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Water Shorts

[Coming together for the Potter Valley Project](#) By Zoë Strickland, Cloverdale Reveille.

Last week three local entities — California Trout, Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission (IWPC) and Sonoma Water — announced that they will be signing a project planning agreement with the hopes of looking at pathways to relicense the Potter Valley Project. The Potter Valley Project is a hydropower project that sits in the middle of the Eel River and Russian River watershed basins and is integral in providing water to both Mendocino County and northern Sonoma County.

[Rights to water stored by Willamette dams up for grabs; cities, farmers, fish compete](#) By Bill Poehler and Tracy Loew, Statesman Journal, 5/29/19

Billions of gallons of water have been hidden behind the Willamette River Basin's 13 dams since they were constructed starting in the 1930s. For 30 years, powerful interests including cities, farmers and industry have been slugging it out for access to that water, which has yet to be designated for a use. Fisheries and environmental groups also want a say in how the water is distributed from the dams, operated by the Army Corps of Engineers. We're talking about stored water — not what flows freely down the Willamette and its tributaries. Who has a right to it, and when, mostly has never been decided.

“The most important thing is to break this wall that has been put up between (the sides).” –Jehu Salas, the secretary general of Mexico’s Zacatecas state, where Mexico’s largest gold and silver mine Penasquito is located. Operations at the mine have been blockaded by local villagers for two months over claims that mining activities caused the area’s water supply to dry up. Residents are demanding \$442 million in compensation from mine owner Nemont Goldcorp, who say they are willing to consider the mine’s environmental impact but believe the allegations may be an attempt at extortion. [Reuters](#)

8 Companies sued by New Hampshire, including 3M and the DuPont Co., in regards to PFAS contamination in drinking water and household products. New York has also sued six companies over PFOS and PFOA chemicals in fire-fighting foam. [U.S. News & World Report](#)

In context: [As PFAS Lawsuits Proliferate, Legal Tactics Emerge](#).

92 Years since the Mississippi River has flooded as badly as it currently is, during the “Great Flood” of 1927. Along several parts of the river, water levels have been at flood stage for nearly 4 months, the longest stretch of time since the Great Flood. [USA Today](#)

Southeast Alaska, the wettest region in the state, is in the midst of its first “extreme drought” since the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM) began taking records. The region has been experiencing drier-than-average weather for the past two years, and was recently upgraded to a D3 (Extreme Drought) status by the USDM. [U.S. News & World Report](#)

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National Funding

Support for Community Organizing Efforts to Confront Poverty

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) participates in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people who are seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression, and injustice. SDOP currently supports groups in the United States who are oppressed by poverty and social systems, want to take charge of their own lives, are organizing to do something about their own conditions, and have decided that what they are going to do will produce long-term changes in their lives or communities. Supported projects must be presented, owned, and controlled by the groups of people who will directly benefit from them. In addition, projects should utilize some combination of the SDOP core strategies to promote justice, build solidarity, advance human dignity, and advocate for economic equity. Applications may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the SDOP website to review the grant criteria.

Middle School Geography Projects in North America Funded

National Geographic Education: Middle School Planetary Stewards

National Geographic Education is focused on building geographic competency in middle school students and educators by fostering an explorer mindset and building appreciation for the natural and social sciences at the local, regional, and global levels. The Middle School Planetary Stewards request for proposals (RFP) invites middle school educators in the United States, Canada, and Mexico to submit proposals for creative projects that maximize the kind of learning exemplified by the [Learning Framework](#) and the [Geo-Inquiry Process](#) in classrooms or informal education settings. Eligible projects should address one of the following focus areas: Human Journey, Wildlife, or Changing Planet. Proposed projects may be carried out at various scales—for example, in one classroom or with one group of learners, with a collection of classrooms or groups, in an after-school program, or in an entire school. Applicants may request up to US \$15,000, although grants typically range between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The application deadline is July 10, 2019. Visit the National Geographic website to review the RFP.

