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KASHIA BAND
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Special Points
Of Interest

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Kashia Korner

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"Huckleberry Heights"


August 2015 Newsletter

Kashia Tribal Elder Violet Chappel & Vivian Wilder– Naming Ceremony



Matt McIntosh/ONMS/NOAA

In Late June of this year, the Kashia Pomo Tribe, in government to government consultation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), successfully gave the ocean waters along our coastline a Kashaya name. On every map made, in every school and every office or library, in every country in the world, it will forever be known as Ahqha Pilili Cuhula ?aso mihila wisali qhamos qhatow (Churning Water North, South, West, East Ocean Coast), Short Version- ahqha pilili wali (place of churning water) in Kashia (and the English translation of both here). We are asserting our culture and our identity through the naming of our most precious resource, the ocean. you can visit the Greater Farallones National Monument to learn more about the area that was named and the resources within it.



Water Quality

“PEOPLE POLLUTION” & WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

NONPOINT SOURCE (NPS) POLLUTION is created when water flows over the land, picking up pollutants on its way to our local water bodies. Every time it rains, pollutants are washed from surfaces and land areas into drainages that flow into nearby waterways. It is sometimes referred to as “**people pollution**” because a lot of NPS pollution is the result of people’s everyday activities. **Because we all contribute to NPS pollution in our everyday activities, NPS Pollution is the greatest threat to our ponds, creeks, lakes, streams, rivers, bays, estuaries and oceans.**

The fact that we create NPS pollution also means that we can help prevent “people pollution” and reduce the threat in our own communities. There are many things we can do in our everyday lives that can help protect our most vital resources. The following are a few things you can do help reduce the amount of pollution impacting our waterways.

Plant native grass, trees and shrubs in bare areas – Putting plants in the ground will slow down and absorb runoff (NPS Pollution), hold the soil together and reduce erosion. Naturally, our waterways were protected by plant communities specifically designed to slow down water and filter it.

Properly dispose of motor oil and household chemicals – NEVER pour chemicals in the drain, toilet, on the ground or in storm drains, where they can impair wastewater treatment and /or eventually make their way to a stream or river. The [Tribe’s Enviromental Department](#) is [planning](#) a Hazardous Waste Roundup in the coming months to help dispose of these types of waste.

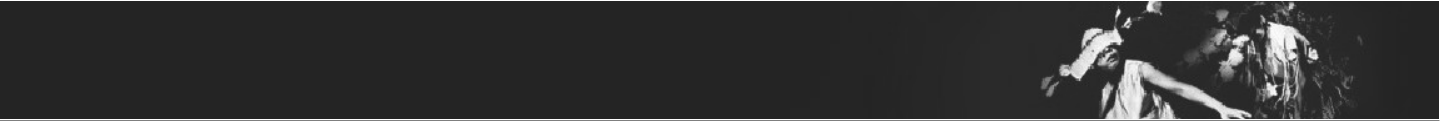
Be aware of how you use pesticides and fertilizers – When used in excess, fertilizers and pesticides can damage your plants and often ends up being washed into our waterways, reducing water quality killing or harming aquatic wildlife. Composting and beneficial insects are just two alternatives to fertilizer and pesticides.

Put Trash In Its Place – Keep trash out of storm drains, where it will clog or end up in the nearest stream or lake.


Recycle Plastic, Glass, and Paper – When we recycle, it reduces the amount of waste going to the landfills. Reducing the amount of waste we put into the waste stream is the best way to control NPS pollution.


Impacts to the Tribes Waterways

Stewarts Point Rancheria relies on the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River (WFGR) watershed for all its communal water needs. One of the major **NPS impacts** to the WFGR is **historic timber harvesting** and all the old school practices that came with it. Poorly constructed timber and ranch roads have severely impacted our waterways. In 1993, the Gualala River Watershed was listed on the federal Clean Water Act 303(d) *list of impaired water bodies*, due to declines in Salmon & Steelhead populations caused by excessive sedimentation from these practices. The Tribe **has** developed a NPS Management Plan in 2011 and is working with the Gualala River Watershed Council (GRWC) to address these, and other issues that threaten the quality and quantity of the Tribe’s water. Please contact Nathan Rich at the Tribal office to learn more about the Tribe’s water quality program.

