sites. In early August I went to Blue Lake Rancheria and did FEMA L-0580 Training for Emergency Management Program and passed my test to get my certificate.

If Tribal Citizens have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me and I will be happy to answer or give a resource to help. There is an open-door policy for my office, and I am there most days and often in the evening for you to come by even just to chat. Below is my contact information.

Thank You for supporting your North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California.

Bobby E. Hale

Tribal Council Secretary

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Member's Corner

Elaine Fink
Tribal Council Member

Mun a Hoo, Everyone!

To be a Tribal Citizen of North Fork Rancheria is really an honor and for all us who are citizens there should be a gratitude that you are a Tribal Citizen. What makes it difficult for some, which includes me, is the fact that not all people feel that way.

There is blatant animosity towards our tribal leaders and others in general. It makes you wonder why these persons would actually want to be associated with this tribe and why they are enrolled.

Is it for what they can get? Money? The things a federally recognized tribe can receive and in turn offer to their people? Are these people just standing in line waiting with their hands out? Give me, give me, give me?

Traditionally, our people were a proud people. They worked for what they had and were very resilient to survive all the things they had to endure. Historical trauma affected all the generations in some form or another. Even to this day, being Native American has its problems and difficulties, from the eldest to our little ones.

The Indian people were generous and shared, maybe to a fault, but nonetheless, that is how our people are. The traditions and the culture was the way they lived each and every day. It was taught and handed down to the next generations.

Those who believe they are being mistreated or that they are being misunderstood or those who think they know about being a Mono Indian from North Fork, please come forward.

One of the names on Facebook specifically was "PRE-TENDIAN". It really is very inventive. A "new" made up word that is very offensive.

It's cowardly to say something like this. It's childish yet we know an adult said it. Don't put your complaints on Facebook or any other pieces of social media but go directly to the source. Go to that person and/or group and say what your concerns or complaints are. You may be surprised at what you could learn. No one is immune, no matter how old you are, from learning something new every day.

For some of you, if your ancestors were here, namely your great grandfather, grandmother, uncles or aunties, they would be so disappointed. Our people cared for each other and shared with each other.

Please be a giving person. Don't be a taker. Giving and sharing puts a smile on a face and causes happiness.

This is only directed to a few disgruntled people and maybe I shouldn't have addressed it but it has been on my mind since the beginning of summer and as an elder, long time leader and one who knows the tribe and our people quite well, I believe it has to be said.

Just remember, there isn't a thing done or said out in our community that Tribal Council isn't aware of. Eventually, we know.

Toh Gee A kut tha tig Ah Wee Ah Noh

Elaine Fink





Sign up on the Citizen Portal today!

Stay connected and up to date on the latest North Fork Rancheria news and events. To register for access to the Citizen Portal...

1. In your web browser, navigate to **www.northforkrancheria-nsn.gov/citizen-portal** which brings you to Account Log In form.
2. Click the Register link just above the login form or visit: **www.northforkrancheria-nsn.gov/register**
3. Fill out the Account Registration form and click Register. You should see a confirmation page after submitting the form.
4. Go to your email account and click on the confirmation link provided. This step will complete

your registration but will not grant you full access to the Citizen Portal.

North Fork Rancheria staff will confirm your enrollment with the tribe within 24-48 hours Monday-Friday. If the information you provided during registration matches your information on file, you will be granted full access to the Citizen Portal. If the information does not match our files, we will request additional information and possibly refer you to enrollment for you to update your file.

Once you receive a confirmation that you have full access to the Citizen Portal, navigate to **www.northforkrancheria-nsn.gov/citizen-portal** and login with the email and password you used during registration.

Thank you for your patience during this process. We go through a few extra steps to ensure that only Tribal Citizens have access to the Portal. Help your Tribal Elders if they need access to the Citizen Portal.

