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13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tommo Craft Fair this weekend in Reno, Nevada

**Attachments:** [image001.gif](#) [13th Annual Tommo Craft Fair on Dec 13-14.pdf](#)

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On This Day: In 1993 the Dann Sisters received the Right Livelihood Award (Nobel Peace Prize). Mary Dann and her sister, Carrie were Western Shoshone ranchers, cultural and spiritual

rights and land rights activists. Carrie and Mary Dann filed a request for urgent action with the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. They had been active in the movement to recover millions of acres of land that originally belonged to the Shoshone tribe. They persuaded the UN, which ordered the US government to halt all actions against the Western Shoshone people. However the mandate has mostly been ignored by the US government. Much of the disputed land, consisting of a large portion of Nevada and four other states, was defined in the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley made between the Shoshone and the United States, and ratified by the US Congress. It guaranteed the Shoshone control of their land in perpetuity, in exchange for safe passage across the land for railroads and other transportation means, to reach the California gold fields. The US was torn by Civil war, and the northern states were cash poor, with no access to funds from the highly productive south any longer. However, the US now claims that the treaty was made void by “gradual encroachment”, although even in current times, 80% of Shoshone lands remain unoccupied by others.

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### **Tribal Water Working Group**

**<http://www.tribalterritories.org/tribal-water-working-group-.html>**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights Doctrine is one that must be fully recognized and upheld by all agencies of the Federal Government, all state water engineers and most importantly, by all Tribes of this country! For without water there is no life, without life there is no love and respect and without love and respect there are no Native peoples. And without Native people the connection and, indeed, the relationship to the water of life, all below ground, all on the ground and all above ground will be lost forever. We cannot forsake the blood, spirit and strength of our ancestors by allowing the continual onslaught against tribal and allotted water rights!

It is this blood, spirit and strength that has allowed us to persevere in the course of human history. How will future human history take notice of Native people and their desire to have a self-sustaining life so the young and future generations can become useful, respectful and walk on a clear path. How can our permanent homelands become safe havens of cultural well-being, self-reliance and strengthen families and communities without a reliable source of clean water. The key to all future success depends upon water. All economic, social and cultural growth is dependent on water. Our loved ones depend on water! Water is a sacred and powerful gift from the Creator.

Therefore the TRIBAL WATER WORKING GROUP will work to:

1. Begin an educational process that will highlight the major issues of Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights.
2. Uphold the government-to-government relationship with the United States while protecting tribal sovereignty.

3. Establish a nationwide network of Indian Tribes within the major river basins of the country to maintain a unified voice for Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights.
4. Make certain that all living things have access to clean and safe waters
5. Share traditional knowledge, wisdom, and stories to enable our youth and families to understand the importance of our beliefs as it relates to water [management](#) and protection.
6. Utilize cultural knowledge and science to guide appropriate use for the management, protection and sustainability of Indigenous Waters

A variety of short, medium and long-term goals would include:

Short-term: immediate outreach to other tribes, tribal leaders and elders in the form of website; Intertribal Territories Reporter newsletter, Annual Land & Water Summit, and regional workshops;

Medium-term: goal of developing educational materials around water and land issues and educating tribal leaders and developing a water and land curriculum for our tribal [colleges](#);

Long-term goals include establishing a voice for tribal water rights at the federal, state and congressional levels and acting as a unified voice for tribal watershed protection. These long term goals will assist in:

- Formulating and implementing Tribal policies and laws to manage and protect water;
- Giving Federal agencies and other Tribes a “blueprint” of water policies and purposes that will uphold the wise exercise of tribal sovereignty and establish solid water management plans;
- Assist Tribes in acquiring sound technical and administrative capabilities to provide a methodical system of water [policy](#) development that will empower tribes to address quality, quantity and conservation issues critical to the future of this country; and
- Establish a national forum of tribal professionals who have “been there, done that”, and can relate advice to Tribes and Federal agencies on best practices relating to water management and planning.