Grants Promote Social Justice and Environmental Protection Programs Worldwide

Wallace Global Fund

The mission of the Wallace Global Fund is to promote an informed and engaged citizenry, to fight injustice, and to protect the diversity of nature and the natural systems upon which all life depends. Grants are provided for initiatives at the national and global levels, as well as for significant local or regional programs offering the potential to leverage broader impact. The focus is on nonprofit organizations and non-governmental organizations that are catalyzing significant change in line with one of the following priority areas: Challenge Corporate Power, Defend and Renew Democracy, Protect the Environment, Promote Truth and Creative Freedom in Media, and Advance Women's Human Rights and Empowerment. Online letters of inquiry may be submitted at any time. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the priority areas and application guidelines.

Native Land Control Initiatives Supported

Indian Land Tenure Foundation

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is a national, community-based organization serving American Indian nations and people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, state and local government agencies, and educational institutions that are working in the following strategic program areas: education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity, and legal reform. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the funding guidelines for each program area.

Regional Funding

Funds for Arkansas Organizations Addressing Health Issues

Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas: Regular Grants Program

The Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas is dedicated to creating a state where citizens have access to useful information and needed healthcare services that enable them to lead healthier lives. Through the Regular Grants Program, the Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations and government agencies that positively affect the health of Arkansans. Particular emphasis is given to projects addressing healthcare delivery, policy, and economics. Funded projects must demonstrate strong community, regional, or statewide support, such as co-funding by other organizations or groups. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$150,000. The deadline for submitting online applications is July 15, 2019. (The Foundation also offers a \$1,000 mini-grant program from January to March 15 each year.) Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines.

Sponsorships and Grants Enhance Quality of Life in Texas Communities

NRG Retail Charitable Foundation

The NRG Retail Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that strive to improve the quality of life in communities served by Reliant Energy throughout the state of Texas. The Foundation's areas of interest categories include the following: Community and Economic Development, Education, Environment and Energy Efficiency, and Health and Well-Being. The Foundation gives priority to initiatives that strengthen community involvement and inclusiveness. Applications for sponsorships and grants may be submitted at any time. Visit the Reliant Energy website to review the areas of interest categories and learn more about the application process.

Support for Oral Care Programs in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation

The Wisconsin Dental Association Foundation is committed to improving the oral health of Wisconsin residents by providing grants to community-based, nonprofit oral health promotion programs throughout the state. The Foundation's Annual Grant Program offers support to initiatives that provide dental care to the underserved and philanthropic endeavors related to dentistry in Wisconsin. Grants of up to \$5,000 are considered for dental supplies and equipment for low-income dental clinics, dental health education programs, and other nonprofit dentistry programs. Proposals must be submitted via email by July 31, 2019. (A letter of endorsement from an officer of the local component dental society is required. Please note that submission of

a grant application does not guarantee funding, and the decisions of the Foundation are final.) Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines.

Tobacco Use Reduction Efforts in Maine Funded

Maine Cancer Foundation

The Maine Cancer Foundation is dedicated to reducing cancer incidence and mortality rates in Maine. The Foundation is currently accepting proposals for projects that seek to reduce the use of tobacco in Maine. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 will be provided to nonprofit organizations that address one or more of the following focus areas: tobacco cessation for adults, advocacy or policy projects related to tobacco use or second-hand smoke, and projects that address Maine populations disproportionately impacted by tobacco. Proposed projects must include clearly defined goals and measurable results and implement best practices related to reducing tobacco use. The application deadline is July 11, 2019. Visit the Foundation's website to review the funding criteria.

Federal Funding

Grants Available to Improve Workplace Health and Safety

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The Susan Harwood Training Grant Program offers support to provide training and education programs for employers and workers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Several grant opportunities are available, including Targeted Topic Training, Training and Educational Materials Development, and Capacity Building Developmental and Capacity Building Pilot. The deadline for all current opportunities is July 2, 2019.

Program Works to Reduce Substance Abuse

Department of Health and Human Services

The Drug-Free Communities Support Program provides funding to establish and strengthen collaboration around the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. The Program also seeks to reduce substance abuse among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting factors that minimize the risk. The application deadline is July 8, 2019.

Utah Nonprofit Association

The Utah Nonprofit Association (UNA) was incorporated in 1991 and has steadily grown the number of nonprofits served over the years, serving over 640 nonprofit members throughout Utah in 2019. UNA has five staff on their team who are working tirelessly to provide amazing resources to nonprofits. You can learn more about their team [here](#).

