



*DUCKWATER SHOSHONE TRIBE*  
*DUCKWATER, NEVADA 89314*

# Community Development Group Community Update

Q3

# Agenda

- Dinner
- Introductions
- Purpose
- Projects
- Partnership Updates
- Social Media & Website
- Accomplishments
- Upcoming Events
- Puyenpa
- Q&A





# Community Development Group

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- Established with the onboarding of Joe Mike, Assistant Community Development Manager in June 2022
- Group Goal – Establish a working group that focuses on the needs and priorities of the tribe in a team-oriented setting, with an emphasis on developing processes and procedures, while remaining accountable to one another, the tribal council, and the community at large

# Community Development Group



**Jerry  
Millett**  
Tribal Manager



**Wesley  
Allison**  
Assistant Tribal Manager



**Kathy  
Adams  
Blackeye**  
Tribal Consultant



**Lorinda  
Antone**  
Covid  
Coordinator /  
Grants Writer



**Joe  
Mike**  
Assistant Community  
Development Manager



# Purpose of the Community Meeting

- To provide the Duckwater Tribal Community with information regarding projects, proposals, grants and other business type activities within the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Open pathways for clear and transparent communication with the Duckwater Community
- Gather feedback from the community on their viewpoints, questions, and concerns
- Make the community part of the process, input from the community can enhance some of the work we do.
- Demonstrate accountability to the community
- Implement a new system of communication



Projects

# 379 Road Project

- Purpose – To pave the existing 23.7 miles of dirt road between Duckwater and Eureka. In an effort to provide safer transportation of our High School Students attending Eureka, community members attending meetings and/or shopping trips to northern/western Nevada
- Current Status
  - Project is in proposal phase
    - \$58,490,506.00
  - Submitted May 2022
    - No further information on statutes
- Next Steps
  - Meeting with congressional Delegation personnel to improve our chances of obtaining funding
    - With the objective of gaining support for the project



# E-Rate Project

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# E-Rate Project

- September 15, 2022 Duckwater was granted \$5,315,912.70 for their E-rate Project
- Commnet to bring fibre to the school and library
- E-Rate Meeting with OSIT & Commnet scheduled for Tue Oct 18, 2022

## WHY IS it important to have fiber internet

- Fiber Internet is faster than cable or satellite Internet, with speeds up to 10 Gbps.
- Fiber Internet offers higher bandwidth.
- Fiber Internet provides greater security, as signals sent via light are harder to intercept than electrical signals.

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Universal Service Administrative Co. September 15, 2022

## Funding Commitment Decision Letter

Funding Year 2022

**Contact Information:**  
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**FCC Form 471:** 221022093

**BEN:** 17024494  
**Wave:** 22  
**Application Nickname:** FY2022 Duckwater - Fiber Special Construction and MRCs

### Totals

Total Committed	\$5,315,912.70
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# Broadband Proposal

- Bringing fiber to Duckwater from Eureka
- Purpose: The application is to provide Broadband Infrastructure Deployment grant to the Duckwater Reservation to provide high-speed internet access to the residents to implement a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project.
- Current Status
  - Project is in proposal phase
  - \$3,482,500 is the cost of the project
- Next Steps
  - Follow up with funding agency on status of application

