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New Yocha Dehe Building Earns LEED Platinum Rating

Tribe's Facilities Office Building Uses Latest Technologies

Brooks, CA (June 13, 2012) – The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's new Facilities Office Building has earned a LEED Platinum rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. This top level certification recognizes environmental excellence, providing "independent, third-party verification that a building meets the highest green building and neighborhood performance measures."

"We are proud of our entire team for attaining this important goal," said Marshall McKay, Chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. "Responsible stewardship of our land and resources is a core value of our Tribe that we strive to incorporate into all we do."

Building to meet LEED Platinum standards is the latest example of Yocha Dehe's overarching commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability that stems from its native traditions. This commitment is a foundation of all of its operations from agriculture to hospitality to tribal governance. The Tribe's environmental programs include clean energy generation and conservation, water recycling, carpools and public transit subsidies, organic farming, efficient irrigation and sustainable agricultural practices, recycling and sustainable procurement.

"For thousands of years, our ancestors tended the land, protected plant and animal species, and preserved environmental balance," added Chairman McKay. "Today we are building on our ancestors' commitment by actively investing in systems and technologies that contribute to a healthier planet."

"This Yocha Dehe project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future generations to come," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council.

The two story, 3,785 square foot Facilities Office Building is located near the Tribe's administrative offices on trust land in Brooks, CA. The building houses the Tribe's Facilities and Infrastructure, Information Technology (IT), and Environmental Departments.

Incorporated in its design and construction are technologies and measures to curb erosion, support native vegetation, conserve water, reduce energy consumption, reuse recycled materials, limit emissions and pollutants, and promote responsible ongoing behavior including recycling and carpooling. The project team included James Zanetto, Architect & Planner and Monley Cronin, General Contractor. (More details about the building can be found in the attached brochure or at yochadehe.org/sites/default/files/FINAL%20f4%20RW-466_LEED_Trifold.pdf)

Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent, self-governed nation that supports our people and the Capay Valley, California community by strengthening our culture, stewarding our land and creating economic independence for future generations.

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About U.S. Green Building Council

The Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future for our nation through cost-efficient and energy-saving green buildings.

With a community comprising 80 local affiliates, more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, and more than 167,000 LEED Professional Credential holders, USGBC is the driving force of an industry that is projected to contribute \$554 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product from 2009-2013. USGBC leads an unlikely diverse constituency of builders and environmentalists, corporations and nonprofit organizations, elected officials and concerned citizens, and teachers and students.

Buildings in the United States are responsible for 39% of CO2 emissions, 40% of energy consumption, 13% water consumption and 15% of GDP per year, making green building a source of significant economic and environmental opportunity. Greater building efficiency can meet 85% of future U.S. demand for energy, and a national commitment to green building has the potential to generate 2.5 million American jobs.

About LEED

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED green building certification system is the foremost program for the design, construction and operation of green buildings. Over 100,000 projects are currently participating in the LEED rating systems, comprising over 8 billion square feet of construction space in all 50 states and 114 countries.

By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the larger community.

USGBC was co-founded by current President and CEO Rick Fedrizzi, who spent 25 years as a Fortune 500 executive. Under his 15-year leadership, the organization has become the preeminent green building, membership, policy, standards, influential, education and research organization in the nation.

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