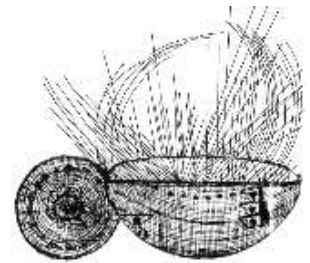


# Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribal EPA Newsletter

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Edition



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# Wildfire & Smoke Planning

## Census 2020 News

### Online Census Could Miss Many Native Americans on Tribal Lands

By HEATHER GOLDSTONE & ELSA PARTAN · OCT 7, 2019

When the 2020 census gets underway in April, it won't be with the traditional questionnaires in the mail. Instead, for the first time, most households will receive an invitation to participate in the census online.

Matt Rantanen, Director of Technology for Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association. "you can't fill out a census form on your phone accurately."

Native Americans have historically been under-represented in the census. An audit of the 2010 census found that one in seven Native Americans not counted.

That is, in part, due to distrust of the government.

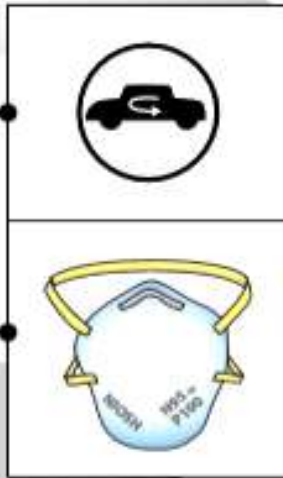
Listen to or read full article:  
<https://www.capeandislands.org/post/online-census-could-miss-many-native-americans-tribal-lands#stream/0>

## **EPA** Reduce health risks in areas with wildfire smoke:

**Especially if you have family members with heart or breathing problems, or are older adults, children, or pregnant women.**

### DO

- Pay attention to local advisories and check air quality ([airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov))
- Set car A/C on recirculate (to keep smoke out)
- Keep a supply of medicine and non-perishable food
- Use a well-fitted N-95 or P100 respirator if you go outside when it is smoky
- Prepare to evacuate if smoke levels get too high



### KEEP AIR CLEAN

Close windows and doors.  
Close fresh intake on A/C units.  
If your home is too warm, try to stay with friends or relatives.

Use a portable air cleaner with HEPA filters properly sized for a specific room.

### DON'T

- ✗ Fry or broil foods, which can add particles to indoor air
- ✗ Use a fireplace, gas logs or gas stove
- ✗ Play or exercise outdoors
- ✗ Smoke indoors
- ✗ Vacuum, it can stir up dust



[airnow.gov](http://airnow.gov)





Greetings,

My goal is to inform you about the department projects we have been working on. I also want to let you know the direction we are going in. If you want to be involved or have input, please don't hesitate to call email or stop me when I'm out in the field. I ultimately work for you.

- **Clean water act:**

1. Attended Region 9 EPA conference in Ak-Chin Indian Community. Grant requirement, and a great source of information and outbreak sessions to bring back to the Tribe.
2. Completed all reporting on time for both 106 and 319 Clean Water Grants. We have to submit the end of the year report and then submit our request for next year's funding.
3. Currently preparing to remove invasive blackberry species along little bird creek and some of the wetlands. This will allow the creek to be back to its natural state.

- **Drinking water**

1. Sanitary survey conducted, a report of our deficiencies will soon follow, we will make that information public and available.
2. Prepping for power outages and continue to organize the best we can, so that we can provide water during the outages.
3. Bacteria test for the last two months done on time, results are "absent" of bacteria. We test every month.
4. Attended Native Americans Water Masters Association. Local Tribal water operators meet to learn new drinking water rules and regulations. We assist other Tribes with overcoming problems and issues collectively within the group.