Thank you again,
North Fork Rancheria IT Department

Tribal Council Election

- Register on the North Fork Rancheria Citizen's Portal for updates on the Election and to view the ballot count on Election Day!
- REMINDER: The registration process for the Citizen's Portal is subject to approval, therefore we highly suggest registering well ahead of time to ensure the process is completed.
- DEADLINE: Absentee ballot and permanent absentee ballots MUST be received by the Elections Board by 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2022. Absentee and permanent absentee ballots received by mail after 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2022 will not be counted.
- ELECTION DAY is November 19, 2022 at the Community Center, 56900 Kunugib Rd. North Fork, CA. Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.





DEPT. OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES/ ICWA UPDATES

October 25th
6pm-8pm
CLOVIS DCFS

Become a Foster Parent

You can bring hope when kids need it most.

November 4th
6pm-8pm
NF Community
Center

Who can be a foster parent?

Foster families don't all look the same. You can be married or single. You can already have kids or not. What our diverse and amazing families share is a desire to provide care and stability to children who need a safe and loving temporary home.

Please contact the DCFS/ICWA office or Government Office for more information.



Hello, my name is Kate Martell & I graduated with Bachelor's in Social Work in 2011. I have worked with children & families since 2012. In 2018 to 2021, I worked with the Fresno County DSS in the Family Reunification

division dealing with the court, families, and providers to establish a permanent plan in the best interest of the children. In October 2021 I had the opportunity to join NFR Fresno Tribal TANF, I was thrilled to meet and learn from the indigenous community and witness their culture's practices. In July 2022, I was given the privilege to continue my social work journey by being appointed as the Tribe's new ICWA Representative. I have always been fascinated and curious about the Native American community, I hope to support the families through their difficult and/or challenging situations to ensure each child and their family are treated with dignity and respect and that they remain connected to their unique culture. It is an honor to serve the NFR Tribe and the community.

Diaper Kits Sizes 1 -4 Each kit contains two packs of diapers and wipes

Please contact the DCFS/ICWA office or Government Office with your request, **you must schedule your pick-up in advance.**

**Pick-up available at
the NFR Government
office or the DCFS Clovis Office**



Request for Services or Support Forms are now available and able to be completed online. Services include but are not limited to attendance to meetings or assistance, transportation, support in visitations, diapers, food assistances, and much more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KATE MARTELL

kmartell@nfr-nsn.gov (559) 877-5555 Ext. 3503 (559) 760-0391





What do you know about North Fork Rancheria Tribal TANF?

Our Mission Statement:

To preserve and strengthen Indian children and families in becoming self-sufficient through education, work, and cultural activities. Assist clients to find tools and skills to guide them to healthy productive lives.

Why we do what we do?

TANF Purposes:

1. Increase the employability of needy Indian families.
2. Increase employment opportunities for Indian families through job training and skill development.
3. To better prepare (and educate) Indian families for healthy and planned pregnancies.
4. Encourage healthy and stable two-parent Indian families.

A little about our program:

Tribal TANF is a federal and state funded program that provides time-limited assistance to needy families with children, in an effort for those children to be cared for in their homes or in the homes of relatives. The Tribal TANF program was created by Native Americans to provide cash aid assistance and supportive services to meet the specific needs of Native American families. Tribal TANF is designed with the flexibility to address and focus on a variety of positive cultural traditions.

TANF Services:

- Monthly cash assistance for Native American families in one of our seven service areas, who is at or below 200% federal poverty level.
- Supportive Service for assistance with utilities, vehicle repairs, mileage, childcare, youth and adult clothing allowance, educational and employment expenses.
- A Career Coordinator and Case Manager to create a

Responsibility Service Plan for you to achieve your goals as a family unit.

