



Scotts Valley Band Of Pomo Indians



Tribal Multi-County
Weatherization Program
October 2009



Brief Summary of Tribe

The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians is located in Northern California with tribal offices located in Lakeport, Lake County and the City of Richmond, Contra Costa in California. The current Tribal membership consist of 227 members. Scotts Valley is a landless Tribe and currently has 35 acres in fee simple status in Lake County.



Project Overview

The Scotts Valley Tribe proposes to establish a Tribal Multi-County Weatherization Program. The goal of the proposed project is to train and certify a Tribal workforce to provide weatherization services to tribal homes and buildings.





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The program will implement Weatherization Training and utilize the tribally certified workforce to perform energy efficiency measures on tribal homes who live on or off the reservation.





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The program will encourage economic development and self-reliance for Tribal Members who may want to pursue a weatherization business of their own, work within their own tribal housing departments, or pursue jobs with other local or state community housing organizations.



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The program will provide educational outreach to the tribal communities on energy efficiency and energy cost savings. Such outreach will be a viable component of the programs success.





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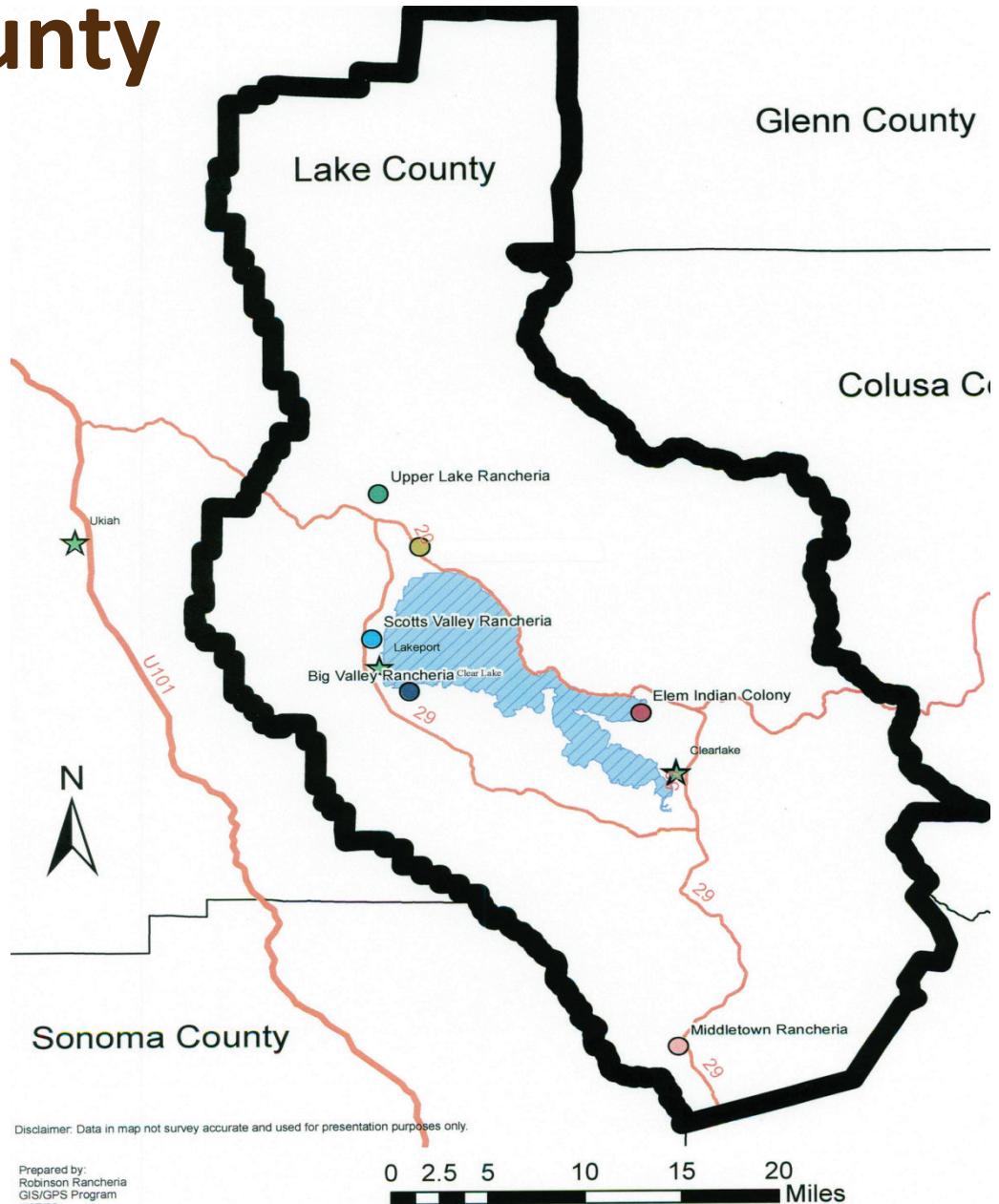
Another program component is the opportunity to become eligible to enter a weatherization apprenticeship with North Coast Energy Services, supported by the California Department of Community Services and Development after completion of the required (3) weatherization classes.