## Holiday Cooking Reminder

Oils, fats, butter, and grease from cooking do not go down your drain. When cooled down from boiling hot to warm, so it easily flows, please send to a holding container to hold the cooking leftovers. This is true of all kitchens everywhere because wastewater systems do not like oils, they harden and clog and cause problems. Homes on the Rancheria that have filled their container should bring it to the office or call the office to have the container picked up, emptied, and returned for more, usually done the same day. Each gallon per house gets a raffle ticket to be drawn quarterly. **The first drawing and chance to win will be December 30<sup>th</sup>!**

707-485-0361  
Open 8am to 5pm  
Mon-Fri



## Roads Update

An inspection of recently installed culverts was done on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This maintenance task will continue with debris removal when needed. This should help prevent erosion damage on Tank Road and keep debris from flowing onto Redwood Drive. The end of the construction of new homes will mean less construction traffic, in exchange for car and pedestrian traffic. Please use caution.

The Caltrans Tribal Summit, attended by over 20 Tribes from the area, was a great chance to listen to and network with local Tribal transportation staff, Caltrans and FHWA liaisons as well as BIA transportation leader Steve Wilkie. He presented on the benefits of Tribes sharing equipment and staff on projects as a cost saving measure, called the Inter-Tribal Alliance. This partnership was utilized here to do maintenance work on Tank Road during the summer this year. Although not perfect, this shows promise as a way to get work done cost effectively.

For questions or concerns please email [recycling@rvromo.net](mailto:recycling@rvromo.net) or call 485-0361.

Thank you,

Ian Osipowitsch, Tribal Transportation Department



## Learning Center News

Tsin ta mana-? This month we have been busy with promoting no smoking/vaping events. First at the Fry Bread Cook-off on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October at the Alex R. Plaza in downtown Ukiah. We disbursed outreach items to the local community promoting no smoking/vaping and we also had surveys that were filled out and 36 plus people that visited our table. The second event was Octoberfest Anti-Smoking Halloween Event on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October at the Redwood Valley Rancheria Learning Center where Consolidated Tribal Health Project Dental Dr. Gonzalez and her assistant Shelly McDonald gave the children dental hygiene packs and dental pamphlets. They also were checking the children's teeth. We also had Doris Sloan the Community Outreach Manager and Renee Jimenez Diabetic Coordinator from Consolidated Tribal Health Project. They were here to promote the dangers of smoking with other health conditions like diabetes and heart disease. Karen Horner the Cultural Services Director and two librarians from the Mendocino County Library Outreach Van were here as well with their library, games and spin the prize wheel for the community. The children and I would like to thank CTHP Outreach and Dental, Mendocino County Library Outreach, Carla Gutierrez, Corine Pearce, Guinevere Pearce, Susan Spaller, Martin Martinez III, Chris Piekarski, Nick Garcia, Mary Camp, Ian Osipowitsch, Tanya Ruiz, Cisco Ruiz, Erica Carson Jr, Ernestina Altizen, Mike Rabano and the rest of the community who joined us in making this event a huge success with 66 attendees plus. Our next event we plan on attending on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November will be Native American Heritage Day at Mendocino College where we will be promoting no smoking/vaping, surveys and disbursing outreach items too. I have a request to the parents if you know that your child will be receiving an award at school please let me know so that I may be able to attend. Also, if you know that your child is struggling academically, we have tutors Bethany Mann that is here Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm, Carol Gottfried Wednesdays and Thursdays 3-5 pm and myself Jasmine Billy M-F 8:30-5:30 pm. Thank you!!!

## Solid Waste

### Bulky Item Removal

Although solid waste management is a Tribal EPA Office duty, there is other work that requires time and attention like; finding/applying for money, attending meetings with other Tribes, outreach, inspections, drinking and waste water, reporting, and more. The community clean-up events take a lot of time from our staff, and each 30-yard bin costs \$680, so for these reasons 2020 will have 2 clean-up events with bins about 6 months apart.

Tribal members living on the Rancheria or Old Rancheria may call the Tribal Office to haul away bulky items on Tuesday mornings starting December 10th. Call 485-0361 to schedule a pick-up.

