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Crazy Horse Prophecy – August 1877

“Upon suffering beyond suffering; the Red Nation shall rise again and it shall be a blessing for a sick world. A world filled with broken promises, selfishness and separations. A world, longing for light again. I see a time of seven generations when all the colors of mankind will gather under the sacred Tree of Life and the whole Earth will become one circle again. In that day there will be those among the Lakota who will carry knowledge and understanding of unity among all living things, and the young white ones will come to those of my people and ask for this wisdom. I salute the light within your eyes where the whole universe dwells. For when you are at that center within you and I am at that place within me, we shall be as one.”

~ This is a statement of Crazy Horse as he sat smoking the sacred pipe at Paha Sapa with Sitting Bull for the last time, four days before he was assassinated. (Sept 1, 1877)

— with [Nate Silk Marrufo](#).

HUD ALLOCATES MORE THAN \$660 MILLION TO NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced more than \$660 million in grant allocations to 587 Native American tribes in 35 states (see list below). [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\)](#) allocations are distributed each year to eligible Indian tribes or their tribally designated housing entities for a range of affordable housing activities.

IHBG funds benefit low-income families living on Indian reservations or in other American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The amount of each grant is based on a formula that considers local needs and housing units under management by the tribe or designated entity.

“Every family, every community in America, deserves the chance to flourish,” said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. “Tribes use this funding to build new homes, or to solve their most pressing housing issues. Our partnerships with tribal communities and leaders are critical today to help ensure better housing, neighborhoods and economic opportunities for tomorrow.”

Eligible activities for the funds include housing development, assistance to housing developed under the Indian Housing Program of the 1937 Housing Act, housing services to eligible families and individuals, housing management services, crime prevention and safety, and model activities that provide creative approaches to solving affordable housing problems. The block grant approach to housing was enabled by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

“The Indian Housing Block Grant program is the single, largest source of affordable housing assistance in Native American communities,” said HUD Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez. “Over the life of the program, recipients have been able to build or acquire almost 37,000 affordable homes and have rehabilitated more than 77,000 housing units.”

HUD’s proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget seeks \$700 million for Native American Housing Block Grants, \$50 million above the 2016 enacted level, to address severe overcrowding and substandard housing conditions in Indian Country. An additional \$20 million in Indian Community Development Block Grant funding is being requested for projects to improve outcomes for Native youth, such as the construction or renovation of community centers, health clinics, transitional housing, pre-school/Head Start facilities and teacher housing. And up to \$5 million in Jobs-Plus funding will be used to implement a demonstration of the program in Indian Country to boost employment and earnings.

for list: [tp://www.hud.gov/news/index.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/news/index.cfm)

Indian Time.....



Enroll in StEPs

I think we can all agree that self-assessment is important, but it's not always as clear how self-assessment and archiving standards will impact an organization's day-to-day function and long-term goals. The workbook for AASLH's [Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations \(StEPs\)](#) is open-ended and flexible just for that reason.

The workbook's structure allows you to focus on the areas that matter to *your* organization. StEPs is

designed to dovetail with the work you are *already* doing, like caring for your collections, planning exhibits, and working with a board. The StEPs process helps you evaluate this work and identify your strengths and areas for improvement.

Here are 22 ways the 700+ organizations enrolled in StEPs are currently using the program:

1. Educate board members in their roles and responsibilities
2. Train entry level paid and unpaid staff
3. Create a refresher checklist for experienced paid and unpaid staff
4. Justify the need for changes in policies and practices
5. Learn about national museum standards
6. Measure how well your organization is already meeting standards
7. Guide long range or strategic planning
8. Use as a structure for board meeting agendas
9. Justify funding requests to foundations, local, governmental entities, etc.
10. Justify funding requests to board of directors
11. Create better budgets

12. Use as a resource when writing job descriptions for paid and unpaid staff and committees
13. Include as a resource for internship programs
14. Add credibility to grant applications
15. Satisfy a parent agency's benchmarking or performance requirements
16. Use as a structure for annual reports
17. Track organizational progress from year to year



18. Better articulate progress to your community and stakeholders
 19. Identify projects that can be matched with specific funders or benefactors
 20. Receive national recognition for institutional progress
 21. Prepare for participation in other assessment programs (like MAP, CAP, and Accreditation)
 22. Create a more vibrant and sustainable organization!
- Want to learn more and get started with StEPs? Contact [Cherie Cook](#) (573-893-5164) or [enroll online](#).

