

# Press Release



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## **PYRAMID LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN WINS EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING AWARD**

NIXON, NV 10/24/11: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is pleased to announce that the *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* has been awarded the Outstanding Plan Award by the Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association at the 2011 DoBoer Awards for Excellence in Planning.

"The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is pleased to accept this prestigious award as it represents the tireless work of many individuals who have worked over the years on this project," said Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke. "Over the past 21 years the Tribe had tried 7 times to adopt a plan for economic development but was unsuccessful because of a lack of a community embraced vision for economic development on the reservation. The *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* is a great example of embracing a community vision in order to create the foundation to improve the quality of life for the members of the Tribe today and in the future."

The *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* was written by Tribal Planner Scott H. Carey and was adopted unanimously by the Tribal Council in March 2011. The purpose of the plan is to create long term profit-making opportunities and optimum employment opportunities for the Tribe and its Members, and to establish a high quality recreation area at Pyramid Lake. Each element of the plan consists of generalized goals, policies and action steps that the Tribal Government can use to create jobs and growth on the reservation. The plan also outlines the use of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund created by Public Law 101-618 to achieve the goals of the plan.

"I would like to thank US Senator Harry Reid and his staff for their support and I am grateful to all of the other Federal agencies who have helped the Tribe adopt this plan," said Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke. "The Tribe looks forward to being able to utilize its economic development fund to create long term jobs and growth on the reservation."

The award for Outstanding Plan was presented to the Tribe at the 2011 Nevada Chapter State Conference held in Sparks, NV. The Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association's DeBoer Awards are named after Saco Reink DeBoer, author of the Boulder City plan and one of the master city planners of the twentieth century. The awards honor excellence in planning projects and individual initiative. Winners represent the best efforts of the planning community to affect the Silver State in a positive way.

For more information about the Tribe or Pyramid Lake please visit [www.pyramidlake.us](http://www.pyramidlake.us) or call 1-888-225-2668.

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