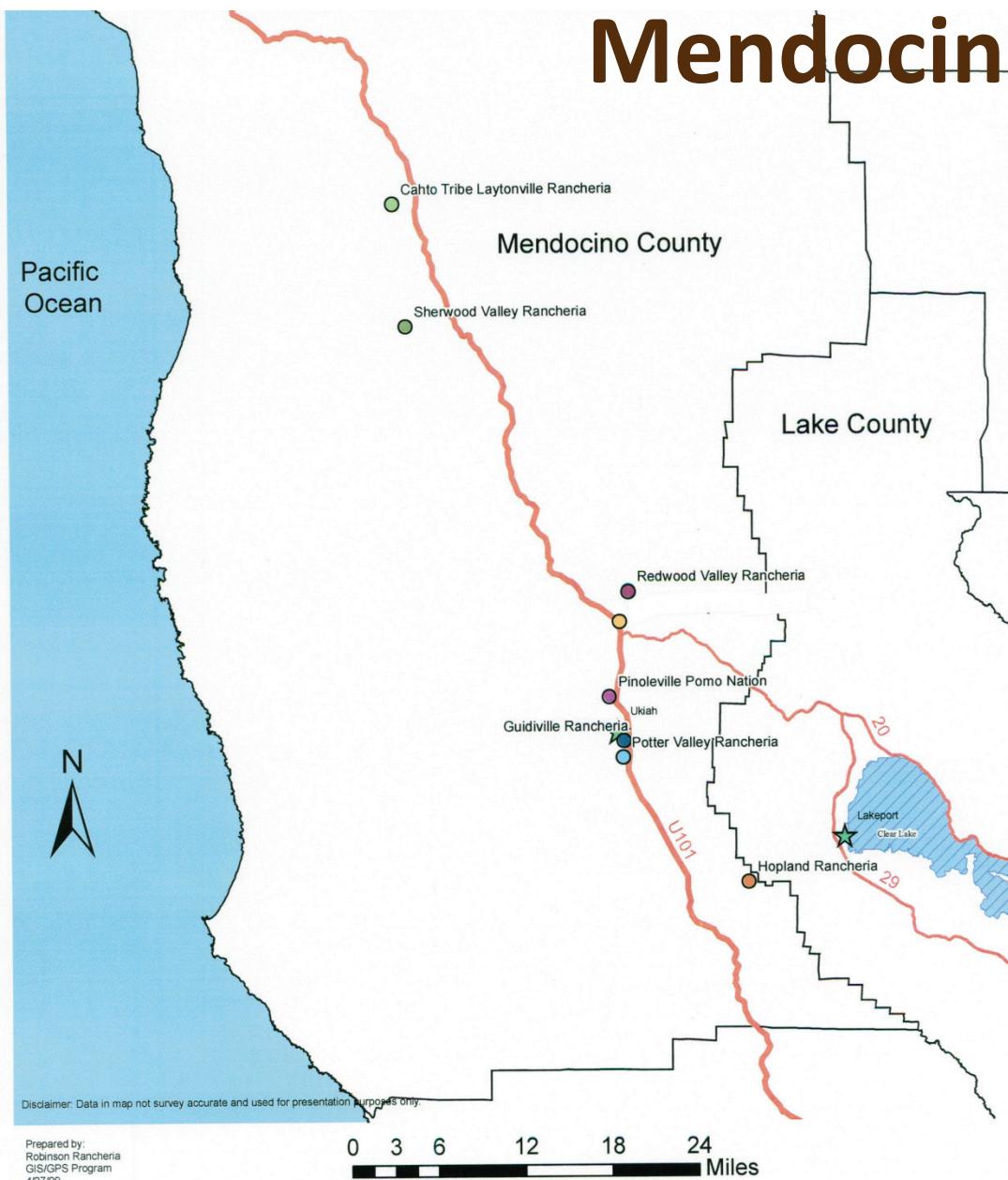
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In summary, the Tribe recognizes growth and sustainability of this program is vital to its success, and the need for this Tribal Multi-County Program to train and retain tribal people in jobs, and to create a specialized tribal workforce, will offset conditions of chronic under-employment, unemployment and improve the living conditions for Tribal Members.