A nationally established TWWG will identify, consider and prioritize water protection issues. For Tribes to carryout water management and protection practices based on their cultural, traditional, spiritual, economic and social beliefs and aspirations it is imperative for Tribes to adopt Tribal

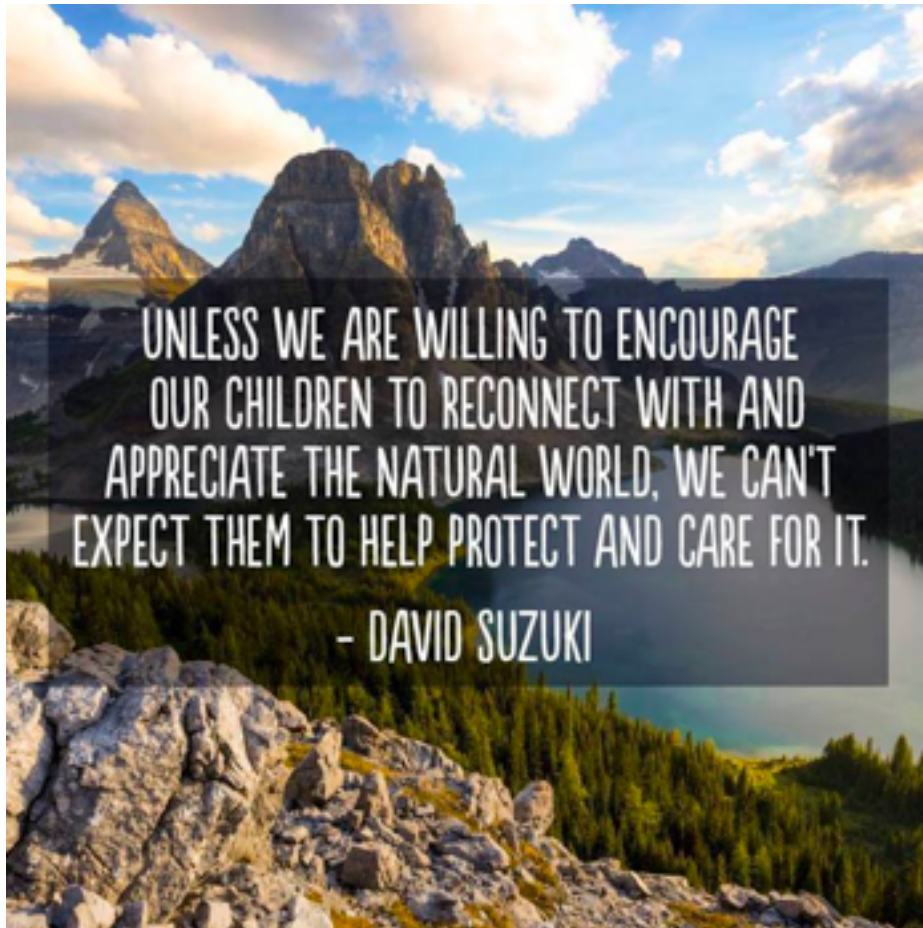
Water Codes. These codes will lay the groundwork for the control, management and protection of water resources and also provide Federal water and resource managers with clear guidelines on how tribes want their assets managed.

The four major areas to be addressed are:

- **Tribal policy-making**
  1. Major development issues
  2. Cultural concerns involving water
  3. Role of water in larger tribal context
  4. Establishment of water policy goals
  5. Political issues affecting water management.
- **Legal issues**
  1. Status of Tribes & allottees water rights
  2. IRA or non-IRA
  3. Legal resources available
  4. Tribal government structure and court system
  5. Barriers and incentives
  6. Political resources available.
- **Technical issues**
  1. Understanding the hydrologic cycle
  2. Watersheds/watershed management
  3. Principals and measurements
  4. Analysis of surface flows
  5. Quality of surface water supply
  6. Storage
  7. Management
  8. Protection strategies
  9. Groundwater.

Research and inventory data, assign research responsibilities, resource monitoring activities, field data collection, existing supplies and condition of project.
- **Administrative issues**
  1. Manpower and qualifications

2. Tribal Water Engineer
3. Infrastructure and development funding
4. Criteria for resource use and management
5. Environmental impacts
6. Building environmental quality into code
7. Implementing water quality standards



8. Discussion document on code

9. Water marketing.

The code development process is all-inclusive and is a locally-driven document that sets forth the major policies and concerns of a Tribe. Workshops on the code development process will enable tribes to begin identifying high priority, water related tribal interest areas.

Compliance with Federal laws will

be guided by tribal policy and law that supports criteria and standards and takes advantage of the government-to-government relationship by utilizing information and data already in place with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Army Corps of Engineers (CoE)..

### **Open Letter to Tribal Leaders**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Tribal Water Working Group (TWWG) which was formerly a subcommittee of the Indian Land Working Group (ILWG), but

has now been re-activated as a subcommittee of the Intertribal Territories Recovery Institute (ITRI – see [www.intertribalterritories.org](http://www.intertribalterritories.org) . The ITRI is a national Indian organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the 153,000,000 plus acres of “reservation”, tribal territories, and ceded lands in what some call the U.S.