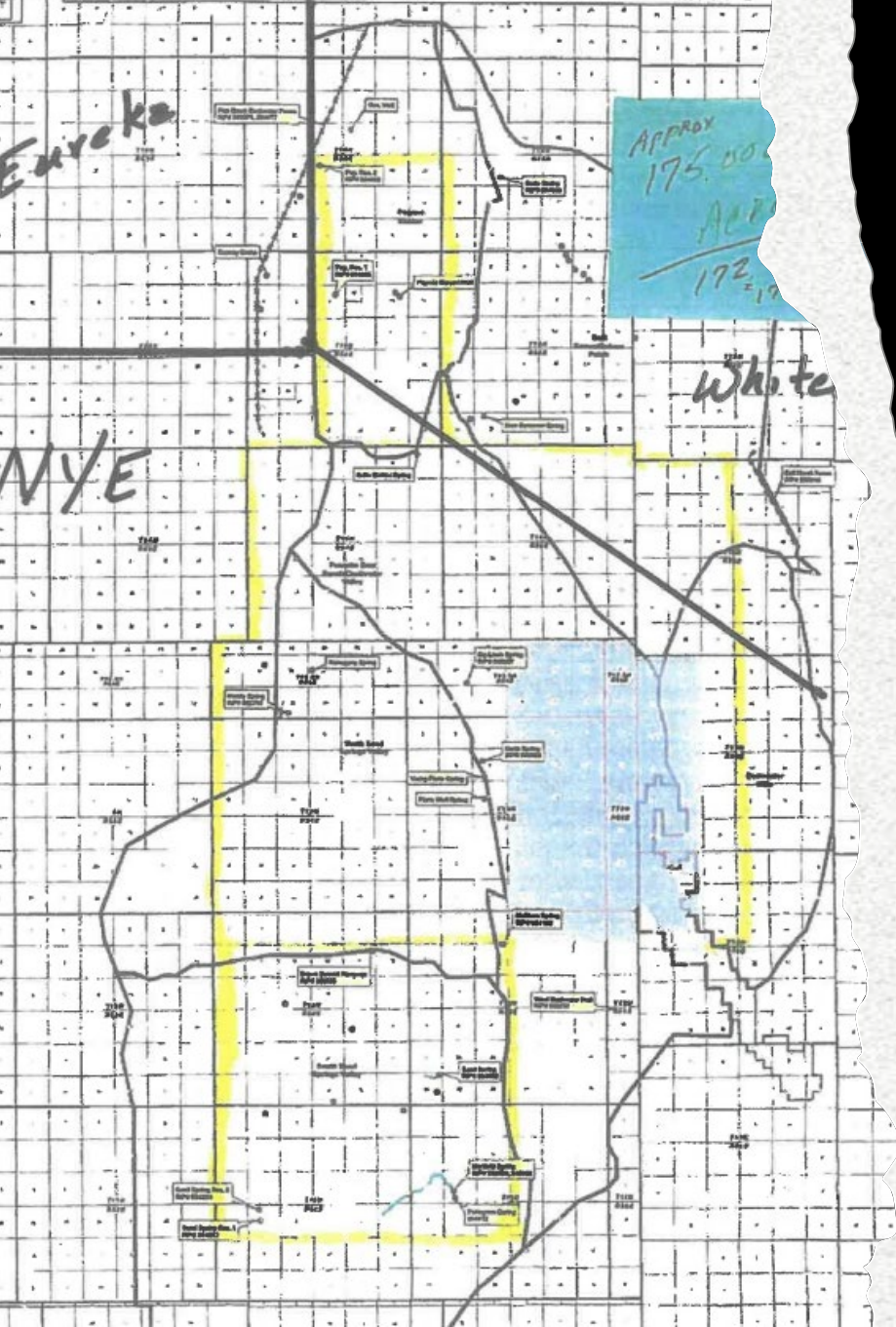


# Land Expansion

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The Tribe is developing a land withdrawal proposal of 175,000 acres that includes its grazing, springs, and significant cultural sites that was overlooked in the prior land withdrawal of 2015. The land withdrawal includes springs that the Tribe holds water right for, and the preservation of sacred cultural sites, traditional gathering and hunting sites. The Tribe is the sole user of the said land that is proposed for withdrawal. In addition, the Tribe is in the process of working with Nye County to be included in the Nye County Lands Bill.

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# Land Expansion

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## Current Status

- Duckwater has not singularly submitted
- Nye County has Submitted a Lands Bill
  - Duckwater plans on presenting an addendum to the NYE county bill

Our packet is 75% complete

- Draft Narrative Prepared / In Review
- Cultural Significant Report

## Next Step

- Review and Finalizing of the narrative
- Presenting back to council for approval
- Possible request for a special council session 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September

## Future Step

- Present to Nye County – Lorinda Wichman
- Present to Nevada delegation
  - Legislative Representatives
  - Gov Sisolak
  - Wilderness Group(s)

# Irrigation Water Allocation Project

The tribe is allocated 10 CFS of water annually (which we pay for) the concern is that when the Warm Springs was re-routed it caused a loss in volume of water the assignment holders are receiving

## Current Status

- Tribe is not utilizing their full water allocation for irrigation. In 2021 it was measured at approximately a little over 3.0 cfs at the big warm springs, The measured amount also includes a irrigation pump being utilized to produce more water volume
- Great Basin Engineering is designing an updated headgate to insure we are getting the proper volume of water
- BIA – Water Management Grant to assist with the identification and reevaluation of water use - Water Management planning and predevelopment

## Next Steps

- Meeting with Corey Lytle, NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Services who is Designing headgate distribution below Administration building



