



Redwood Valley Rancheria Tribal EPA Newsletter



June Edition



On May 22nd this toy arrived, more on page 3.



Solid Waste Updates

Recycling reminders, Request for experiences and stories on how climate has varied over your lifetime, more info on Page 6.

Water Coordinator's Corner

With the summer season upon us let's look into some of the ways your drinking water is tested, and dive into the leach field and learn about funding and planned projects on Page 3.

Community News

The most inclusive civic duty in our country is coming soon. Read about its impacts on the native community on Page 2. It's time to get ready to help maximize the representation of native households.



Brace yourselves,



Summer is coming...



What happens when you text and drive...



Community News

A message from the
Transportation
Coordinator of RVR TEPA

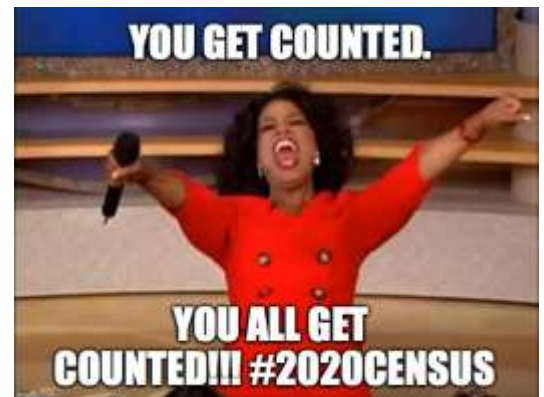
Census 2020 is Rapidly Approaching

Why is it important?

Data collected is used to; allocate seats and draw district lines for the U.S. House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local boards; guide community decision making affecting schools, housing, health care services, business investment, and more.

What are some consequences of under counting?

Today there are 326 reservations and 567 tribes recognized by the federal government. Each of them have distinct health, housing, education, and financial needs. Many programs that impact the Native community are funded based in whole or in part on census-derived data. Here are some of those programs and the funding received:



Title 1 Grants to Local Education Agencies- \$13.9 billion, about 90% of native kids benefit
Head Start Program- \$8.3 billion, education-about 10% native kids and expectant moms
Native American Employment and Training- \$58.4 million, transport, daycare, mentoring
Indian Health Service- \$4.8 billion, serves 2.2 million natives nationally, relies on census
Medicaid- \$312 billion, health insurance coverage for low income families, adds to IHS
Urban Indian Health Program- \$40.7 million, helps provide access to healthcare
SNAP- \$69.5 billion, prevents hunger to over 40 million low-income families
Special Programs for Aging Title VI, Part A- \$26 million, supportive services for elders
Indian Housing Block Grant- \$650 million, housing assistance-building and loans
Indian Community Development Block Grants- \$70 million, grow community resources
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers Program- \$19.1 billion, 2 million households

Tank Road Changes

There will be road widening and culvert installation on Tank Road going all the way to the top. This means there will be heavy equipment in use. Please be extra alert when going by the road until the work is complete. Sorry about the dust. -This message was brought to you by the RVR Transportation Coordinator.



Please bring your empty glass or plastic bottles & cans to the recycling corner of Building A. It's next to the outside vending machine. Otherwise please toss them into your blue bin or cash them in for their refund value, thanks.

My organs watching me drink water



Water Coordinator's Corner By Steve Elliot

RTOC. What is RTOC? RTOC stands for Regional Tribal Operations Committee. The RTOC's mission is to assist EPA in meeting its trust responsibility to the Tribes, provide support for the Tribal Program in the Region, strengthen Tribal environmental and public health programs, enhance responsiveness to Tribal needs, and assist with the communication and information exchange between Tribes and EPA. There was a spring meeting May 21 to 24 where Co-Chair elections took place. Visit the EPA Region 9 website for more information.

We have Clean Water Act 106 and 319 funding currently we are working on Updating the Quality Assurance Project Plan or QAPP. It was originally submitted in November 2018 to be reviewed by EPA. Our CWA project officer asked for a few revisions and we are working on revising and submitting it soon for approval. We asked to test the wastewater monitoring wells, however within our grant through Clean Water it does not fund those types of test. Our new plan is to test above and below the beginning of the wastewater collections system along Little Bird Creek with testing two wastewater wells to compare testing results to. Our goal is to see if our wastewater collections system is getting into our waterways. We will keep the community informed and up to date and informed on the progress on the CWA grant projects

Drinking water: Consumer Confidence Report or CCR is an annual water quality report that every community water system must provide by July 1 of every year. Since we are a consecutive system, we have to add Redwood Valley County Water district CCR to ours. It will inform the community of the water results we received from all the testing we did throughout the year.



Please drop off or contact the office at 707-485-0361 for a pick-up of used cooking oil, motor oil or other hazardous oil, lightbulbs, or other items to be recycled. Thank you.

CPR Class Update

There will be a free class on performing adult and infant CPR. It is going to be a 5-hour course; more detailed information will be sent out soon. A certificate will be provided upon completion of the course for those who pass. Refreshments provided. *Funding for this class is being provided by BIA.

Wildfire News

“If warming continues, as is the scientific consensus, then significant wet season rain and snow may not ensure a quiet fire season afterward.”

