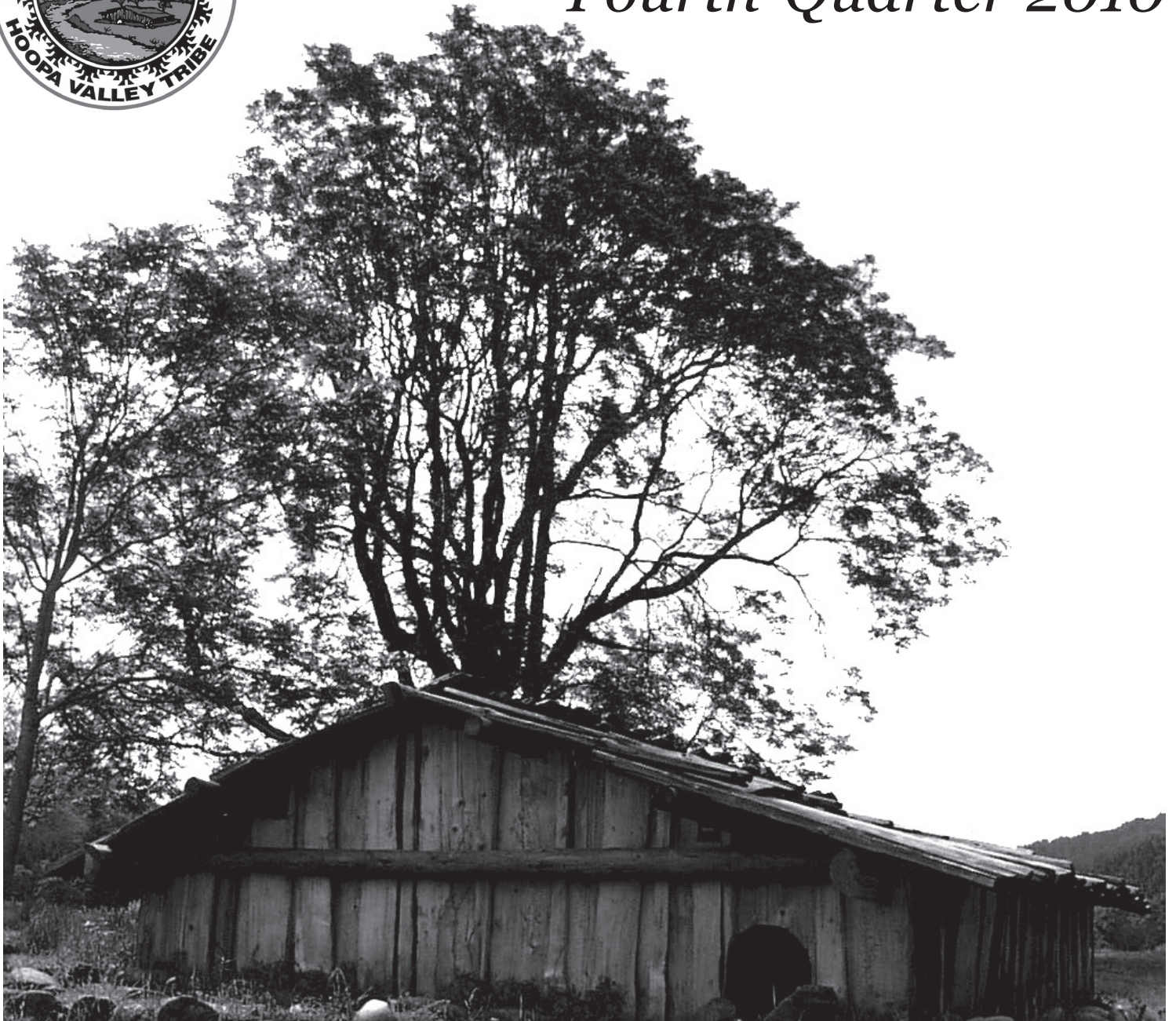




CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Fourth-Quarter 2010



2010 marks the end of a successful calendar year and the beginning of not only a new year, but also the dawn of the 21st century's second decade. As we reflect back on the past quarter, we recognize that despite increasingly complex challenges, the Hoopa Valley Tribe continues to develop and implement innovative solutions to our most pressing problems. In the midst of the nation's most serious economic crisis since the great depression, and in an era where counties and states struggle against overwhelming deficits, our staff have continued to secure funding, expand programs and gain national recognition for their efforts.



