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The Hopi Tribe

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The Hopi Tribal Flag colors represent the male (father), the female (mother), and the child. It further represents our life as a people of the corn, requiring humility; it represents the beginning (creation) and how life is special and more importantly that the prayers of life will be forever.

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Preservation Office

Office of the Chairman



The past year of tribal governance has developed into an ambitious schedule and workload for our executive office in facilitating numerous accomplishments and reaching tribal-wide goals. As we present here for your information, there many key issues unfolding that will impact the entirety of Hopi lands and the future of the Hopi-Tewa Sinom.

Our extensive work in government-to-government relationships and political representation are ways in which we advocate for Hopi opportunities and perspectives while protecting our tribal interests. We have met many challenges to Hopi sovereignty and the management of our tribal resources with due diligence and strategic outcomes in favor of our needs and concerns.

As we look back on this past year, we have moved many key issues affecting the Hopi people towards resolution. We have addressed the problems that have prevented our people from moving forward and with our leadership we will pursue these opportunities to ensure Hopi communities remain healthy and strong.

Chairman LeRoy N. Shingoitewa

Office of the Vice Chairman

My office has been working on numerous issues that are important to the Hopi Community. While there are numerous challenges along the way, our goal is to continue to work at working with others to find sustainable solutions.

Our working relationship involves many agencies at various levels including, State and Federal agencies, other Tribes and of course our local Villages. As a Tribal government, we face many issues that could not be effectively resolved without the contributions of our tribal programs and staff. To them I give my appreciative Thank you, Kwak Kwah, for their continued service.

I continue to pledge to address issues and to work on matters of great importance, i.e., health, education, natural resources, law enforcement, and working with outside agencies to bring resources to build Hopi Tribal capacity in as many areas as possible.

I thank the Hopi people for this opportunity to work for you, I bid each of you health and happiness.

H. G. Honanie, Vice Chairman



Chairman Shingoitewa & Vice Chairman Honanie participate in honoring past and present Hopi armed forces servicemen and women at the First Annual Hopi Codetalker Day on April 23, 2012 at the Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center.

Tribal Council Government

The Hopi Tribal Council has kept pace with a challenging year of government business developments. At the heart of their work, there are a number of Task Teams that focus on specific issues at hand for the Hopi legislative body, these teams work in developing those issues for eventual decision-making presentations and action items for tribal council consideration.



Tribal Goal:
“To establish and maintain a strong, proactive and accountable government to meet the needs of Hopi people and to advocate for the protection & preservation of Tribal sovereignty, culture and natural resources.”

2012 Tribal Council Task Teams

- Water/ Energy Task Team - George Mase, Chairman**
- Law Enforcement Task Team - Wayne Kuwanhyoima, Chairman**
- Land Task Team - Cedric Kuwaninvaya, Chairman**
- Transportation Task Team - Davis Pecusa, Chairman**
- Reorganization Task Team - Davis Pecusa, Chairman**
- Tawa’ovi Community Development Team - George Mase**