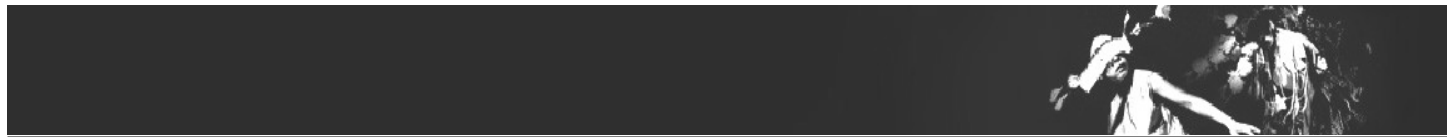


August 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	1 Saturday
2	3	4 Finance 430	5 EDC 530	6 TC Meeting 6:00 PM	7	8 General Council Meeting SCIHP @ 1: 00
9	10	11 Housing 545	12	13 Language 6-8 pm Tribal Offi. Ste. 3	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 TC Meeting 6:00 PM	21	22 Summer Picnic Lake Sonoma 12-5
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Tribal TANF of Sonoma County is a federally funded program created to give states the ability to give time-limited (60 Months) aid to needy families with children. **Please contact TANF Office for more info: 707-586-6100**



New Employee: Nathan Rich Water Quality Specialist



My name is Nathan Rich. I am a Native family man of Dakota/Muskoke/Philipine descent. I grew up in an inter-tribal community in the Bay Area and now reside in Ukiah. I have dedicated my professional career to the preservation, restoration and celebration of our ancestral lands and the people that originate from them. I am honored and thankful for this opportunity to be with the Kashaya people as we work towards a healthy future. If you have any questions or input that will help the Tribe's Water Quality Program, please feel free to con-

tact me at the Tribal Office. 707-591-0580 x113

New Employee: Enrique J. Sanchez Sr. Environmental Technician



My name is Enrique J. Sanchez, I am the Kashia Department of Environmental Programs new Environmental Technician. My background is primarily in the solar construction and electrical field, where in the past four years I earned several certifications, and had the pleasure of installing and managing the installation of over 25,000 solar panels. When I'm not working I enjoy spending my free time volunteering for local non-profits including the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians. As a Kashia tribal member myself you can trust that I will put my heart into my job and work hard to move forward with environmental projects and programs that will aid in the growth of this great tribe. 707-591-0580 x112



Water Quality Continued...

Useful Links related to nonpoint source pollution

- <http://watersheds.org/earth/nps2.htm> - TIPS ON WHAT YOU CAN DO
- <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/whatis.cfm> - nonpoint source definition (USEPA)
- <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/kids/index.cfm> - nonpoint source kids page (EPA)
- <http://www.grwc.info/index.html> - Gualala River Watershed Council web-site
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/qa.html> - nonpoint source FAQ

The Wheatfield Fork from the bridge at Clark's Crossing



Timber harvesting practices have severe negative impacts on how our streams/rivers function. *Fine sediment loads and reduced *riparian vegetation are common side effects of harvesting and have been major contributors to the decline of Salmon and Steelhead populations in the Wheatfield Fork of the Gualala River. (* Silt, sand & gravel that settle in a stream; *Native plant communities that surround/protect waterways)

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KDEP

The drought is on. These words are not to be taken as a joke, but as a call to action for every man women and child living in drought stricken regions. California Governor Jerry Brown signed an executive order requiring measures to cut the state's water usage by 25%, snowpack levels are at an all time low while summer temperatures have been in the record highs. The Kashia Department of Environmental Programs working in conjunction with the Kashaya Utility District is working to cut Reservation community water usage by 25% in response to documented drought conditions in the Gualala Water-Shed. We are fortunate that the well serving the reservation has maintained a static level of ten feet, but with the summer months drying out river beds this level could drop at any time. Once the water level drops to five feet we can no longer pump water to the residents of the reservation. There are currently towns in California with hundreds of homes without running water to use for even their most basic daily needs, but regardless of where you might be there are easy steps that we can all take to decrease water consumption and avoid a similar fate.



Easy Water Saving Tips

Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons. Don't use the toilet as an ash tray or a waste basket. Every time you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other small bit of trash, five to seven gallons of water are wasted.

Check your toilets for leaks. Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.

Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Take Shorter Showers. One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the shower after soaping up, and then turn it back on to rinse. A four minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water. Keep timer in the bathroom to see how much you're wasting.

Save shower water. Keep a bucket in the bathroom, while you're waiting for the water to warm up capture that water in the bucket for later use to water plants or clean.

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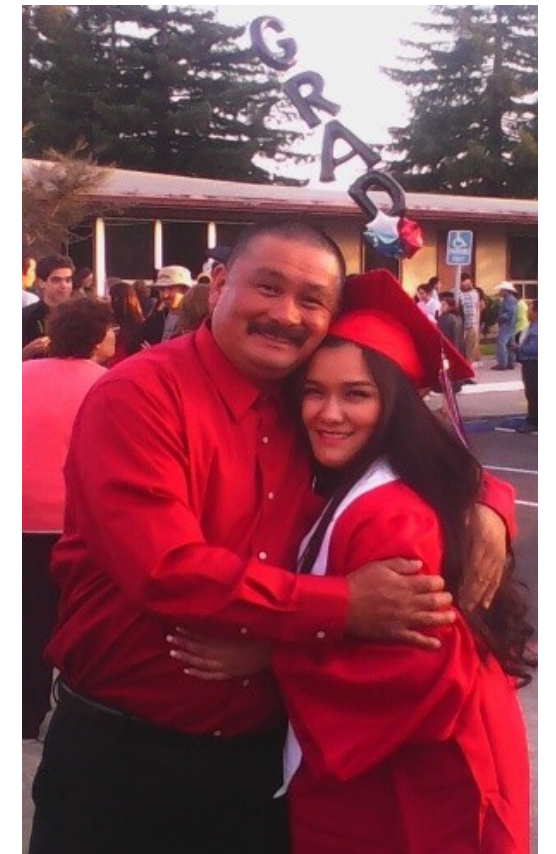


Elizabeth and Elijah Van Lengen competed in the science fair at the end of April and they won first place in fifth grade family division (family division because they are in different grades) they showed how to change gravitational potential energy in to mechanical energy.



