

For Immediate Release – March 22, 2010

YOCHA DEHE
WINTUN NATION



Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation introduces new Community Fund application guidelines

Brooks, Calif. – The Yocha Dehe Community Fund, a philanthropic institution of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, today announced new guidelines for grant applicants, effective immediately. They are available online at www.yochadehe.org.

The new guidelines provide clear direction for applicants and specific information about the Fund's goals and giving categories. The process of grant application is also clarified, providing a streamlined process for both applicants and the Fund alike.

Earlier this March, the Tribe took emergency action when Yolo County budget shortfalls threatened to cut critical community services in the area and close down the *Valley Voice*, the only local newspaper. With \$100,000 in Community Fund grants the Tribe has filled the budget gap supporting local agencies and assured the continued publication of the *Valley Voice* for the next year.

“Giving back to our community, to our neighbors, is integral to the culture of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation,” said Tribal Chairman Marshall McKay. “The Community Fund is the tangible expression of our tribal values.”

The Yocha Dehe Community Fund is dedicated to creating a healthy community through engaged philanthropy, deep community knowledge and awareness, and active leadership. Over the past decade, the Fund has provided nearly \$18 million in financial support to nonprofit organizations and service providers in Sacramento and Yolo counties. Grants have also been made to organizations supporting the Fund's goals in education, community health, arts and culture, the environment, community development and social services.

The Yocha Dehe Community Fund was one of the first to be established by a Native American tribe in California and the Tribe is a recognized leader in local California and Native Country charitable giving.

###

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent, self-governed nation that supports our people and the community by strengthening our culture, stewarding our land and creating economic independence for future generations. Visit us at www.yochadehe.org.

Contact:

Linda Spencer

Director of Communications

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

530.796.3400

lspencer@yochadehe-nsn.gov