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment as at December 30, 2010 stands at 2,918 members. Current statistics:

	2008	2009	2010
Enrollment	481	207	83
Relinquish	4	5	12
Deceased	17	11	11

ADMINISTRATION

Administration continued to deliver essential services to the Tribal Government. The Legal Department continued to represent the Tribe on important services such as the Klamath negotiations and to manage external legal counsel where appropriate. Archives and records also took an important workload and we look forward to the strengthening of our tribal records management.

Plant Management

The Department of Plant Management works to ensure that Tribal grounds and facilities are maintained to the highest possible standards to create a productive work environment that we can be proud of. In addition to routine maintenance of equipment and facilities, Plant Management's short-term goals for the upcoming year include:

- *Upgrading Pookey's Park water system;*
- *Upgrading the Neighborhood Facilities lawn;*
- *Ongoing safety and OSHA training*





HEALTH

Office of Emergency Services

Office of Emergency Services (“OES”) provides critical coordination and oversight of the Tribe’s emergency services programs. OES continues to deliver training to all tribal staff to ensure that the Tribe is compliant with the federal government’s unfunded mandate that Tribes adopt and be familiar with the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”). Tribes must be NIMS compliant in order to receive funding through the Department of Homeland Security.

OES continues to successfully secure difficult-to-obtain grants and funding. And is working with grant writers on its next fiscal year’s funding. Projects that OES continue to work on include:

- *Department of Human Services / FEMA Emergency Operations Center Grant: A grant allowing the development and implementation of an emergency operations center.*
- *NOAA / NWS Interoperability Communications Grant: Aiming for completion in March 2011, this grant provides funding for a radio broadcast and communications systems on Sugar Pine Mountain that will enhance emergency communications. To date all equipment has been purchased and a Radio Vault has been installed. This project has been delivered jointly with the Tribe’s Broadband project.*
- *FEMA Mass Notification Project: OES is close to securing matching funds, thanks to the K’ima:w Medical Board and the Hoopa Valley Housing Authority, for the FEMA early warning dam failure system.*

K’ima:w Medical Center

Delivering an important service to our community, K’ima:w continues to strive forward and strike a balance between delivering a timely and quality service to the community and to ensure that the Indian Health Service continues to deliver sufficient funding and resources. The Center continues to work diligently with the IHS on facilities enhancements; acquisition of new equipment; and recently negotiated an indirect rate - the rate that the federal government pays for administrative overhead - that is excellent by industry standards. The Center also continues to work on its modernization and electronic records overhaul, and securing funding for the Senior Nutrition Program - an important and vital program that has been facing cutbacks across Indian Country.



The Center and Board of Governors have also been working to ensure that reduction of narcotics dependence and addiction remains a priority. Staff are working to ensure that patients are informed about the long-term effects of prescription pain medication and treated appropriately.

Referrals for 2010 increased over 2009, but this is due to medical necessity rather than the impact of funding.

Hoopla Recreation Department

The Tribe's recreation programs continue to enjoy strong utilization throughout the community. Despite this, a planned youth basketball clinic - aimed at teaching basketball fundamentals - had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest. January onwards looks to be promising with the start of the youth basketball season that will continue through to mid-March followed by the adult (men and women's) recreational basketball leagues.

EDUCATION

Education Department

The Education Department has received considerable success in securing an Indian Demonstration grant that will pave the way for Tribes to set their own learning agenda. Although Tribes are successful in implementing natural resources programs, for the large part, the federal (and state) government retain authority to educate and train our future leaders. The Indian Demonstration grant is part of a policy change effort led by the Tribe to show that Tribes are more than capable of managing their educational futures.

Head Start / Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start are at capacity. These programs remain an important service to the community and in laying essential skills for school readiness.





ENTERPRISES

Lucky Bear Casino / Gaming Commission

The Hoopa Valley Tribal Gaming Commission ensures that the Tribe's gaming operations are compliant with the various laws and regulations related to Indian gaming. The Casino remains a steady business and it appears there is an uptick in Bingo participation. The Commission during the last quarter received training from the National Indian Gaming Commission on the responsibilities of the Commission. Those who attended found the information valuable and immediately useful; and most importantly, the training was delivered at no cost to the Tribe.