[ScienceDump](#)

The Rosy Maple moth is the prettiest moth in all the land. [\[http://bit.ly/1VgpWSV\]](http://bit.ly/1VgpWSV)

[Indian Community Development Block Grant \(ICDBG\):](#)

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During Drought, Solar Power Shines as a Low- Water Electricity Source

Earlier this month SunEdison signed a solar power purchase agreement with Stockton East Water District in Northern California. SunEdison plans to install 2.2.

Study: NASA satellites show areas growing drier, wetter The Desert Sun

"The implications of our study for the redistribution of *water* availability are ... the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and a professor at the University of *California*, Irvine.

Comprehensive Groundwater Adjudications: New Rules of ... California Lawyer

In *California*, *water* "rights" are not rights of ownership; rather, they are "usufructuary" rights (not a bad word when pronounced correctly) to use a public resource ...

Judge backs Bureau of Reclamation on Columbia River water plan

Don Jenkins, Capital Press

A federal judge in Eastern Washington has tossed out a lawsuit that sought to push the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation toward providing a private group with water from the Columbia River to irrigate 14,000 acres.

Lawsuits in Three States Target Groundwater Pollution under Clean Water Act

Brett Walton, Circle of Blue

The Clean Water Act, the landmark environmental statute that Congress passed in 1972, does not explicitly regulate the pollution of groundwater. That could change. Lawsuits before federal courts in three states argue that the federal government does have the power to hold polluters accountable — if the groundwater eventually flows into a river, lake, ocean, or stream already under Clean Water Act jurisdiction.

State Water Board Adopts Pair of Resolutions on the Human Right to Water, Beneficial Use

From the State Water Resources Control Board:

"Today the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) highlighted the important uses of water, both for drinking and cultural use, by adopting a pair of resolutions related to the human right to water, Native American tribal cultural uses of water and subsistence fishing.

Assembly Bill (AB) 685, signed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in 2012, added section [106.3 to the Water Code](#) on Jan. 1, 2013 declaring every human has a right to clean, affordable and accessible water for consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

The adopted resolution identifies the human right to water as a top priority and core value of the state and regional Water Boards "to preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all [beneficial uses](#), and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations."

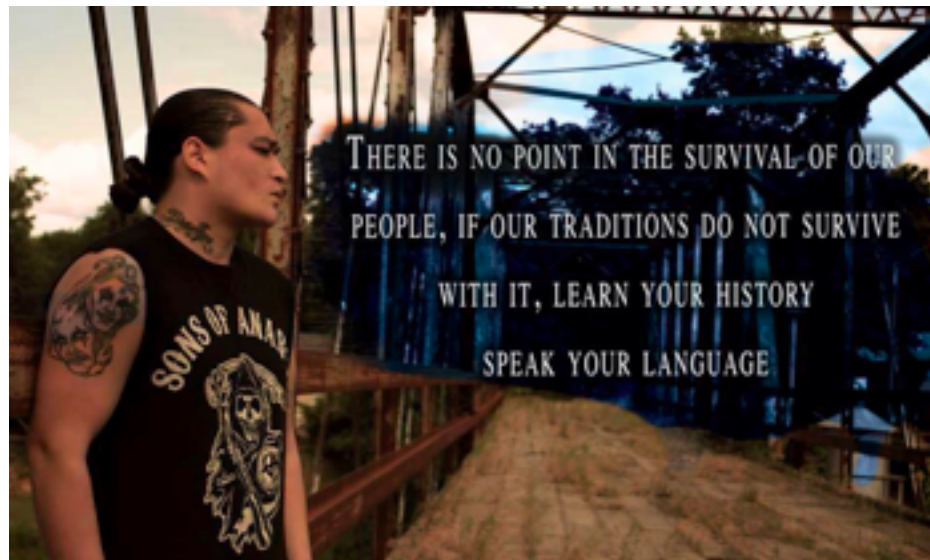
The resolution affirms the State Water Board's commitment to consider how its activities impact and advance the human right to safe, affordable and clean water to support basic human needs. Actions taken by the Water Boards in which the human right to water would be considered are those that implicate sources of drinking water. They include revising or establishing water quality control plans, policies and grant criteria; permitting; site remediation and monitoring; and water right administration.