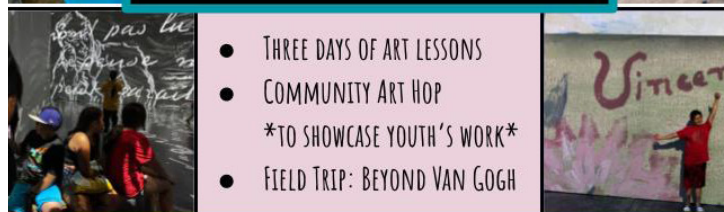
- Ability to seek post-secondary education, or vocational training
- Participation with Family Wellness activities

If you would like additional information, please contact any of our offices for more information:

Fresno Site (559)298-5700

North Fork Site (559) 877-5500

Atascadero Site (805) 464-2255





1st ANNUAL NORTH FORK YWEX YOUTH CONFERENCE

Was held on Saturday, August 13th 2022

Hosted by Fresno City College RAIN Program

Our very 1st Annual Youth Conference at Fresno City College was a success. Speakers from as far as Arizona presented to youth and adults. We had two Key-note Speakers, our first Key-note Speaker came to us from Oakland California, Mr. George Galvis Executive Director of CURYJ – Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice. CURYJ has been building communities and mobilizing youth leaders in the movement to end youth criminalization and mass incarceration. They work hard to engage youth most impacted by injustice so they can be the ones to close youth prisons and heal our communities. Mr. Galvis shared his story of family violence endured at a young age and how the streets impacted him. After being incarcerated as a youth he went back to school and

earned his master's degree. His presentation was moving, focused and engaging. (Mr. Galvis is pictured below conducting an icebreaker called Deadly Auntie, Uncle the Bear Hunter, and the Bear). Our second Keynote Speaker came to us from Phoenix Arizona, Mr. Kenneth Shirley CEO and Founder of Indigenous Enterprise. He spoke about our engagements he and his presenters had recently been on and shared stories about each individual presenter of Indigenous Enterprise. Each Presenter spoke of their experiences, why they dance, and showcased their dance style. We also had a wonderful opportunity to have a great presenter Jamie Beck of Career Vision Minute and affiliate of IDRS Acorn Project. As our first presenter she warmed up the crowd

sharing opportunities on ways youth can make money as Entrepreneurs. We raffled several Food Gift Cards, Visa Gift Cards, a Cell Phone and items that were donated by CIMC. Our Grand Prize Raffle was a Chrome-book won by Ms. Jadyn D. (pictured below). Another fun activity was the Potato Dance with winner take all and two sisters teamed up and won, Imani and Aih-Nayah M. (pictured above) Overall this event was a great experience and success we look forward to our 2nd Annual Youth Conference and hope to see it grow in size for years to come.





NFR ALERT

Sign up on the NFR Alert System to receive alerts.

The system features:

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- ✓ Text and Email Alerts
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- ✓ Profile and Web Interface



ENVIRONMENTAL
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Environmental Protection Department



On July 9th, North Fork Rancheria hosted an Open House to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Gaylen Lee Heritage Center! The new center will house our Environmental Protection and Cultural Monitoring Departments as well as our Language Preservation Department. There were family, friends, tribal citizens and council members in attendance as well as members of the community who spoke on the how Gaylen had impacted their lives. Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate!





Indian Housing Authority

TREASURY HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (HAF) PROGRAM:



The North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority (NFRHA) was recently awarded homeowner assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury as authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021. The HAF Program was established to mitigate financial hardships associated with the coronavirus pandemic by providing funds for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020, through qualified expenses related to mortgages and housing. To be eligible, homeowners must document a "Qualified Financial Hardship" which is a material reduction in income or material increase in living expenses associated with the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, homeowners must have a collective income equal to or less than 150% of the Area Median Income or 100% of the median income for the United States adjusted by household size, whichever is greater. The NFRHA will not exceed a "Maximum Per Household" assistance amount of \$10,000, and the assistance may be used amongst multiple eligible uses. Payments may be made directly to the lender or servicer, as appropriate.