For the past 18 years the current staff and Board members of the ITRI have addressed such serious issues as sale/lease of native lands to mining, oil & gas interests, fee-to-trust, rights-of-way, water quality and quantity, federal land transfers & exchanges, as well as application and non-application of Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights. In addition, the TWWG members continue to monitor legislation and Federal policy to inform Tribes about the issues we must contend with as caretakers of native lands.

For years, the TWWG members have fought hard for land, now we must extend this fight to protecting the Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights attached to Indian land throughout the basins of the United States! Reservations, Pueblos and Rancherias all need reliable sources of clean water to perpetuate the establishment of these land bases as permanent homelands for Native people. The TWWG has had a series of discussions and I have been chosen by my peers to be the Chairman for the TWWG.

By way of introduction I am Wes Martel, (N. Arapaho & E. Shoshone), and I spent 16 years on the Business Council for the Eastern Shoshone Tribe on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming and last year, again became a member of the Business Council.

The Wind River Reservation is the only reservation in the country to litigate its water rights in state and Federal courts and the two tribes at Wind River were awarded 500,717 acre/feet of water with an 1868 priority date. Through my time on the Business Council, I not only more fully understood the major issues of Indian Water Rights, I also realized how little the Federal government is doing to preserve and protect Indian water through the Winters Doctrine as established in 1908. All across the country state water engineers are continually approving and appropriating new uses of water without having a full understanding of how much of the surface and groundwater in the major basins of this country belongs to Indian people.

Without an effective, informed and cohesive voice to put Federal Indian Reserved Water Rights “on the map” Indian people face the daunting prospect of losing their water the way we have lost our lands. The TWWG has a mission to utilize the collective strength and wisdom of our Indian people to uphold:

1. that water is a sacred and powerful gift from the Creator and;
2. that the Tribes deserve to have their water rights fully recognized just as any other landowner.

To achieve our mission it will be critically important to educate the Senate and House members of the United States Congress, enlist Federal agencies to uphold the government-to-government



relationship, utilize Tribal technical and administrative professionals and take the advice and counsel of Tribal elders and Tribal leaders to protect tribal sovereignty and build up political integrity.

For too long now the water rights of native peoples have been ignored. It is time to stand together and support one another in what will be viewed as “another Indian war”. We must call upon our political, physical and spiritual allies to give us strength and guidance. We must retrieve the courage and respect of our ancestors to wage a war with dignity, prayer and knowledge so we might emerge victorious! Through all of our 575 plus native communities, through all of our relatives and through our strong spiritual belief we can become one and become strong. The future of Indian people is dependent upon a reliable source of clean water for the next seven generations and beyond.

The TWWG will continue to reach out to all those mentioned above so each of us can bring something good, no matter how small or large, to achieve an objective that will be good for all indigenous people. All across Mother Earth, native people have seen their rights eroded, and their lives imperiled because of the decisions of foreign, oppressive governments. We cannot allow this to continue. The future of our people is at stake.

To forward this mission we announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Native Water and Land Summit to be held July 26 – 28 the at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. Details for this event will be posted on the ITRI website. The ITRI views this as a critical organizing event as we act to protect our water and lands.

Haho, Wes Martel – Chairman, Tribal Water Working Group & Staff member ITRI

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**Only 29% of People With Diabetes Report That Their Doctors ask Them for Input for Their own Treatment Plans.** Results from the global Diabetes Attitudes, Wishes and Needs 2 study (DAWN2™) presented today at a symposium during the World Diabetes Congress of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), show that only 29% of people with diabetes report that their healthcare team ask for their input when making their treatment plans. Furthermore, only 33% said they were encouraged by their healthcare professional to ask questions in the consultation.

Read more here: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/12/04/5972157/only-29-of-people-with-diabetes.html#storylink=cpy>

**Ultrasound, Nanoparticles May Help Diabetics Avoid the Needle** A new nanotechnology-based technique for regulating blood sugar in diabetics may give patients the ability to release insulin painlessly using a small ultrasound device, allowing them to go days between injections - rather than using needles to give themselves multiple insulin injections each day. The technique was developed by researchers at North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [Read more](#)

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## **Nevada High School Business Plan Competition - Enter Now**

The 2014 Business Plan Competition is open to all Nevada High School students, and the Intent to Compete form is due March 1, 2014. Finalist will be selected by the judges and notified at least 10 days prior to final interviews. Read more [here](#).

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## **FLoW 2014 Cleantech Challenge - Apply Now**

Students can win \$150,000+, Create a company and gain face time with key cleantech investors and partners. Step by step support for starting your business. Start your application now and receive a mentor. Read more [here](#).

