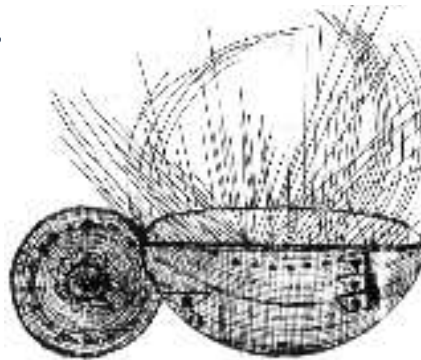


Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribal EPA Newsletter

August 2019 Edition



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What You Need to Know About The 2020 Census

March 31st 2019
Hansi Lo Wang

Why is the census important?

The census is required by the Constitution, which has called for an "actual enumeration" once a decade since 1790. The 2020 population numbers will shape how political power and federal tax dollars are shared in the U.S over the next 10 years. The number of congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets are determined by census numbers. They also guide how an estimated \$880 billion a year in federal funding is distributed for schools, roads and other public services in local communities. The demographic data are used by businesses to determine, for example, where to build new supermarkets and by emergency responders to locate injured people after natural disasters.

When does the 2020 census officially start?

The head count is set to officially begin on Jan. 21, in Toksook Bay, Alaska — more than two months before Census Day (April 1), which is a reference date. Most households can start participating around mid-March, when letters with instructions are scheduled to be sent to 95 percent of homes around the country.

How is the census taken?

The 2020 count will be the first one to allow all U.S. households to respond online. Paper forms will still be available, and, for the first time, you can call 1-800 numbers to give responses over the phone. Census workers will make home visits to remote areas — including rural Alaska, parts of northern Maine and some American Indian reservations — to gather census information in person. Households in the rest of the U.S. that do not respond themselves by early April may start receiving visits from door

knockers trained to conduct census interviews and collect responses using smartphones.

Who gets counted in the census?

The Census Bureau includes every person living in the U.S. — regardless of citizenship or immigration status. International visitors on vacation or work trips to the U.S. during the census are not included. Residents are counted at the address where they usually live and sleep. The Census Bureau has a detailed breakdown of how the 2020 census will count deployed troops, college students, incarcerated people, those displaced by natural disasters and other groups in unique living situations.

Are census responses confidential?

Under current federal law, the bureau cannot share census responses identifying individuals with the public or other federal agencies, including immigration authorities and other law enforcement, until 72 years after the information is collected. The Census Bureau, however, can release anonymized census information about specific demographic groups at a level as detailed as a neighborhood.

<https://www.npr.org/2019/03/31/707899218/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-2020-census>

Quick Summary of What Will Happen.

The owner/co-owner or rental/co-renter will be known as Person 1 and will be asked the following questions to be answered based on an individual's location on April 1st 2020:

- Name.
- Relationship to Person 1.
- Sex.
- Age.
- Date of birth.
- Hispanic origin.
- Race.
- Citizenship (unless question is removed by court or legal decision, it seems to have been removed).

Reducing Wasted Food at Home

Most people don't realize how much food they throw away every day — from uneaten leftovers to spoiled produce. By thinking about food sustainably and waste reduction; we can save money, cement good habits, inspire youth, practice resourcefulness, and conserve resources for future generations and emergencies situations.



Food Storage Reminder

With the threat of PG&E black outs, be mindful of what food items you decide to stock up on. The utility company wants customers to prepare for outages that may last over 48 hours. This means that the blueberries you bought on sale and stored in the freezer might end up in the trash. Actually, everything in your fridge and freezer may need to be thrown away. Have a spare freezer full of food? It may be best to instead have foods which do not require electricity, like canned items, or invest in a generator.



- Plan and prep
 - >Plan meals
 - >Check the fridge and pantry before shopping
- Love leftovers
 - >Date leftovers, eat them soon
- Keep track
 - >Post a list of perishables where people will see it
- Make it work
 - >Make meals from whatever is left in the fridge or from what needs to be used

PG&E Power Shutoff

Grocery stores will close down. Gas stations will have long lines or be out of fuel. No this isn't the next Hollywood blockbuster; it's what PG&E is hoping we all plan for this wildfire season as they cut power to prevent power lines from starting wildfires around Northern California.

Get alerts 48 hours, 24 hours, and just before a shutoff with the early warning system. Visit pge.com/mywildfirealerts or call them at 1-866-743-6589 to get on the list. Social media, local news, radio, and pge.com will have ongoing updates leading up to and throughout a shutoff event.

Prepare for outages lasting longer than 48 hours. Make a plan; have food, water, health supplies, etc. Check out the RVR Learning Center's garden to see what's growing and get ideas for your own yard.





A message from the Transportation Coordinator at Redwood Valley Rancheria.