Eligible Property Types:

- Single Family (attached or detached) properties
- Condominium units
- 1-unit owner-occupied
- Manufactured homes (modular, mobile homes, park model RVs) with permanent address and independent utilities

Eligible Uses:

- Mortgage Reinstatement

- Mortgage Payment Assistance/ Principal Reduction
- Property Charge Default Resolution
- Utility/Internet/Broadband Payments
- Home Repair Assistance

TREASURY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA) PROGRAM:



The North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority (NFRHA) has expended all funds received for Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) and the program is now closed. The NFRHA was awarded homeowner assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury as authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The ERA Program was established to assist renter households that were unable to pay rent and utilities due to the coronavirus pandemic. The program required that households: Qualified for unemployment or had experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic; Demonstrated a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and had a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median. The NFRHA expended \$1,363,172.39 in program funds and successfully assisted 230 applications. Funds were used for rent, utilities and home energy costs, and other eligible expenses such as internet and hotel stays.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING:

The North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority (NFRHA) is in the process of constructing an Emergency Services Building on behalf of the Tribe. The new facility will be located at the North Fork Mill Site adjacent to the existing Madera County Fire Station #11 that the Tribe assisted in developing and completed in



2012. The new facility will include a fire station living quarters, sheriff substation, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) substation. The current fire station does not have the facilities for permanent staffing, and the proposed facility is intended to remove barriers toward providing staffing to our area for emergency services. The proposed facilities are necessary for improved response times and improved public safety. The proposed project capitalizes upon prior investment and allows the Tribe to leverage its available resources in a



viable and cost-effective way that uniquely combines services into a shared but segmented facility.

The project is being funded by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) awarded to the Tribe, with in-kind services, furnishings, and equipment to be provided by Madera County and the agencies utilizing the facility.

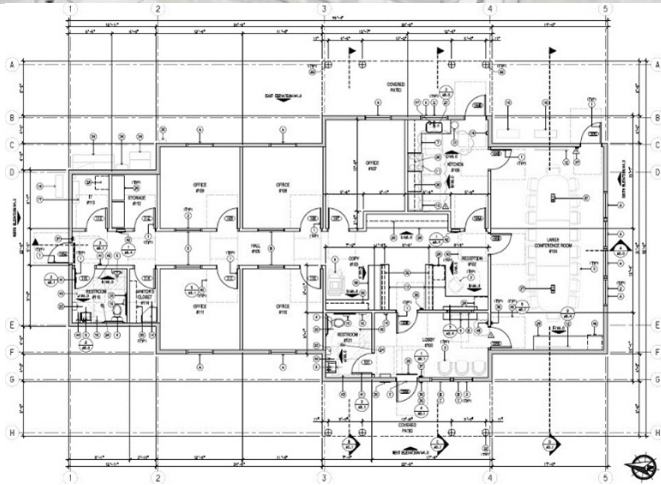
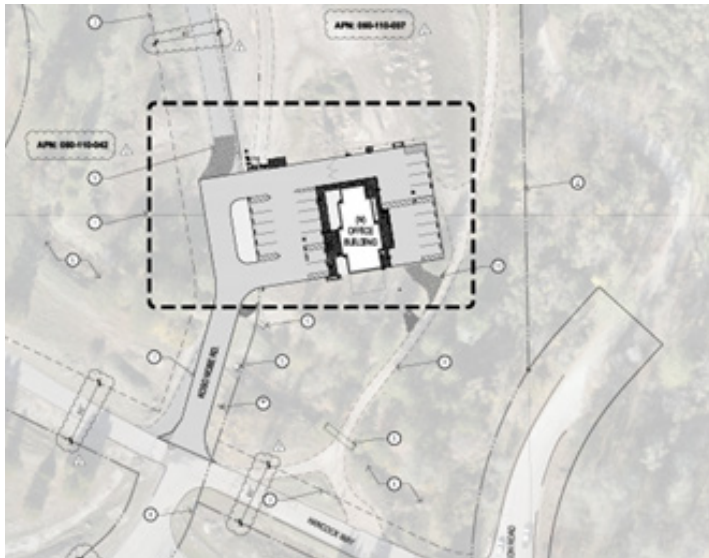
A grading permit for the project was issued in February 2022, and earthwork was subsequently completed. A groundbreaking for the project was held May 4, 2022. The project has been in plan check, and the building permit was just issued on September 2nd. The NFRIHA is now proceeding on construction of the 4156 sq. ft. facility.

TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICE:

The North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority (NFRIHA) is preparing to construct a new Tribal Council Office on behalf of the Tribe. The office will be located at the North Fork Mill Site on the parcel to the North of the existing fire station. The project has been in the design phase, and the grading permit was just recently issued, and all earthwork has since been contracted and completed. The project has just gone through plan check, and the NFRIHA is pending issuance of the building permit. The Tribal Council Office will be 2,556 square feet.

NORTH FORK RANCHERIA TRIBAL COUNCIL BUILDING





The project is located on the Tribe's 61.5 acres of tribal trust land. The project was made possible through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit awarded by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Indian Housing Block Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and funding from the Indian Health Service Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

If interested in this housing and other NFRHA low-income rental housing, please contact NFRHA to apply and be placed on the waiting list.

NORTH FORK RANCHERIA INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY - HOUSING PROGRAMS

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT (LIHTC) PROJECT:

The North Fork Rancheria Indian Housing Authority (NFRHA) is eagerly anticipating the completion of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Project. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of year and includes a total of 26 units. The project includes a combination of single-family homes and duplexes, and will provide four 1-bedroom units, ten 2-bedroom units, ten 3-bedroom units, and two 4-bedroom units.



The Service Area for the following programs has been expanded Nationwide.

Down Payment Assistance Program:

- NFRHA will provide one-time down payment assistance toward the purchase of a home.
- The maximum amount of assistance available is



20% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$40,000.

- Properties must meet HUD/FHA Minimum Property Standards, and generally must be free of defective conditions.
- The applicant must be able to obtain a mortgage loan with an eligible lender.
- Assistance will be secured by a second deed of trust, amortized after 10 years of ownership, and forgiven after 20 years of ownership.
- All applicants must first apply with NFRIHA to determine eligibility and are to contact NFRIHA prior to submitting a purchase agreement and entering escrow to confirm the availability of funds. Funding is awarded on a first come first serve basis.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program:

- NFRIHA will provide one-time assistance, allowable once within a 24-month period, for tribal citizens who are displaced or served with an eviction notice for their current or most recent residence, live in unsafe or substandard living conditions, or live-in overcrowded conditions.
- NFRIHA may approve such assistance under other conditions such as: loss of income, medical expenses, natural or manmade disasters that are determined to be an imminent threat to the health or safety of household occupant's and require relocation.
- If eligible, assistance will be provided in the amount of the first month's rent, and deposit if required by a new lease agreement. For tenants seeking to remain in an existing rental unit, assistance will be provided in the amount of one month's rent.
- **Guidelines:**
 - ◊ Monthly rental payments cannot exceed 30% of the household's gross monthly income.
 - ◊ Lease agreements must be provided stating the monthly rent and deposit.
 - ◊ All checks will be submitted directly to the landlord.
 - ◊ Reimbursement for eligible moving expenses will be allowed up to \$300.

Foreclosure & Debt Relief Program:

- NFRIHA has established a Foreclosure & Debt Relief Program to provide assistance for homeowners to remain in their homes when foreclosure actions are imminent, whether instituted by a lender for default on payments or by the county for delinquent property taxes.

- One-time assistance, not to exceed \$10,000.
- Applicants must have the ability to maintain monthly mortgage payments following NFRIHA assistance.
- Applicants must attempt a resolution with the mortgage holder including the utilization of mortgage relief options, when available.

The Service Area of the following programs is Fresno, Madera, and Mariposa counties.

Low-Income Rental Units

NFRIHA currently has 36 low-income rentals units. Tribal Citizens must apply to be placed on the waiting list for North Fork, Fresno/Clovis, or Madera.