# Updating of Duckwater Master Plan

- Master Plan Document from 2001 needs to be updated to better reflect the current situation of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Currently the community Development Group is reviewing the 2001 version and obtaining quotes from Basin Engineering to update document
- Some grants and funding opportunities require Planning Document such as these to ensure the success of their investments
- A Master Plan can help guide us towards what's in the best interest for the community
- Masters plan includes Maps, Demographics, Statistics, Blueprints, Engineering plans that require programs, equipment, and people with expertise to utilize them

## DUCKWATER MASTER PLAN

Prepared for

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Prepared by



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January 2001



# SSBCI – State Small Business Credit Initiative

- On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed The American Rescue Plan Act, which reauthorized and funded the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The new version of the SSBCI program provides a combined \$10 billion to states, the District of Columbia, territories, and Tribal governments to empower small businesses to access capital needed to invest in job-creating opportunities as the country emerges from the pandemic. The funds will also support recipient jurisdictions in promoting American entrepreneurship and democratizing access to startup capital across the country, including in underserved communities.

# SSCBI – State Small Business Credit Initiative

- Opportunity to set up a small business loan program for Tribal Members

## Current Statuses

- Grant is 100% complete
- Allocated amount \$642,000.00
  - Tribe will guarantee the loans that are distributed
- Proposal presented to Tribal Council on July 25, 2022
- Submitted to funding agency
  - Included in the application is the policy and procedures

## Next Steps

- Wait to hear from funding agency on funding status

# Irrigation Pipe Project

- Purpose: Funding proposal submitted to USDA in the amount of \$2.1 million to replace 10 miles of the irrigation pipeline system. The pipeline is ~39 years old. (the original lifespan was estimated to last ~25 years)
- **Current Status**
  - Submitted in June to USDA
  - Proposal Request \$2,136,775.00
  - August 30th received notification that the proposal was not selected for funding.
- **Next Steps**
  - Continue to look for funding
    - Potentially looking at the New Infrastructure bill that was approved



# 20 Acre Fee to Trust project

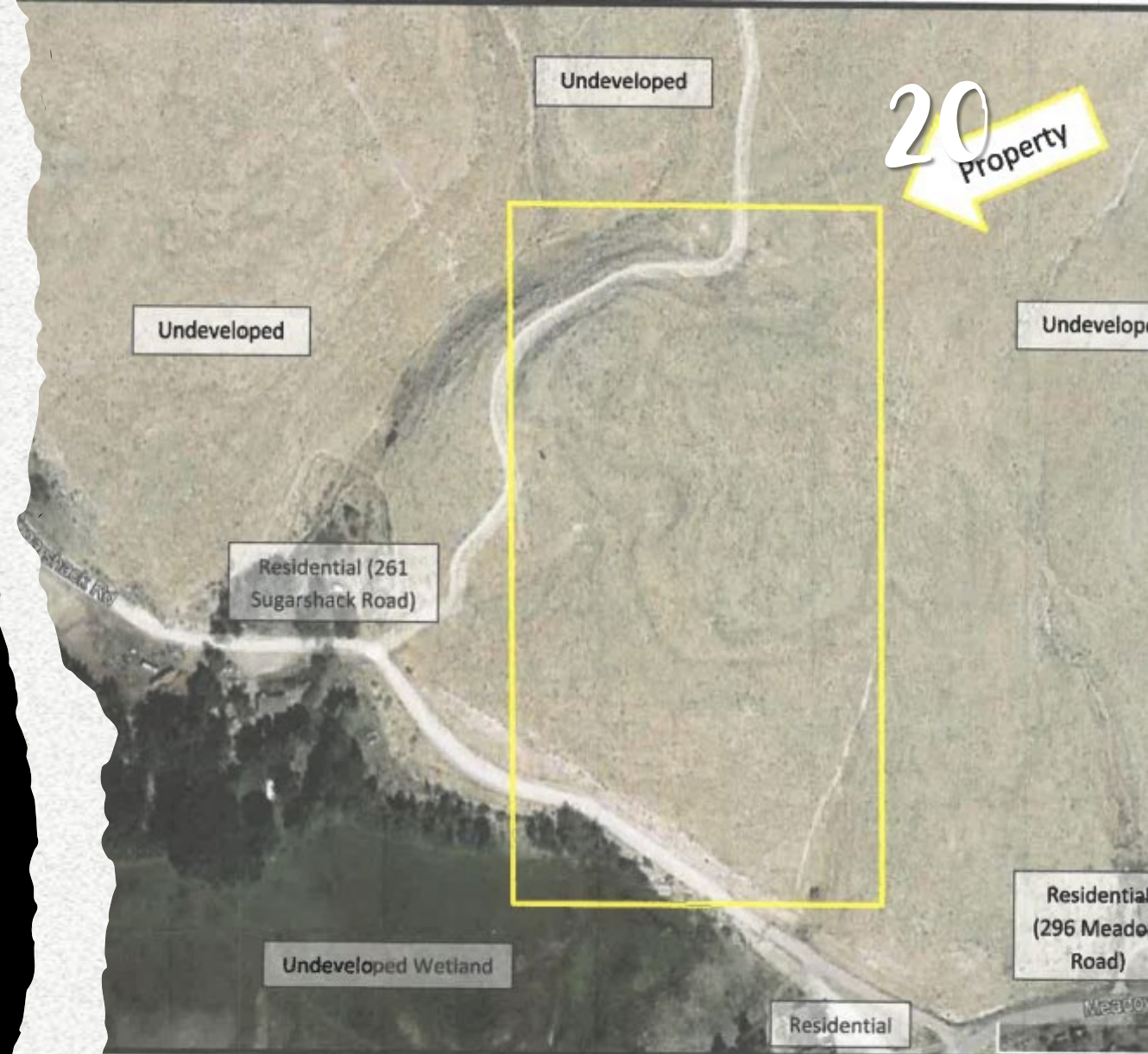
- Purpose: In 2009, the Tribe purchased a 20-acre parcel which is located along Sugar Shack Road. In late 2021, the Tribe submitted a Fee-To-Trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 2022, the BIA requested additional documents (Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, Resolution and Title Insurance) in order to process and finalize the Fee-To-Trust application.