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## **[Artswriters.org](#) > [Grantee detail](#) > [Ed Fuentes](#)**

[The Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant is designed to support writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art through project-based grants issued directly to individual authors](#)

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## **GrantStation**

### **[Kick Butts Day Mini-Grants](#)**

Kick Butts Day empowers youth to speak up and take action against Big Tobacco at hundreds of events from coast to coast. Kick Butts Day Mini-Grants will support Kick Butts Day events to be held in the spring of 2014. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **[Stronger Together 2014](#)**

Stronger Together 2014 is an initiative by several individuals and foundations to collectively fund projects with a Christian faith perspective in Canada. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

### **[Department of Health and Human Services: HIV Early Intervention Services Existing Geographic Service Areas](#)**

This program provides support for outpatient HIV early intervention and primary care services targeted to low-income, medically underserved people living with HIV/AIDS. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

## ***National Funding***

Support for Wireless Technology Innovations Addressing Social Issues

### **[Vodafone Americas Foundation: Wireless Innovation Project](#)**

The Vodafone Americas Foundation's Wireless Innovation Project supports exemplary wireless-related technology innovations that address critical social issues around the world. Funded projects should present a solution to a clearly defined social problem within the areas of education, health, access to communication, environment, or economic development. Applicants must be part of an established multi-disciplinary team that provides the expertise needed for a comprehensive solution to the targeted problem. The Wireless Innovation Project will provide up to \$600,000 for projects from universities and nonprofit organizations based in the United States. Winners will be selected for awards of \$100,000, \$200,000, and \$300,000, which will be paid in equal installments over three years. The application deadline is February 3, 2014. Visit the



Vodafone Americas Foundation website to take the required Eligibility Questionnaire and submit an online application.

U.S. Wilderness Area Conservation Projects Funded

**National Forest Foundation: Wilderness Stewardship Challenge**

The National Forest Foundation was established by Congress to support the USDA Forest Service in its management of the nation's forests and grasslands. The Foundation's Wilderness Stewardship Challenge initiative provides matching grants of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit partners to implement on-the-ground conservation projects that directly benefit Wilderness Areas within the National Forest System. Funded projects should include a high level of community involvement and support for the project. Priority is given to targeted work that advances one or more of a Wilderness Area's eligible stewardship elements, especially if the element is managed below standard. The application deadline is January 22, 2014. Visit the National Forest Foundation website for program details and application information.

Grants Promote International Arts Collaborations **CEC ArtsLink: ArtsLink Projects**

CEC ArtsLink promotes international communication and understanding through collaborative, innovative arts projects that encourage the exchange of visual and performing artists and cultural managers in the United States and 37 countries overseas. The ArtsLink Projects initiative provides grants of up to \$10,000 to U.S. artists, curators, presenters, and arts organizations undertaking projects in any of the eligible countries. Applicants must be working with an artist or organization in the targeted region and projects should be designed to benefit participants and audiences in both the U.S. and the host country. In 2014, applications will be accepted from individual artists, presenters, and nonprofit arts organizations working in dance, music, theater and literature. The application deadline is January 15, 2014. Visit the ArtsLink website to learn more about the ArtsLink Projects application procedure.

Fellowships for Global Social Entrepreneurs **Echoing Green Fellowship Program**

Echoing Green invests in outstanding emerging social entrepreneurs to help them launch new organizations that deliver bold, high-impact solutions to society's most difficult problems. Echoing Green offers the following three distinct fellowship programs. The Global Fellowship supports young leaders worldwide who are deeply connected to the needs and potential solutions that may work best for their communities. The Open Society Black Male Achievement Fellowship invests in emerging leaders dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the U.S. The Climate Fellowship supports the best next-generation social entrepreneurs committed to working on innovations in mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Fellowships are provided to individuals (at least 18 years of age) or partnerships (organizations led by two people). Fellows receive stipends ranging from \$70,000 to \$90,000 and technical support to turn their innovative ideas into sustainable social change organizations. Applications may be submitted from December 3, 2013, to January 6, 2014. Online application information is available on the Echoing Green website.

***Regional Funding***

Educational Programs in North Carolina Supported

**North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation: Traditional Grants Program**

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in North Carolina that help meet the educational and health needs of today's society and future generations. The primary focus of the Foundation's Traditional Grants Program is to provide seed grants of \$25,000 and above for new and worthwhile educational programs. Grants are generally not provided for programs that benefit a limited geographical region. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the upcoming application deadline is January 1, 2014. Visit the Foundation's website to review the application process.

