

Press Release



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TRIBE WINS NATIONAL PLANNING AWARD

NIXON, NV 4/16/12: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is pleased to announce that the *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* has been awarded the 2012 Donald E. Hunter Excellence in Economic Development Planning Honorable Mention Award by Economic Development Division of the American Planning Association.

"The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is pleased to accept this prestigious national award as it represents one of the highest honors in the economic development planning field. Our plan is one of only two projects in the entire nation selected to receive an award," said Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke. "The *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* is a great example of embracing a community vision and we hope that this national honor will help the Tribe further its economic development efforts."

The *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* was written by Tribal Planner Scott 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. The national awards panel that reviewed the plan was impressed with the overall effort particularly the Tribe's perseverance in getting the plan adopted, the potential for real impact from the plan, and the reflection of local needs, goals, and tasks in the plan. The plan was also awarded the *Outstanding Plan Award* by the Nevada Chapter of the APA in 2011.

"I would like to thank US Senator Harry Reid and the entire Nevada Congressional delegation for their support and I am also grateful to all of the other Federal agencies who have helped the Tribe adopt this plan," said Tribal Chairman Wayne Burke. "We look forward to utilizing this award winning plan to create prosperity for the Tribe and to improve the quality of life for our Members today and in the future."

The Excellence in Economic Development Planning Honorable Mention Award was presented to the Tribe at the Economic Development Division's annual meeting and reception on April 16 during the 2012 National Conference of the American Planning Association in Los Angeles, CA. The Excellence in Economic Development Award is named for Donald E. Hunter a long time and very active member of the American Planning Association. Don also served as a board member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and the International Downtown Association (IDA).

For more information about the *Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan* or the Tribe please visit www.pyramidlake.us or call 1-888-225-2668.

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