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**HAPPY CAMP, Calif.** - The Karuk Tribe received a \$1.81 million grant from the Department of Energy, with the Karuk Tribe committing an additional \$1.81 million dollars to establish renewable clean energy sources for multiple buildings across Siskiyou and Humboldt counties. The project will reduce environmental impacts and increase the stability of power access in rural areas. Funds will be used to establish solar-driven energy for the Rain Rock Casino and its administration trailers and will offset electrical usage at the Happy Camp Wellness Center, and 39 Elder's homes in the Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans Karuk Tribe Housing Authority communities.

Oversite of the project will be split between the Rain Rock Casino and the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA). Rain Rock Casino will be focused on developing a solar farm as a means to support the energy needs of the casino and the casino's administration trailers using a clean energy source to provide a 90% offset of the casino's current electrical use. The KTHA will focus on developing the solar energy infrastructure for the Wellness Center in Happy Camp and creating stable energy for 39 elder's homes in all three communities. According to Sara Spence, the Executive Director of the KTHA, the communities of Happy Camp and Orleans the project will allow our communities to "endure power outages regularly, both planned and unplanned, often lasting for several days at a time. These systems will allow the Elders to have uninterrupted power during future outages, ensuring their safety."

Year one savings for the entire project is projected to be over \$265,000, with the project's lifespan of 25 years.

In line with the vision of Chairman, Russell "Buster" Attebery, the Karuk Tribe is striving to create a sustainable business model based on an "ecology first mindset". With the focus of this project being on establishing clean energy to some of its largest buildings and providing safe and stable energy to elders, Chairman Attebery sees greater prioritization on sustainable business practices in future developments of tribal communities.

*The mission of the Karuk Tribe is to promote the general welfare of all Karuk People, to establish equality and justice for our Tribe, to restore and preserve Tribal traditions, customs, language and ancestral rights, and to secure to ourselves and our descendants the power to exercise the inherent rights of self-governance.*

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