Funds for Youth and Family Services in Minnesota

**[The Sheltering Arms Foundation](#)**

The Sheltering Arms Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations located in and providing services in the state of Minnesota that benefit children and their families who have the least access to resources. The Foundation supports direct service programs that improve access to early childhood education and childcare, support youth development, and strengthen family relationships. In addition, the Foundation supports advocacy efforts that raise the level of public awareness and commitment to mobilize political will around the Foundation's funding priorities. The application deadline is January 17, 2014. (Prior to submission of a funding request, organizations are strongly encouraged to contact Foundation staff to talk about how a project fits with the Foundation's guidelines.) Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines and online application process.

Grants Enhance Quality of Life for Oregonians

**[Oregon Community Foundation: Community Grant Program](#)**

The Oregon Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Oregon and promoting effective philanthropy. The Foundation's Community Grant Program supports projects that address one of the Foundation's four primary funding priorities: Nurture Children and Strengthen Families, Enhance Educational Opportunities, Increase Cultural Opportunities, and Preserve and Improve Oregon's Livability through Citizen Involvement. Grants, which average \$20,000, are typically provided to small and moderate-sized nonprofit organizations. The application deadlines are February 1 and August 1, annually. Guidelines for submitting application packets are available on the Foundation's website.

Oral Health Programs in New England Funded

**[Northeast Delta Dental Foundation](#)**

The mission of the Northeast Delta Dental Foundation is to improve the access to, and the quality of, oral healthcare and education for the public and the dental communities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Grants are provided for charitable programs to extend the benefits of dentistry to indigents, children, the elderly, and groups found to be dentally deprived; educational programs for the advancement of dentistry and oral health; programs designed to promote the oral health of the public; and dental research projects promising to improve the quality of dental care delivered. Grants generally range up to \$5,000. The upcoming application deadline is January 24, 2014. Visit the Delta Dental website to review the online application guidelines.

***Federal Funding***

Economic Development Efforts Supported

**[Department of Commerce](#)**

The Economic Development Assistance Programs support the implementation of regional

economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. Application deadlines are December 13, 2013; March 14 and June 13, 2014; and October 17, 2015.

Funds Available for Patient Safety Research [National Institutes of Health](#)  
The Patient Safety Learning Laboratories: Innovative Design and Development to Improve Healthcare Delivery Systems program supports research leading to patient safety improvements in all settings and systems of care delivery. Letters of intent are due January 7, 2014. The application deadline is February 7, 2014.

Program Supports Assistance to Health Centers [Department of Health and Human Services](#)  
The National Training and Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreements program offers support to provide technical and non-financial assistance to potential and existing health centers. The application deadline is January 8, 2014.

Support Available to Improve Mine-Affected Waterways [Department of the Interior](#)  
The Not-for-Profit Acid Mine Drainage Reclamation program provides support to assist local organizations, especially watershed groups, to begin construction projects to improve the water quality of streams impacted by acid mine drainage. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis through September 30, 2014.

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**Elder's Meditation of the Day** - *"In the end I tell my children, there's no way I can tell you how to be an Acoma, how to be an Indian. You have to experience it."* -- Stanley Paytiamo, **ACOMA PUEBLO**

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[Another reason to worry about methane: It's leaking out of the Arctic Ocean hella fast](#)

BY BEN ADLER

Methane, the most potent greenhouse gas, is being released from sub-sea permafrost much more rapidly than previously estimated, according to new research.

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[Charlotte Bacocho Interview](#) [youtube.comThe Big Pine Tribal News is happy to present the interview with Local Big Pine Paiute Tribal Elder Charlotte Bacocho. Watch and listen as we focus on her tale...](#)

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[For California bison that need water, a crowd-funding campaign](#)

**Betty Hallock, Los Angeles Times**

Kathy and Ken Lindner of Lindner Bison started raising bison 16 years ago -- grass-fed cattle that roam pastures in Lassen County in Northern California near the Nevada border. The bison graze lush pasture nourished by a 600-foot-deep irrigation water well. But, according to the Lindners, that well has dried up.

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[Winnemem Wintu Reject Bay Delta Conservation Plan](#) **Dan Bacher, Indy Bay**

“There is no precedent for the killing of an estuary of this size, so how could any study be trusted to protect the Delta for salmon and other fish? How can they even know what the effects will be?” said Chief and Spiritual Leader Caleen Sisk. “The end of salmon would also mean the end of Winnemem, so the BDCP is a threat to our very existence as indigenous people.