Xontah Builders

Xontah Builders has undergone substantial reorganization and is making significant efforts to develop a robust business that produces timely and quality products for a wide range of clients. Xontah Builders has been focused on meeting the compliance requirements of its Charter and Bylaws, undertaking sales and marketing training and developing its Board. Outside of its structural issues, Xontah has been busy with projects for both tribal departments and a wide range of tribal and non-tribal government projects. The influx of ARRA funding to a number of tribal governments and municipalities specifically for the purposes of developing community facilities and housing, has benefited Xontah both in terms of its ability to deliver product, and to build its brand and reputation.

Hoopa Mini Mart

Hoopa Mini Mart continues to be a successful enterprise operating within acceptable margins. It is unclear what the impact of rising fuel costs this summer will have on the community, but we will work to contain these costs as much as possible.

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services was busy over the last quarter and I would like to thank Shari Hostler for her work as ICWA Emergency Response Worker over the last quarter. Human Services continues to see its Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services workload increase.





Tribal TANF

Tribal TANF provides temporary assistance to needed families and lays a path for family self-sufficiency. TANF currently serves over 100 active cases and actively works to ensure families receive benefits and assistance to transition out of emergency and poverty. The Tribe's TANF program received national recognition for its efforts with its subsidized work model being named a model program. The Navajo Nation requested a visit to view the program and learn more about how it works. This is impressive given the size and scope of the Navajo Nation and I appreciate the efforts of our TANF staff to achieve such remarkable results. The Positive Indian Family network continues to deliver wrap-around services for families and the employment and training program placed individuals into meaningful employment despite a transition in coordinators.

Housing Improvement Program (HIP)

HIP represents a significant tribal program both in terms of its impact on tribal sovereignty and its ability to transform the lives of tribal members. Over the last quarter, the HIP program was able to draw down substantial funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA"). In fact, over \$1.5 million in ARRA funding has been delivered to HIP (in addition to the regular funds the Tribe receives through its compact), which has helped HIP to deliver more modular homes and increase the rate of home renovation. Despite its success in delivering new homes, and renovating existing ones, HIP is hampered by PG&E scheduling issues and general misconceptions about HIP regulations and processes by clients.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Fisheries Program

Fisheries staff assisted with the Executive Director selection process for the Trinity River Restoration Project which was stalled with the decision of the one qualified candidate to withdraw their application.

Fisheries continues to address implementation and codification of the 1989 commercial fishing referendum. this continues to be an issue given the historical under-utilization of the Tribe's full fisheries allocation.

The Tribe continues to battle with Reclamation staff over contract language that would obligate water users to pay for Trinity River restoration. Reclamation maintains that they are compliant with





their Trinity restoration requirements using existing language in water user renewal contracts. The Tribe continues to maintain that users should and must pay for restoration as a condition of them using the water. Despite Reclamation unwillingness to move forward, the Tribe continues to press for adequate funding of the TRRP.

The Tribe continues to maintain a strong position with the Bureau of Reclamation on their failure to implement, in good faith, a joint Coded Wire Tagging project. This is coupled with administrative and operational resistance from the California Department of Fish and Game on various initiatives. The Tribe has acted in good faith, but the failure of our partners to deliver has direct impact on the viability of our programs and, more importantly, displaces tribal employees and their families. We will continue to press BOR and CA DFG on this.

Staff also continue to advise Council and provide technical analysis of the Klamath River Settlement legislation.

HOOPA FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Food Distribution has been working on getting their program into compliance and is working with the USDA Eureka office on FY2011 grants and program funding.

HOOPA TRIBAL CIVILIAN COMMUNITY CORPS

HTCCC has aggressively moved forward with training for the green economy. In addition to providing critical services to elders and tribal departments, Corp Members received training in green building / solar installation and assessment through College of the Redwoods under a joint program with KTJUSD / ASTEP and funding from Humboldt County Department of Economic Development. Overall, 30 members in staggered terms completed 1700 services hours in exchange for an educational award (currently at \$5,350).