Under the resolution, State Water Board staff will work with relevant stakeholders to — as resources allow — develop new or enhanced systems to collect data needed to identify and track communities that do not have, or are at risk of not having, safe, clean, affordable and accessible water for drinking, cooking and cleaning.

Another point highlighted in the resolution is that State Water Board staff will prepare annual progress reports to the board regarding implementation of the human right to water, and those benchmarks will be incorporated into the State Water Board's annual [performance report](#).

Understanding and recognizing California Native American tribes' cultural connection to the waters of the state, and subsistence fishing by tribes and other cultures, the State Water Board adopted a resolution to direct staff to develop proposed [beneficial use categories](#) pertaining to those uses. The resolution also directs the Board to consider the proposed [beneficial use](#) categories no later than April 2017.

The resolution also directed staff to engage Native American tribes in the public participation process when developing these [beneficial use](#) categories, as well as seek input from environmental justice groups, the regulated community and other interested stakeholders.



Dan Walters: Two states, two issues, one tycoon

Billionaire Warren Buffett owns electric utility PacificCorp

PacificCorp owns dams, coal-fired power plants

California will pay to get rid of dams but dislikes coal plants

Read more here:

J.J. Reed, left, and Sonny Mitchell, both fisheries technicians with the Karuk Tribe, search for a coho salmon that they spotted in Aikens Creek, near Orleans, last December. Spawning in the Klamath River and its tributaries is one factor in a bi-state deal to remove four fish-blocking power dams. Randy Pench rpench@sacbee.com <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/dan-walters/article60712881.html#storylink=cpy>

By Dan Walters dwalters@sacbee.com

Head-shaking oddities abound in politics, but the interplay among billionaire Warren Buffett and politicians in two states is one for the books.

Buffett's umbrella corporation, Berkshire Hathaway, owns PacificCorp, which delivers electricity to much of the Pacific Northwest, a tiny slice of California, and, through a subsidiary, several Rocky Mountain states.

PacificCorp also owns many generating facilities, including four dams on the Klamath River in California and coal-burning plants in Wyoming, Utah, Montana and Colorado.

Therein lies the rub.

The Klamath dams are very old, very antiquated and probably incapable of being relicensed because they block fish spawning runs. They also contribute just 1.5 percent of the power PacificCorp generates.

Logically, therefore, PacificCorp should tear down the dams. But they are ensnared in politics involving not only aquatic habitat but restrictions on water for farmers in Oregon's Klamath Basin.

One of Buffett's longtime pals is Arnold Schwarzenegger, and during his governorship a bi-state "compact" was forged, aimed at removing the dams, restoring habitat and giving farmers water supply stability.

As part of the deal, California would give PacificCorp \$250 million for dam removal. The money was later included in the 2014 water bond sponsored by Schwarzenegger's successor, Jerry Brown.

However, Congress has balked at putting up its share, and most recently, the two states and PacificCorp have agreed to begin implementing the compact on their own.

So why are California taxpayers coughing up \$250 million (about \$500 million with interest) to subsidize what a billionaire's corporation should be doing on its own?

The public explanations have never gone beyond something like "just because." Privately, officials have said that improving salmon runs on the Klamath might balance out, in the minds of regulators, degradation of runs on other California rivers, including the Sacramento.

If that weren't odd enough, now there's a flap over PacificCorp's heavy involvement in coal-fired generation, a secular sin among liberal politicians who dominate both states and who've been demanding conversion from carbon-emitting power plants to wind, solar and other "renewables."

The Oregon Legislature is considering a bill that would require private utilities serving the state to phase out coal generation by 2030.

This month, California's leading anti-coal crusader, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, Assembly Speaker-elect Anthony Rendon and other lawmakers sent a letter to Brown opposing a pending agreement between California's Independent System Operator and PacificCorp.

Their reason: It could bring coal-fired power to California and thus undermine the state's effort "to reduce climate pollution and promote clean energy."

However, those same legislators are quite willing to give Buffett's PacificCorp \$250 million in taxpayers' money.

Go figure.