Connor Smith

Kashia Graduates: Dominic Gonzalez (Lytton) , Maiyu Smith, Robert C Muro, Ryan Perrine



Payden Wright-Smith Kashia Graduate!

KASHIA KORNER

NRCS, Tribal Organizations and UCD Collaborate to Expand Educational Horizons



Pictured left to right are Reina Rogers, NRCS; Abreanna Gomes, UC Davis student; Keir Johnson, Intertribal Agriculture Council; and Professor Beth Rose Middleton, Associate Professor and Graduate Advisor, Dept. of Native American Studies UC Davis. Photo courtesy of Reina Rogers

By Reina Rogers
American Indian Liaison | Quincy

The Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in California Indian Studies, Undergraduate Internship Program participant, **Abreanna Gomes**, recently completed an internship that was developed as a collaboration between NRCS California, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Inter-Tribal Council of California, and the Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in California Indian Studies at UC Davis. This collaboration came together following discussions that took place over several years. NRCS will offer opportunities for Native American students to work and learn at the Plant Materials Center in Lockeford. Students may also opt to intern with the Inter-Tribal Council of California to gain experience with social programs. "We see this as an opportunity to show students about the different disciplines that NRCS uses and to make them aware of the possibilities," said State Conservationist **Carlos Suarez**. Plans are currently underway to identify different project areas for future students to work at the PMC. To help Gomes refine her

interests she met with her tribe, the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, as well as the Tribal Environmental Department. Their advice and counsel helped her choose culturally significant plants to focus on including, sandbar willow, deergrass and Santa Barbara sedge. She was able to learn propagation techniques at the PMC, which she will share with her tribe and the plant materials may be shared with them or used at the PMC. Gomes is also a senior this year and has just graduated from UC Davis.

ANNUAL TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CAMP



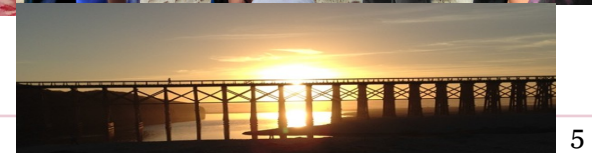
Tribal Youth gathered at the Potter Valley Tribes Noyo Bida Camp grounds in Fort Bragg to participate in the **5th Annual Tribal Environmental Youth Camp**. Staff from Mendo/Lake/Sonoma county Tribal programs hosted a diverse variety of environmental, cultural, and health related workshops and presentations for our youth.



Esther (Kashia) practicing with a throw net.



A BIG YAH' WEH to Auntie Genevieve Castallanos for sharing her time and stories with our youth. She had four generations of her family in attendance and helping at the camp out.



Housing News

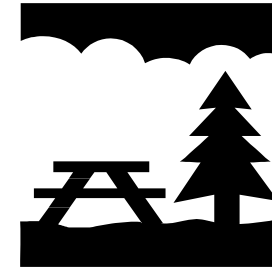
Housing will be offering a short class and exam to become a California Certified Food Handler. This will give job seekers in the food industry a head start. Call the Housing Office to schedule an on-line class and test, or if you prefer a classroom setting, to sign up for class and exam.



There will be a community meeting at the Rancheria Community Center on Wednesday, August 19th at about 11am. Lunch will be served. Come and hear about what is happening in your community



Housing is hosting a Homebuyer Workshop to be taught by Tribal Member Angelique Lane on the evening of Wednesday, August 26 at Housing's new offices at 1420 Guerneville Road, Suite 3, Santa Rosa. A snack will be served, so please let us know if you plan to attend.



Saturday, August 22, 2015

12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Lake Sonoma

Warm Springs Rec Area

3333 Skaggs Springs Rd.

Chili & Pie contests!

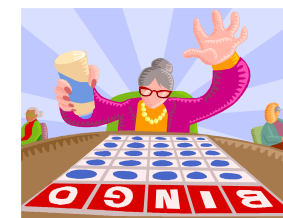
Bring your best pot of **chili Beans or a homemade **Berry pie** to be entered in the contest!**

Jumpy's/Craft Tables /Sno-Cones/ Gifts for the kids...

...RAFFLES!..

...And of

Course Bingo!!!



Parents are responsible for watching their children in the jumpy area

NOTE: After 4pm T-Shirts and Promotional Items will be given to non-members of Kashia families.