UNA's partnership with GrantStation is one of their most valuable programs for their members! They also provide human resource tools, multiple insurance options, opportunities to connect through training and social events, and also serve over 500 nonprofit professionals each year at their Annual Nonprofit Conference. You can learn more about UNA's member benefits [here](#).

Utah Nonprofit Association is a GrantStation Membership Value Program Partner. [Learn more about MVP.](#)

Engaging Women as Donors

A recent series of reports put out by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy illustrates the essential role that women play when it comes to donating to charitable causes. How can you tap into this research to reach out to female donors? On July 8 and 9 in Indianapolis, IN, the Lilly School is offering the Engaging Women as Donors course, aimed at teaching participants how to build and sustain powerful relationships with women donors.

National Funding Alert - Woodard & Curran Foundation

The Woodard & Curran Foundation supports nonprofit organizations committed to environmental education and results-driven problem solving related to water, food, climate, and energy. In 2019, the Foundation is offering one Impact Grant to support an innovative project that applies or advances technology by addressing water issues. [Learn more](#) about the grant guidelines and application process.

Local Funding Alert - ninety-nine girlfriends

Ninety-nine girlfriends provides support to nonprofit organizations that offer bold ideas for improving the Portland, OR, region, including Southwest Washington. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Canadian Funding Alert - TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation funds environmental projects across Canada. The Foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary funding focus on environmental education and green space programs. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

International Funding Alert - Fondation Franklinia

The Fondation Franklinia, a Swiss private foundation, provides grants to support the preservation of threatened tree species throughout the world and improve their conservation status. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

The Slow Burn Of Alexandria

- Historically many philanthropists have supported libraries, such as Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist [Andrew Carnegie](#). The first colleges in the US were for training members of the clergy, and the [libraries associated with these institutions](#) largely consisted of donated books on theology and the classics.
- In 1766, Yale had approximately 4,000 volumes, second only to Harvard. 250 years later Yale has over 15 million books in its extensive library system. But a profound change has occurred in the relationship of books to education, and how today's college students appear to value the importance of books in their libraries.
- Across the country and around the world, university libraries are seeing steady, even precipitous, [declines in the use of the books on their shelves](#). A decade ago, UVA

students checked out 238,000 books during the school year. In 2018, that number had shrunk to just 60,000. (The Atlantic)

“You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future.”

“When you grow up you tend to get told that the world is the way it is and your life is just to live your life inside the world. Try not to bash into the walls too much. Try to have a nice family life, have fun, save a little money. That’s a very limited life. Life can be much broader once you discover one simple fact: Everything around you that you call life was made up by people that were no smarter than you. And you can change it, you can influence it... Once you learn that, you’ll never be the same again.”

– Steve Jobs

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You never know what you might find when you open a military pension file. Among the valuable details about family history, we are endlessly fascinated by the remarkable stories, personal letters, and even unique letterhead found within military pension files.

Approved Pension File for Terrick Compton, Father of Private William Compton, Company H, 2nd New York Cavalry Regiment (WC-230113). [National Archives Identifier 122168257](#)

Did you know you can help uncover these stories by digitizing records in our Innovation Hub in Washington, DC? If you are vacationing in our nation's capital, stop by the National Archives and scan with us! You can scan military pension records, bounty land files, and more. You take home a digital copy of your scans, while we upload a copy to the Catalog, attributed to you. Learn more about how you can make access happen in our [Innovation Hub](#).

Outside the DC area? You can still contribute by transcribing records online in the National Archives Catalog. Learn more on our [citizen archivist dashboard](#).

Today we share some interesting finds from pension files recently scanned in our Innovation Hub. Many thanks to Catherine Brandsen, Innovation Hub Coordinator, for sharing these stories!

Interested in more projects from the Innovation Hub? We invite you to participate in our latest crowdsourced scanning projects:

- [Indian Scout Pension Files, 1866-1892](#)

[Should climate change be my new career calling?](#) EVE ANDREWS

[New Zealand unveils new ‘wellbeing budget’ with focus on mental health](#)





From NARF May 2019

US SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS TREATY RIGHTS

Despite an 1868 Treaty providing that the Crow Tribe retained the right to hunt off-reservation on certain lands ceded by the Tribe, Wyoming cited Crow citizen Clayvin Herrera for hunting elk in the Bighorn National Forest. The Wyoming courts convicted Herrera of violating state game laws in 2015, but [in a recent 5-4 decision, the US Supreme Court remanded](#) the case back to the state court, and affirmed that the tribe's treaty-based hunting rights remain in effect. NARF represented the Crow Tribe as *amicus curiae* in the case before the United States Supreme Court. [Learn more about the case.](#)

ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE

HOLDS HEARINGS ON KXL PIPELINE

Although, TransCanada, now known as TC Energy, has said that it has lost the 2019 construction season for the KXL pipeline, the company has asked the courts to lift the current injunction so that they can immediately begin to build their man-camps and pipe-yards. TC Energy has indicated it will be looking at a very ambitious 2020 construction season to make up for the lost time, as well. Therefore, the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Utility Commission is holding a public hearing on the proposed TransCanada KXL Pipeline on May 28 and 29. [Watch the hearings.](#)



SCHOOL AMENDS GRADUATION DRESS CODE

An update on Tvli Birdsheed's efforts to wear an eagle feather at his graduation: NARF joined Tvli and Taloa along with the ACLU and over 50 members of the local Native community in attending the Latta School District Board meeting on May 6. After hearing about the cultural and religious importance of eagle feathers and other regalia, the board agreed to amend their graduation policy in order to accommodate Tvli's request. We are pleased that the district chose to allow Tvli to exercise his religious rights consistent with federal and state law.

[This Tuesday, a U.S. Federal Court May Decide the Fate of the Climate](#)

KATIE EDER, TRUTHOUT

The youth-led climate uprising isn't just about one day of striking, or one sit-in at a politician's office. It's a multilayered, decentralized and rapidly growing revolution happening nationally and globally to protect our right to a future safe from climate catastrophe. The June 4 hearing for *Juliana v. United States* -- the landmark case of the youth climate movement -- could decide the U.S.'s role in containing the climate crisis. [Read the Article →](#)

"Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." —Stephen Hawking



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000
May 30, 2019

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is currently revising the regulations for the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program. On April 4, 2019, HUD sent out a copy of the draft proposed rule to all tribal leaders and directors of tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) for tribal review and comment. The tribal comment period is from April 4, 2019 - June 4, 2019.

Since that time, HUD has held one in-person tribal consultation and two national teleconferences to provide an opportunity to tribal leaders and others to have a discussion about the draft proposed regulations. During these discussions, HUD received several requests to extend the tribal comment period. In response, HUD is extending this comment period to **June 30, 2019**.

Additionally, HUD will be holding a second in-person tribal consultation session in **Reno, Nevada on June 25th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indian's mid-year conference at the Nugget Casino Resort. For additional information on the mid-year conference, please go to www.ncai.org.

Tribes needing more time to review the proposed regulation may submit comments during the public comment period once the proposed rule is published in the *Federal Register*. HUD anticipates the publication of the proposed rule in January 2020, with a 60-day public comment period.

The draft proposed rule is the product of a 16-month period of tribal consultation in which HUD has held 17 tribal consultation sessions. For your convenience, please find a copy of the draft proposed rule enclosed with this letter. [DRAFT184Regulations2019-04-04.pdf](#)

Sincerely, Heidi J. Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs

Trump climate adviser compares Jews to carbon dioxide, as Pompeo looks for Lebensraum in the Arctic

<https://m.dailykos.com/stories/2019/5/28/1860850/-Trump-s-climate-chief-compares-Jews-to-carbon-dioxide-as-Pompeo-looks-for-lebensraum-in-the-Arctic?detail=emaildkre>

“Speaking to a meeting of the Arctic Council, an organization of nations that border the polar region and indigenous peoples who live there, Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo embraced](#) the idea that the Arctic will soon be iceless. “This is America’s moment to stand up as an Arctic nation,” said Pompeo at the start of May. “The region has become an arena of global power and competition.” The new ice-free pole will be a place of “opportunity and abundance” with “untapped reserves of oil, gas, uranium, gold, fish, and rare earth minerals.” And the disappearance of the polar ice itself will only open up new shipping lanes.”