- Applicants must be low-income to be placed on the waiting list and must be low-income at initial occupancy.
- Pre-determine rents have been established for each unit based on the number of bedrooms.
- Applicants must also meet the eligibility conditions stated in the Admissions and Occupancy Policy; factors negatively impacting eligibility include prior criminal record for any household members.

Housing Rehabilitation Program:

- The purpose of this program is to assist homeowners with repairs for conditions that pose an imminent threat to the health and safety of the occupants, and to bring their property up to minimum housing standards.
- Applicants must have been a resident at the home for the past 12 months.
- Basic maintenance services will not be undertaken by the NFRIHA.
- The level of assistance is also contingent on the NFRIHA's ability to record a Useful Life/Use Restriction on the property.
- Proof of ownership required.

Housing Services Program:

- The Housing Services Program has been established to assist tribal citizens with obtaining a residential lease on allotment land. Residential leases are recorded with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are necessary for individuals residing on allotment land to provide proof of a leasehold interest in the property to become eligible for housing rehabilitation and the homeownership assistance program.



- This program will assist tribal citizens in requesting a residential lease and public version Title Status Report (TSR), obtaining consent requirements for leases, obtaining a land survey from a Certified Federal Surveyor (CFEDS), providing proof of ingress/egress access, and with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.
- This program may also be used to assist eligible property owners in researching land titles on fee lands in order to qualify for affordable housing assistance. The Housing Services program will not assist in clearing liens or claims but will provide technical assistance and assist with other costs necessary to allow for landowners with fractionalized interests in becoming eligible for housing assistance and allow for a Useful Life/Use Restriction to be recorded.

Homeownership Assistance Program:

- Funding for this program is currently limited to placement of available FEMA mobile homes.
- The Homeownership Assistance Program may be utilized on Trust, Individually Allotted, or Fee Simple Lands located within Fresno, Madera, or Mariposa County.
- Applicants must have ownership of the land where the home will be placed in order to be eligible for this program. The applicant must be listed on Title Status Report provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for trust or allotment lands or must be on the deed for fee lands. If the applicant owns a divided interest in a proposed home site, they must have a long-term residential lease in place, or obtain the necessary consent from all other interests to become eligible.
- Proposed home sites are encouraged to have access to infrastructure/utilities (access, water, power, and sewer). If services are being provided by another homeowner on the property, consent must be provided. All service connections must be feasible within the total cost of development allowable.
- The total cost of development or the purchase price will be contingent on the NFRIHA's ability to record a Useful Life/Use Restriction on the property, and on the availability of funds.

Emergency Potable Water Program:

- Emergency Potable Water Program has been established to provide eligible homeowners with an emergency potable water supply due to periodic droughts.
- The program will cover costs to have a licensed potable water hauler fill temporary or permanent water storage tanks.
- This program is designed to be temporary and non-recurring to meet emergency water supply needs until replacement or altering of the private water systems can be undertaken by IHS or the NFRIHA.
- The NFRIHA will provide the minimum necessary potable water for human consumption, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of families.
- Funds must be used toward sustaining permanent residential structures.
- Water storage tanks and booster pumps may be provided to applicants through the program if the applicant does not currently have one or the ability to accept potable water delivery.

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Citizen Spotlight

Joni Drake



Retired - Under New Management

Tribal Citizen, Joni Drake, recently retired as Site Manager for California Tribal TANF Partnership - Amador County; serving tribal families and the community for 15 years.

Mrs Drake is continuing to serve Amador County as Board Vice Chair on Amador, Tuolumne, Calaveras Action Agency (ATCCA), First 5 Amador Chair Commission Board, and Child Abuse Prevention Council community committee.

Now serving as Mrs Drake immediate management team are, Logan Simoni and Olivia Caminata (grandchildren).

Newsletter Cover Photos by Tribal Citizen Sandi Clark



We are very proud to have such amazing and talented people in our tribe!



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