Tribal Justice System

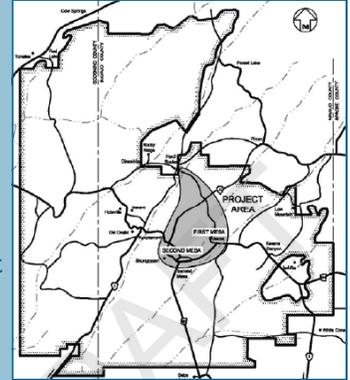
- ♦ On August 28th, 2012, the Hopi Law Enforcement Task Team submitted the Hopi Law and Order Code to the Hopi Tribal Council. The Council’s approval of this historic development brought national attention to the Hopi Tribe as the first tribal government to meet the requirements of the Federal 2010 Tribal Law and Order Act, beginning a new era in pursuing justice for the Hopi people. The previous Hopi Criminal Ordinance #21 was adopted in 1972.
- ♦ The Chairman’s Office assisted in development of the Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act program that was funded by a federal grant leading to the establishment of the Hopi Sex Offender Registry and Tracking Office (HSORT). This included the development and adoption of the Hopi Sex Offender Registration Code and Policies and Procedures that will allow the Hopi Tribe to implement and stay compliant with SORNA requirements. This public information & law enforcement role is now being carried on by the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services with a dedicated law enforcement officer.
- ♦ The Hopi Detention Facility Steering Committee was re-established to address the severe overcrowding, facility deficiencies & challenges in providing for the health, safety, and welfare of inmates at the existing Hopi correctional facility. The goal of the committee is to pursue the planning, design and construction of a new Hopi Detention facility on the Hopi Reservation. The new facility will accommodate both juvenile and adult offenders.
- ♦ The Moenkopi Law & Order Day was held on September 5 & 6, 2012 and hosted at the Moenkopi Legacy Inn. Tribal Council representatives were on hand to understand the priority concerns and identify initiatives to move toward creating a better quality of life for our Hopi communities and families.
- ♦ In March 2012, Jill Engel, Chief Prosecutor, was sworn in as a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA). Ms. Engel was recommended by U.S. Attorney Tribal liaison John Tuchi and with the support of the Chairman and the Tribe, Ms. Engel now has the ability to also prosecute serious crimes in Federal Court. She has been assigned to several major crime cases committed on the Hopi Reservation.
- ♦ The Hopi Tribe has just received Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation funding in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars through the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services and Domestic Violence Program!

Tribal Goal
“To provide a Justice System that is respectful to all who enter the Hopi Tribal Courts, including victims of crime and that is fair and efficient in administering justice for the Hopi People.”

Tribal Goal
 “To ensure that quantity of water needed to provide a permanent homeland for the Hopi people, from whatever sources are available.”

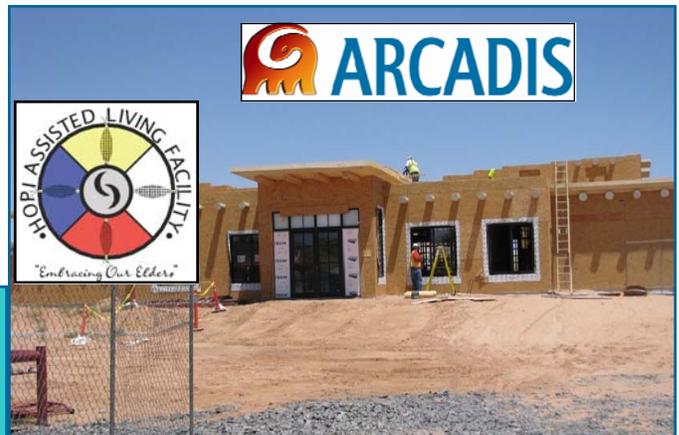
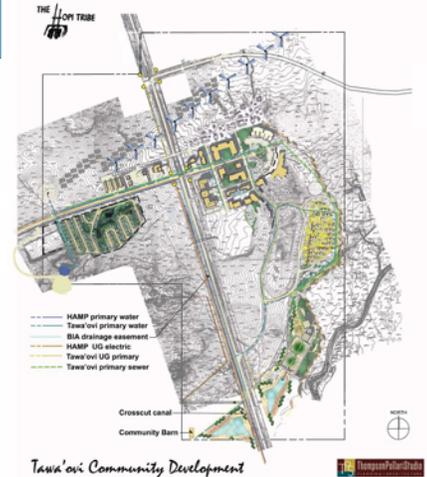
Tribal Water Resources ~ Paavahu

- ♦ The Hopi Tribe has issued an Executive Order Declaration of Extreme Drought Conditions (HEO#04-2012) for the Hopi Indian Reservation on July 20, 2012. It also restricts the unauthorized hauling of agricultural-use water resources off of the Hopi reservation.
- ♦ The Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project has development plans now moving forward with the Indian Health Service and the Environmental Protection Agency in providing a safe drinking water source for First & Second Mesa villages and facilities dealing with arsenic contamination. New wells may be drilled in the Hard Rock range unit with pipelines extending south.
- ♦ Initial operations began for the new Reverse Osmosis plant at the Moenkopi C-Aquifer Groundwater Well site which will treat a safe drinking water supply for the Moenkopi District.
- ♦ The Hopi Tribal Council reached a milestone in the longtime adjudication & negotiations surrounding Little Colorado River Water Rights with the endorsement of the 2012 LCR Settlement Agreement that would bring a major water pipeline, storage and village infrastructure developments to all twelve Hopi villages.