Project Location: Tribes of Lake County



Project Location: Tribes of Mendocino County





Project Participants

Scotts Valley will partner with the following twelve Tribes located in Lake and Mendocino counties:

- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
 - Big Valley Rancheria
 - Elem Indian Colony
 - Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
 - Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians
 - Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria
 - Guidiville Rancheria
 - Potter Valley Rancheria
 - Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians
 - Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
 - Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
 - Pinoleville Pomo Nation
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Other Supporting Partners

- North Coast Energy Services
- Pinoleville Pomo Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- County of Lake, Board of Supervisors
- Pacific Gas and Energy Company- Utility Provider
- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indian Housing Authority



Objectives

- To develop a Weatherization Training Program and establish a tribally certified workforce and job referral center
- Provide weatherization training for Tribal Members at the Pacific Gas and Energy training facility in Stockton, CA
- Provide human capacity building by hiring a Project Energy Coordinator based under the Scotts Valley Environmental offices
- Provide outreach to Tribes to access energy bill payment and weatherization assistance for low-income families
- Develop an MOU with North Coast Energy Services to provide on-the-job-apprenticeship



Objectives

- Provide educational presentations and workshops with various agencies and organizations that provide energy-efficiency information and resources to tribal communities
- Promote job creation by completing certified weatherization training in preparation for entering today's energy job market economy



Objectives

- Promote economic development prospects to trainees interested in pursuing weatherization entrepreneurship
 - Access PG&E Energy's Incentive Rebate Programs
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Relevant Background Information

With DOE funding, the Scotts Valley Tribe was able to complete its Strategic Energy Plan in December 2008. The Plan lists priorities of energy options to pursue, and a vision statement that encourages the use of alternative energy to reduce energy costs for the Tribe and its members, and incorporates energy planning and use of alternative energy in construction and economic development.



Relevant background

As a result of this Strategic Energy Plan the Tribe prioritize promoting energy efficiency, green job employment and economic opportunities on tribal land through energy resource and energy efficiency development by good sound energy planning to capture economic and environmental benefits while continuing to respect tribal cultural practices and traditions.

Community Outreach

Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians "Weatherization Shines in California"

Weatherization Works! It creates significant benefits for California Tribes by providing long-term solutions for energy problems. Weatherization measures decrease energy use in the tribal home, while increasing the comfort level. These cost-effective measures create energy savings for low-income families and economic and environmental benefits for the community. It can work on your Rancheria!

HERE ARE FEW HOME ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Turn off your lights when not using.
DO use compact fluorescents in fixtures and lamps.
DON'T use them in places that are only lit for an hour or so.
DO use them in hard-to-reach fixtures
DON'T use them in fixtures and lamps that are turned off frequently.



If you notice a puddle or dripping Water Faucet, it probably indicates a leak and will need to be fixed. The sooner it's fixed the more likely your water bill will save money and energy costs.



Watch your Refrigerator, they cost \$5 to \$8 per month to operate and consume 3-5% of your home's total energy use. To keep out warm room air, keep the door closed as much as possible. If you have more than one refrigerator or freezer and one doesn't get much use, unplug it and save energy costs.



More TIPS To Save

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Lower your water temperature. Your hot water is probably hotter than necessary. Most are set at 140 degrees, turn it down to 120 degrees

Insulate your water heater by wrapping the tank in a blanket of fiberglass insulation will reduce heat loss by 25-40%. This means a saving of 4-9% on your water-heating bill.

Replace your showerhead, replace it with a quality low-flow showerhead that will allow to use only 1-2 gal of water a minute instead of 8 gal a minute.

Plug those leaks. On a cold windy day, do you feel those breezes blowing through your house? On windows and doors use weather stripping, caulk around wall outlets, use door sweep on bottom of doors and seal around baseboards, gaps around pipes and small holes. Remember every hole plug means fewer drafts, a cozier home and lower heating bills.

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Project Status

Accomplishments-

- Until funding becomes available, PG&E Weatherization classes have tentatively been scheduled and coordinated with Tribal members signed up to take the following courses –
 - 1) Basic Weatherization
 - 2) Duct Blaster and Blower Door Diagnostics
 - 3) Combustion Appliance Safety
- Initial meetings with North Coast Energy Services to discuss MOU and expectations on start-up for Weatherization Apprenticeship on-the-job training
- Four Scotts Valley Tribal Members/Staff have already completed PG&E certified training in weatherization with funding assistance from their Housing and Environmental Departments in preparation for this program
- Currently conducting outreach for other available funding resources from various tribal, local, state and private organizations



Project Status

Lessons learned-

- Until funding becomes available, we find it important to keep updating participating Tribes on weatherization class schedule changes, any new trainings available on energy-related careers and available energy grant funding to make sure they remain engaged and involved in this important program.



Project Status

Activities yet to be determined -

Again, until funding becomes available, we continue to make an effort to keep the Tribes interested, engaged and involved in this program. Whenever possible, information is shared on a small-scale on energy efficiency at local events and tribal meetings.



Future Plans

TRAIN AND GET TRIBAL MEMBERS
QUALIFIED FOR GREEN JOBS, GREEN
BUSINESSES & GREEN MONEY!!

And to continue to promote energy
conservation and renewable energy !!

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