Burial Mound Found on Kindergarten Playground Was Used for 2,000 Years

Thirty sets of human remains from the mound in southwest France show locals buried their dead in the same spot from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

Read in Smithsonian: <https://apple.news/AurcNuDJAQIC2T2GZ2M1sag>



New Guide Helps Communities Find Federal Resources

Is your community looking for federal assistance to help address environmental, economic, health and other local needs? A new guide from the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) can help. Finding Federal Assistance and Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts offers general guidance and tips on searching for funding opportunities. It also includes information for identifying tools, trainings and other relevant resources that are available to help to address community needs.

The EJ IWG includes federal agencies and offices that work together to increase local community capacity to promote and implement innovative and comprehensive solutions to environmental justice issues. This latest product supports its goal of providing greater public access to federal information and resources.

To access the guide: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/guide-finding-federal-assistance-and-resources-environmental-justice-efforts>

For more information about EJ IWG: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/federal-interagency-working-group-environmental-justice-ej-iwg>

Indian Student Conference Scholarship

Two \$500 annual awards will be given to Native American students, undergraduate, M.A., or Ph.D., to help lessen the burden of costs to attend the annual Western History Association. In addition, the cost of conference registration and tickets to the WHA Welcoming Reception, Graduate Student Reception, Presidential luncheon, and Indian Scholars Luncheon will be included in the award. [View a list of past recipients.](#)

To be considered for this award, send a letter of interest, cv, and letter of support from a faculty advisor to each member of the committee listed below.

Award Application Deadline: June 15, 2019

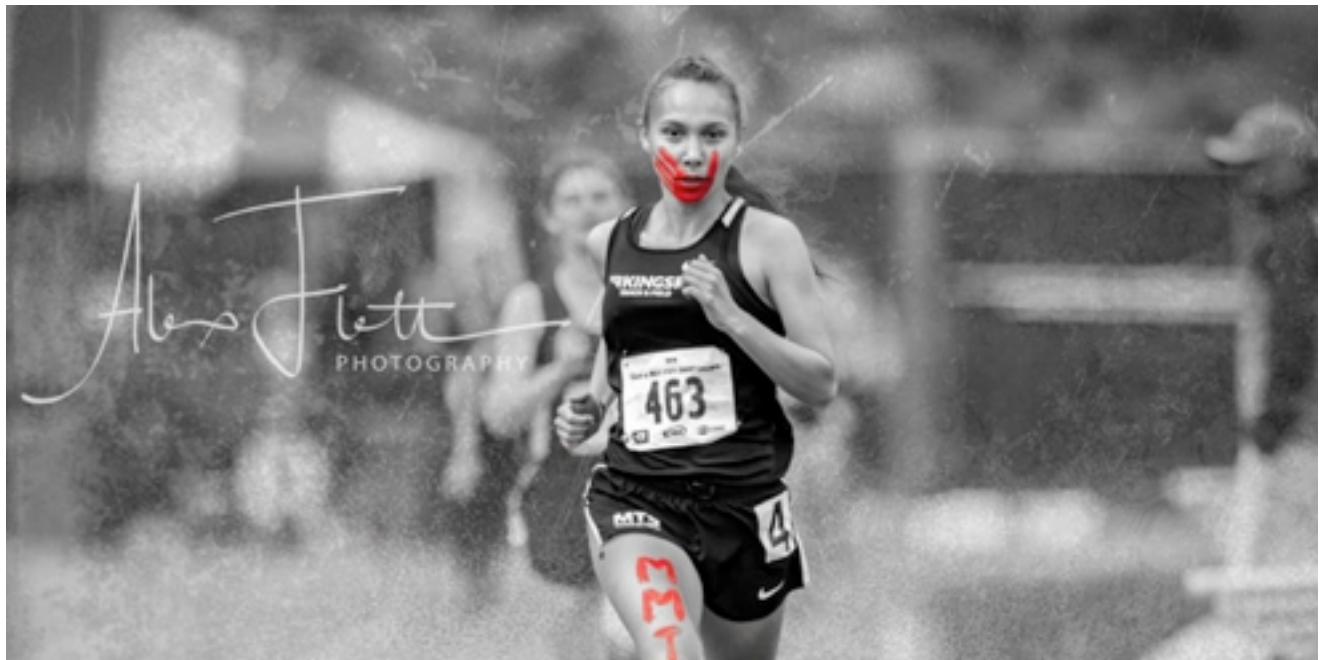
The award recipient(s) will be notified by September 15.

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A photographer captured a track star's powerful MMIW statement. We all need to know what it means.