Tribal Community & Economic Development

- ♦ The Hopi Tribe’s Tawa’ovi Development Committee is currently working to finalize a master site lease for the Tawa’ovi Community Development Site which increased to 463 acres in range unit 351 near Hard Rock, 15 miles north of Second Mesa. A community development lease will allow the Hopi Tribe to strategize approaches to various federal and community developments grants for infrastructure development and site construction.
- ♦ The Office of Revenue Commission has spearheaded a Hopi Tourism Committee that is identifying collaborative roles between tribal programs, villages, hotel & restaurant management, retail gallery owners, artists and tour guides for the growing and marketable Hopi cultural tourism initiative.
- ♦ The Institute of American Indian Arts and the Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites hosted the 8th Annual Cultural Tourism Conference from May 9 –11, 2012 bringing the spotlight to Hopi lands and cultural experiences. Hopi Tribal Council representatives gained a full appreciation for the value of tourism in the Hopi reservation economy and our unique resources that provide sustainable venues for this.
- ♦ Spider Mound Community has received support from tribal administration, Navajo County and BIA Hopi Agency Roads Dept. in providing surface gravel treatments for unimproved roads that are impassable in rainy and winter weather.
- ♦ The Hopi Assisted Living Facility is currently under construction in the Upper Village of Moenkopi and construction will be completed in October 2012. A successful example of a major tribal project highlights the dedication of the Task Team’s collaboration with villages, consultants, construction experts and regulatory programs to design this over \$3.8 million dollar project headed for completion which will serve and care for our Hopi-Tewa elders.



Tribal Goal:
 “To support villages in identifying land use areas for housing and public facility development.”



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Tribal Legal Activities

- ◆ The Hopi Tribe and its environmental consultants have successfully lobbied for re-initiation of formal consultations under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for the San Francisco Groundsel plant habitat which lies next to the Arizona Snow Bowl Ski Resort along the mountain slopes of *Nuvatukwi'ovi*. The concern over reclaimed wastewater used for artificial snowmaking will address potential impacts on the endangered plant species.
- ◆ The Hopi Tribe is currently addressing the Right-Of-Way for the Arizona Public Service El Dorado 500kV Transmission Line that crosses approximately 30 miles of the Hopi reservation. An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared for the Four Corners Mine in New Mexico which includes the El Dorado Transmission Line in the NEPA review process.
- ◆ The Hopi Tribe has developed lawsuits against the federal government to address the issues surrounding the Tuba City landfill on the Moenkopi District and the Arsenic contaminant levels affecting drinking water systems in the Hopi villages. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency and Indian Health Services are identified parties.

Health & Human Services

- ◆ The Hopi Tutuveni newspaper is operational once again. The Tribal Council re-established this tribal news source, through the support of the Executive Offices and we are happy to see the Tutuveni back in circulation. We look at this Hopi media outlet to aid the tribal government in providing important local information to the Hopi people and interested public.
- ◆ The Vice Chairman, as a member of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Council, was instrumental in negotiating the AHCCCS tribal exception for health care needs of Native Americans in Arizona. Through the Hopi Regional Health Care Network and in partnership with Tuba City Regional Health Care & ITCA, the lobby team was successful in getting action from CMS, DHHS and AHCCCS to grant a favorable decision recognizing the sovereign status of tribes within the Medicare system.
- ◆ The Hopi Tribe received grant funding in the amount of \$330,273 from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to purchase critical heavy equipment for the Hopi Solid Waste Management Program of (2) trash collection trucks, an office vehicle, and large trash compactor. A real benefit to Hopi people & thank you to the SMBMI!
- ◆ The Hopi Headstart program has been successful in establishing a sublease site for the First Mesa Elementary School campus and is now serving the children of First Mesa villages.

Tribal Goal:
To envision a comprehensive Health Care System that ensures all Hopi people enjoy a long, healthy life.