For those interested, waste disposal information for Solid Waste Systems at 3151 Taylor Drive Ukiah is as follows:

- Electronics: No charge
- Scrap metals: No charge
- Cardboard: No charge
- Bottles & Cans: No charge
- Batteries: No charge
- Light Bulbs: No charge
- Motor Oil: No charge (auto parts stores will also accept this, no charge)
- Cooking Oil: No charge
  
- Appliances: 11.80
- Mattresses
  - Twin: 11.37
  - Queen: 18.95
  - King: 23.99
- Couches: 22.80/yard
- Miscellaneous: 22.80/yard
- Vehicle Tires
  - Car: 3.95
  - Car with rim: 6.15
  - Pick Up: 8.35
  - Puck Up w/ rim: 11.30

If interested in going there the hours are Mon. to Sat. 8am to 4pm and phone number is 707-462-8621.

### Found

An android smart phone was found in a Tribal vehicle. Please contact the Tribal Office to claim. Thank you.

When you buy a new mattress, have the delivery truck take back the old one, it's free.

Do the same with any new appliance you get like an oven, fridge, washer and dryer, etc. This helps reduce our disposal costs and saves both time and energy.

### Hazardous Waste

Some items you want to discard will not be accepted at Ukiah Solid Waste Systems. These items are less commonly thrown out than what is on the list to the left, luckily the location is just across the street at 3200 Taylor Dr. but their hours are 8am to 2pm Tues. & Wed. only and an appointment *is* required. (Still better than working with the DMV, in my opinion anyway) Please check

<https://mendorecycle.org/HazardousWaste/HHWDropoffFacilities> for the full list and fees.





When there's a red flag warning  
in the weather forecast.



The PG&E Tribal Liaison Officer-Reno Franklin-is the person who relays information back and forth between the utility company and Tribes. Our administrator stays informed with latest information during red flag warnings and then relays important updates to staff and the community.

## Gardener Rubie

Founder of *First Mother Farms*, Rubie is set to begin working with our community in the Native Garden and Community Vegetable Garden. She was set to begin in November. Due to unexpected family matters she will be starting later than expected. Her days to come to RVR are as follows yet that are not set in stone: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and 19, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the news and send workers, or yourself, for her to utilize and work with as the gardens sprout and grow.



## What's New in the Learning Center Library?

*News from Native California* features Remaking Popelutchun (Paradise) which shares recipes, gathering tips, and more from the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band.

*High Country News* has an article on the "guerilla gathers" of the Mendocino Coast. Tribal members risk fines and even jail to continue traditional gathering practices.

Also new is *Eating Well* with holiday recipes, *Sports Illustrated Kids*, *People*, *Birds and Blooms*, and many more.





Come down and have a read in the new comfy chairs!



# REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA LEARNING CENTER

## DECEMBER 2019

\*DATES AND TIMES BELOW SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <u>Staff Meeting</u> <u>10:00 - 11:00</u>	3 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u>	4	5 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u>	6	7 <u>Pearl Harbor</u> <u>Remembrance Day</u>
8	9 <u>Staff Meeting</u> <u>10:00 - 11:00</u>	10 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u>	11 <u>Community</u> <u>Gardening</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u>	12 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>Full Moon</u>	13 <u>ICWA Coalition</u> <u>11:30 - 2:30</u>	14
15 <u>Tribal Council</u> <u>Meeting - Building A</u> <u>10:00</u>	16 <u>Staff Meeting</u> <u>10:00 - 11:00</u>	17 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>PEC Meeting</u> <u>5:30</u>	18 <u>Community</u> <u>Gardening</u> <u>3:00 - 5:00</u>	19 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>Utility Board Meeting</u> <u>5:00 - Building A</u>	20	21 <u>First Day of Winter</u>
22 <u>Hanukkah</u>	23 <u>Staff Meeting</u> <u>10:00 - 11:00</u>	24 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>HALF DAY FOR</u> <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	25 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>FOR</u> <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	26 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u> <u>Kwanzaa</u>	27	28
29	30 <u>Staff Meeting</u> <u>10:00 - 11:00</u>	31 <u>Staff Computer</u> <u>Training 9:00 - 10:00</u>				

# COMMUNITY NOTICE

NOTICE DATE: 11/19/19

## ATTENTION:

The Christmas Committee will be meeting on December 2nd @ 6PM in Building B. Everyone interested in being on the Committee - we'll see you there!

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