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[Climate activists and pipeline protesters turn to civil disobedience in the Northeast](#)

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California American Indian Education Oversight Committee

The next meeting for the American Indian Education Oversight Committee is scheduled for February 26, 2016.

Location: California Department of Education, 1430 N St., Suite 1101, Sacramento, CA 95814

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

The agenda can be found at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ai/re/aieocmtgnotices.asp>

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Greetings from the National Tribal Air Association!

On behalf of the NTAA's Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group, we are pleased to presented the NTAA 2015-2016 National Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment for Indian Country.

You and your Tribal community can help provide the facts needed to make the case to improve funding for IAQ in Tribal housing by filling out the NTAA's [Indoor Air Quality Needs Assessment here](#).

Here is the live link as well: <http://goo.gl/forms/awULvp2bSE>

As you may know, since its founding in 2002, the National Tribal Air Association has been a leading voice for Tribal air quality issues, programs, and policies. With nearly 100 principal member Tribes, the NTAA's mission is to advance air quality management and policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives. The NTAA established an Indoor Air Quality Work Group in order to bring greater attention to the many IAQ issues in Indian Country.

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) is working to provide Tribes and the Federal Government with a national snapshot of Tribal housing Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) needs in order to demonstrate the need for increased funding to improve IAQ in Tribal housing. Please help by clicking on the link provided on the Needs Assessment and answering the questions to the best of your ability. Feel free to share this Needs Assessment with others in your Tribe who might have access to the information requested below and If you don't know all of the information requested below, feel free to skip the questions or write, "I don't know." This Needs Assessment will be sent to all federally-recognized Tribes.

Please complete the Needs Assessment by February 28, 2016.

Please feel free to share this Needs Assessment with others in your Tribe who might help you fill it out as we hope to have one assessment filled out by each Tribe in Indian Country.

NTAA will be compiling the results of this needs assessment into a final report to be released at the 2016 [National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](#) to be held in New York in May, 2016. NTAA hopes this needs assessment will help Tribal and Federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in Tribal communities. NTAA will be highlighting the information collected to call for more funding for Tribal housing. For more information on the NTAA IAQ work group that created this needs assessment, please visit [NTAA's website here](#).

Please allocate at least 30-45 minutes to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.

Thank you in advance for your time. With your help, NTAA will be working to bring additional resources for Tribes to address IAQ issues in their communities.

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[Real Solutions for Real People Forum - Reno, NV - Feb. 13, 2016](#) youtube.com

[Norm Harry](#)

Here is the link to my question to Bernie Sanders this past weekend! I also gave a workshop on water issues.....what a fun and memorable day!!

Julia Jones Native American actress... Thursday 18, 2016



10:30am-11:30am	EN ROUTE-TO PYRAMID LAKE PAUTE TRIBE
11:30am-1:30pm	PYRAMID LAKE PAUTE TRIBE GYM, NIXON
1:30pm- 2:00pm	EN ROUTE-TO COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING
2:00pm - 3:00pm	WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER AND SCHOOL
3:00pm-3:40pm	EN ROUTE- FALLON PAUTE SHOSHONE FOX-PEAK CINEMA
3:40pm-5:00pm	FALLON PAUTE SHOSHONE MEET AT FOX-PEAK CINEMA
5:00pm-5:30pm	EN ROUTE-TO WALKER RIVER RESERVATION
5:30pm-7:00pm	DINNER AT WALKER RIVER ELDERS COMMUNITY BUILDING

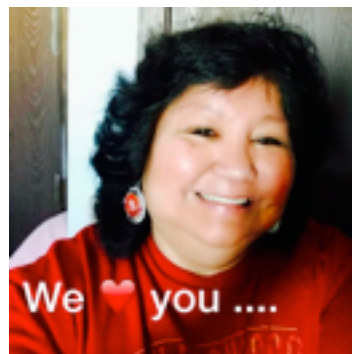


Contact: Myron Dewey for more information | 425/ 263-2560

Myron Dewey with Jolene Aleck and 46 others at Walker River Paiute Reservation.

Alright all Nevada Tribal Nations, we have confirmed Native American actress "JULIA JONES" for the Bernie Sanders tour on the Rez, tomorrow-Thursday 18, with so...

[See More](#)



RIP Libby Austin

