

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On March 18, 2011 the Tribal Council unanimously approved resolution PL 33-11 adopting the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan. The purpose of the plan is to use the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund created by Public Law 101-618 to create long term profit making opportunities, to create optimum employment opportunities and to establish a high quality recreation area at Pyramid Lake for the Tribe and its members. The plan was awarded the 2011 Outstanding Plan Award by NV Chapter of the American Planning Association.

PYRAMID LAKE FISHERIES

Pyramid Lake is home to five different species of fish; Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Cui-Ui, Tahoe Sucker, Tui Chub, and Sacramento Perch. In 2010 Pyramid Lake Fisheries stocked over 700,000 fingerling Lahontan Cutthroat Trout in the lake. Since 2006, Desert Terminus Lake Program funds have been used to remodel the Numana, Dunn and Big Bend fish hatcheries. Pyramid Lake Fisheries coded-wire tagged over 120,000 fish for research in 2010. For more information visit www.pyramidlakefisheries.org.

EDUCATION

The 2011 Senior Class at Pyramid Lake High School had the highest percentage of students going on to college in the schools history. Graduating students from the class will be attending Stanford University, Haskell Indian Nations University, United Tribes Technical College, and Truckee Meadows Community College.

TRIBAL TAXES

The Tax Code for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe provides revenues to many Tribal programs, without these funds many important services for Tribal Members would be short funded or eliminated. The Pyramid Lake Tax Commission collected \$1,419,239.12 in taxes in 2010.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe operates under the Indian Reorganization Act and Bylaws approved on January 26, 1936 by the Department of Interior.



Pyramid Lake is home to the Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge established by Congress in 1913. The island is the largest breeding colony for the American White Pelican in North America.



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Key Facts

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

- 274 kilowatts of solar power has been installed the reservation to date.
- Tribal Community of Nixon, NV has more solar panels per capita than other community in the US.
- Tribe working with University of Nevada, Reno and Desert Research Institute to develop a utility scale geothermal project.

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Tribe received a \$7.1 million dollar ARRA stimulus grant to build optic cable line.
- Project will connect the people and businesses in Wadsworth, Nixon, and Sutcliffe to modern infrastructure.

TOURISM

- In 2010 over 150,000 people visited Pyramid Lake from around the world.
- Pyramid Lake has been named one of the best public fisheries in the world by Fly Fishing and Tying Journal.
- Visitor generated spending and tax revenue helps provide services for Tribal Members & generates taxes in Washoe and Lyon counties.

About Pyramid Lake and the Tribe

Pyramid Lake is located 35 miles Northeast of Reno, NV and is the property of and managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Pyramid Lake is known as being North America's most beautiful desert lake and home to many year round recreational activities. Pyramid Lake was designated as the first National Scenic Byway entirely on an Indian reservation and has been recently named Nevada's first Preserve America Tribal Community. The lake occupies 112,000 surface acres inside the reservation boundary and has a shoreline of approximately 125 miles. The lake has no outlet and is a residual body remaining from the prehistoric Great Lake Lahontan water body that covered most of Northwestern Nevada thousands of years ago. The lake is fed primarily by the Truckee River and was named one of the best fisheries in the world by Fly Fishing and Tying Journal in 2010. The lake is world renowned for its Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Cui-ui fish; Pyramid Lake is the only place on earth where the Cui-ui can be found. The lake is also home to the Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge, which supports one of the largest breeding colonies of American white pelicans in North America. The Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation is comprised of 476,728 acres in Northern Nevada. The 2,510 members of the Tribe are direct descendants of the Northern Paiute people who have occupied the vast areas of the Great Basin for thousands of years. The Paiute people call themselves Numu, or "The People." Deeply grounded in their environment, the Paiutes believed that power (pooha) could reside in any natural object including animals, plants, stones, water and geographical features. For more information about Pyramid Lake or its people please visit the Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center in Nixon or log on to www.pyramidlake.us.



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