Wildfire Safety

1. Only you can prevent wildfires
2. Always be careful with fire
3. Never play with matches or lighters
4. Always watch your campfire
5. Make sure your campfire is completely out before leaving it

<https://smokeybear.com/en/smokey-for-kids/preventing-wildfires>



Environmental Director Assistant displaying a recently installed gasoline container. It provides a home for our equipment fuel tanks.

Fire Crew Progress



Hours of noisy weed eater and lawn mower clamor will soon be ending. Thank you for your understanding. This work improves safety as wildfire season is now here.

Thank you.

Farm Animal Update



The first meeting on July 1st went well. In total 12 youth attended and showed interest in having either goats, sheep, or both living in the fenced field next to the Learning Center. The next step in the process is to develop a Farm Animal Care Plan and also prepare the field with shelter and a water trough. Of course this work will not be done overnight, it will take time and patience to come to fruition. Please stay tuned for more information. Thank you.

RTOC

July 23rd and 24th in Fort Bragg was an intertribal committee meeting. The *Regional Tribal Operations Committee* (RTOC) is a working committee composed of region 9 EPA personnel and region 9 tribal representatives. CA, AZ, HI, and NV make up region 9. The mission of RTOC is to provide support for Tribal programs, strengthen Tribal environmental and public health programs, enhance responsiveness to Tribal needs, and assist with communication exchange. This year at the Meeting the Redwood Valley Rancheria and Australian Aboriginal Dancers performed in a cultural celebration on Wednesday, our dancers may be seen on the back cover of this issue.



Top left going clockwise: Alan Bacock-RTOC Leader, Alexis Strauss-EPA Region 9 Acting Administrator, Marisol Anaya-Project Officer for GAP or General Assistance Plan of RVR as she presents to the audience.

Foresters

Foresters recently made observations of RVR property July 25th. They examined damage from the recent wildfire, will create a forest inventory, identify trees that pose a hazard to the road, and determine areas to plant native plant species. This will promote the health and safety of the forest and provide management leadership of the Rancheria's natural resources.

Brief Recycling Reminder

Rather than throw bottles and cans away in the blue waste bins, please place them into a trash bag and bring them to a Tribal Office for recycling. They will be sorted and recycled benefitting people in the community. Every little bit helps. Thank you.



Pomo Pathway is a sequence of classes offered by Mendocino College at the Coyote Valley Education Center. It is designed to help students begin their pursuit of a degree. A variety of degrees are available.

Free support includes: childcare (a meal included), breakfast, textbooks, calculators, backpack, school supplies, tutoring, academic and mental health counseling.

For more information please visit www.menocino.edu/pomo-pathway or contact the Coyote Valley Education Center Education Director, TeMashio Anderson, at 707-467-4715 or educationdirector@coyotevalley-nsn.gov. Fall semester is August 19th - December 13th.

MENDOCINO COLLEGE
POMO PATHWAY
at the
Coyote Valley Education Center

Water Coordinator's Corner

By Steve Elliott

- **RTOC and MLSTEP update** RTOC Meeting July 22 -25 Fort Bragg, new change over in the Chair and member positions Alan Bacock and Alex Cabillo. It was my first RTOC, and I was impressed with the agenda and overall information that the panel gives back to the Tribes.
- **Clean Water Act 106 and 319:** Testing Little Bird Creek for baseline monitoring. PH, Turbidity, Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen. Although the creek flow is low, we can still test pond area and what little flow we do have.
- **BIA Water Management Plan:** submitted contract for 2020 approval. This helps us with water managements planning. Some examples are planning to upgrade tanks and setting contingencies for the system so that it does not overflow the water tanks.
- **Drinking water:** Lead and copper testing is going on. We need your participation to determine the water quality. Water will be available to the Tribe during PG&E outages as long as the entire community conserves.

Drinking water odor from the distribution system. It is from Redwood Valley Water Treatment Plant. The Tribe has been informed the water is safe to drink and meets all safety standards for drinking water.

Tank Road

Please **do not drive** on this road. Gravel is loose and will take time and passes by our water truck spraying to compact. Thank you for your cooperation.



New Staff

Redwood Valley Rancheria now has a new Secretary, Isabel Nuñez. This position is often the first person who the public contacts when reaching RVR by phone or in person in Building A. On top of excellent customer service this role includes filing documents, logging information, mail, and her favorite activity of answering the phone.



ICWA News by Chris Piekarski

Greetings from the Redwood Valley
Rancheria ICWA Program!

I hope you all are enjoying your Summer vacation from school and I am happy to see the great turnout for the Summer Lunch program and Youth Activities at the Learning Center.

The RVR ICWA Program is proud to announce that our July 14th Family Swim Party at Todd Grove Park Pool was a tremendous success.