– National Centers for Environmental Information, NOAA

Causes of Wildfire

- Camp fires
- Fire works
- Cigarettes
- Vehicles

Preventing Wildfire

- Comply with all local laws and regulations
- Check the weather
- Use only controlled locations for burning
- Do not burn anything unusual or combustible



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

This Department offers plenty of Social Services that can assist in keeping our community safe and clear of addictions, unemployment and getting back to Traditional Culture as a way of Prevention of Drug and alcohol abuse.

Services at DSS

- 1 on 1 counseling services
- Red Road Meetings for the Prevention of substance abuse issues.
- Rehabilitation assistance
- Transportation
- Assist in County Social Service
- Assist with incarcerated Rehab Services
- Re-Entry Program for Rehab Center Clients
- Sign Documents for DUI Classes

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

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Director: Martin D Martinez III, CSAC II

PROJECTS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The DSS is supervising a Summer Garden Project sponsored by **ACORN's/CRIHB**. The need for community to get involved is to assist in the planting of the vegetables and fruits that will be used as the Healthy Food Environment part of this Grant. The Youth is also invited to assist in the planting, watering, harvesting of the food grown in the Garden this summer. The food is offered to Meetings, Workshops, Community Members, the Summer Food Program for our Youth and Elders.

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 Building "B" ... This was approved by the Tribal Council FY 2018-2019.

Summer Food Program will start June 10 2019. Food will be served to youth and elders. Look for the menu's 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.**

We need your help!

Currently the EPA Department is working on a climate adaptation plan, trying to create a document that will show how our area has been affected and how we can adapt to a changing environment. But we need your help. We would like to talk to community members such as elders and adults that have seen a lot of the environmental changes over time such as extreme drought, rain, wildfire, and any other extreme weather events that have happened in the past. If you would like to participate and help us collect information and assist in creating this plan, we do have a climate change committee that you can be part of. Our next meeting will be on **June 18th in the Learning Center at 5pm!**

Latest climate information: The heat wave indicator shows how the heat wave season has grown longer and how the frequency of heat waves has also increased. Credit: USGCRP

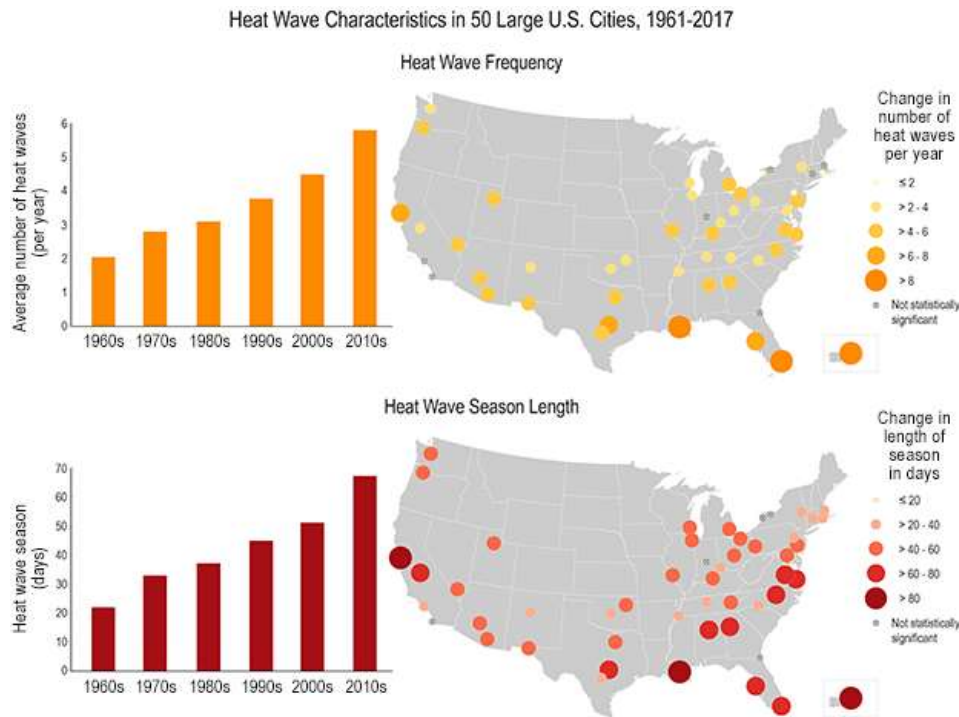
Common Climate questions and Answers

What's the difference between weather and climate?

“Weather” refers to the more local changes in the climate we see around us, on short timescales from minutes to hours to days to weeks. Examples are familiar – rain, snow, clouds, winds, thunderstorms, heat waves and floods. “Climate” refers to longer-term averages (they may be regional or global), and can be thought of as the weather averaged over several seasons, years or decades.

What kinds of data do scientists use to study climate?

Climate researchers use every possible direct and indirect measurement to study the full history of Earth's climate, from the latest satellite observations to samples of prehistoric ice extracted from glaciers.









The indicator shows that the frequency of heat waves increased from an average of two heat waves per year during the 1960s to around six per year during the 2010s. The average heat wave season is also 45 days longer now than in the 1960s. An increase in heat waves may pose the most risk during nighttime, when air temperature stays too warm and further strains people's bodies as they try to recover after an already hot day.

REDWOOD VALLEY RANCHERIA LEARNING CENTER

JUNE 2019

DATES AND TIMES BELOW SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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