**WELCOME TO THE
DSS/CALWORK'S /RED ROAD
PROGRAM**

This Department offers many different kinds of services to keep our community safe and promote the reduction of substance issues.

Using drugs is illegal unless prescribed by a doctor. Alcohol use is for adults 21yrs and older. DO NOT buy alcohol for our youth or any youth asking. DO NOT teach our youth how to get high, is what Red Road teaches in many different ways.

Summer activities have started for youth and different departments are in the planning stages to announce when and where this will happen. Keep a look out for the FLYERs sent to you by mail or left on your door.

Keep our community safe during this coming 4th of July if you celebrate. Fire danger is "HIGH" alert.

Come in the office if you have questions. All are welcome to come talk or just for a visit and find out what other services can be unitized.

Office Hours are:

Monday thru Friday

8:00AM to 5:00PM

Phone: (707) 485-0361 ext. 116

Director: Martin D Martinez III, CSAC II

Redwood Valley Rancheria

There were a total of **78** participants at this event!

This was by far the most attendees ever during my three years working here as your ICWA Coordinator and nearly double that of last year's swim party.

Save the Date and mark your calendars for our next **Family Swim Party on Sunday, August 4th from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.**

Pizza and watermelon will be served. See you there!

PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The DSS is

CITE: Also a **CRIHB** sponsored program has developed a Clean air policy so there is NO SMOKING or VAPING allowed in the area of the DSS Education Center-Building "B". This was approved by the Tribal Council FY 2018-2019.

Summer Food Program will continue thru July 2019. Food will be served to youth and elders. 12PM to 12:45PM Monday thru Thursday unless there is a holiday. Menus are available so you know what will be served weekly.





Coming events will be announced by flyers, mail, and other sources of media to let the community know what is getting done by DSS.

- **CRIHB (California Rural Indian Health Board) Sacramento office.**

REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA LEARNING CENTER

AUGUST 2019

DATES AND TIMES BELOW SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>4 <u>General Council Meeting - Building A</u> <u>Family Swim Party</u> 5:30-8:30 <u>-Todd Grove Park</u></p>	 <p>5</p>	 <p>6 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	 <p>7 <u>School Backpack Distribution</u> 3:00 - 6:00</p>	<p>1</p> <p><u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>PEC Meeting</u> 5:30</p>	<p>14 <u>Family Movie Day</u> 2:00-5:00</p>	<p>15 <u>LAST DAY OF SUMMER LUNCH</u> <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>Utility Board Meeting</u> 5:00 - Building A</p>	<p>16 <u>ICWA Coalition Meeting</u> 11:30 - 2:30</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <u>Tribal Council Meeting - Building A</u> 10:00</p>	<p>19 <u>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!</u></p>	<p>20 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <u>Staff Computer Training 9:00 - 10:00</u></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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AUGUST 2019

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3250 Road I, Building B, Redwood Valley CA 95470, Phone: (707) 485-0361

Library Hours	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Adult/Elder Quiet Reading Hours	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Computer Lab Hours	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Adult/Elder Computer Lab Hours	Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fatherhood/Motherhood Is Sacred	Tuesdays	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Men's Regalia Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Red Road	Thursdays	6:00 PM
Summer Lunch Program	Monday - Thursday	12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
Tutoring	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Women's Regalia Class	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Learning Center Staff:

Jasmine Billy, Education Coordinator
 Erica Carson, Jr., NAFFA Certified Facilitator
 Jackie Cordova, Regalia Instructor
 Nick Garcia, Regalia Instructor
 Martin Martinez, III, Director of Social Services
 Alyssa Nevarez, Education Assistant (Last Day: 8/9/2019)
 Lisa Nevarez, Summer Lunch Program Cook (Last Day: 8/15/2019)
 Chris Piekarski, Indian Child Welfare Act Coordinator

To reserve the Learning Center for events please contact RVR Secretary Isabel Nunez: (707) 485-0361

**Redwood Valley Rancheria
 Family Swim Party
 Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Todd Grove Park Public Pool
 600 Live Oak Avenue, Ukiah, CA**

Pizza, watermelon and drinks will be provided
Limited transportation available. First come, first served
If you are a parent/guardian that needs supervision for a child, please indicate this on your registration form

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FOLDING CHAIRS!

Please submit registrations to RVR Administrative Office
 Contact: Chris Piekarski, ICWA Coordinator at (707) 485-0361

This is an Alcohol and Drug Free Event Sponsored by the Redwood Valley Rancheria ICWA & Education Programs

Boys' shorts when they jump into water:





Traditional Pomo and Aboriginal dancing during RTOC hosted by Potter Valley Tribe at the Noyo-Bida Ranch, Fort Bragg California July 24th 2019

Redwood Valley Rancheria
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