## Current Status

- Waiting on Title Insurance Documentation

## Next Steps

- Once Title Insurance is complete, the Tribe will submit the complete package to BIA



**Converse Consultants**  
Geotechnical Engineering  
Environmental & Groundwater Science  
Inspection & Testing Services

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Converse Project

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# Partnership Updates



# Partnership's Overview

Why are they important

- Through partnerships Loyalty and trust are formed these traits being the foremost characteristics of any partnership. When other organizations trust your and/or your brand, they automatically develop an interest in your interests and services especially, when there is the presence of mutual benefit. Thus, providing a Strategic Advantage.
- This opens the door for sharing of ideas, information, and resources between both parties.
- Access to individuals otherwise off limits to the general population can be achieved through partnerships
- Access to funding sources
- Quicker return times on communications, applications, and responses

# Duckwater Partnership's

## Current

- Nevada Gold Mines
- Kinross Round Mountain
- Inter Tribal Council of Nevada
- BIA / IHS / BIE / EPA / HUD
- Department of Defense (Nellis, FAS, Hill)
- BLM / UFS / USFG
- NRCS / USDA

## Seeking / Pursuing

- Vanadium Mining
- i-80 Gold Corp
- State of Nevada
  - Governor Sisolak
  - Senator Masto
  - Senator Rosen
- Nevada Indian Commission
- Great Basin Heritage Foundation
- Other Tribal Leaders with influence

# NEVADA GOLD MINES

- Attended the Q3 Dialogue Meeting in Wendover, Nevada – Full report to be available next week
- Met the New incoming Executive Managing Director Peter Richardson
- Continued to build the relationship with NGM key staff
- Provided input to the group for items to discuss during caucus
- Was given information on NGM's upcoming project Robinson and Goldrush
- Demonstrated a presence and interest in NGM's business





# NEVADA GOLD MINES

- New Executive Managing Director of Nevada Gold Mines Peter Richardson
- Mr. Richardson is originally from Sweden
- As with most senior executive's he's been all over the globe
- 30+ years pf mining experience
- Most recently worked as corporate Barrick in Canada
- Seemed friendly and willing to get to know the Duckwater delegation at his first Quarterly Dialogue



# KINROSS

- Recently Met with Samantha Faga, Corporate Social Responsibility Specialist from Kinross Round Mountain
- Items discussed but not limited to
  - Capitol Requests
  - Education
  - Workforce Development
  - Cultural Preservation
  - Economic Development Opportunities
  - And More....
- Kinross Round Mountain is very interested in developing a solid partnership with the DST



Posts About Photos



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Please mark your calendars. We like to see as many of the comm attendance as possible.

# REMINDER



The Duckwater Community Development Group is hosting a public meeting to update the community on the numerous projects within the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe to include but not limited to 379 Road Paving, Broadband, Land Expansion, etc..

**When: Wednesday September 21, 2022**

**Time: 5:00pm**

**Where: Duckwater Tribal Gymnasium**

If you have questions prior to the meeting that you want addressed please submit them in writing either prior to the meeting or bring them to the



# Social Media

- The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe has a public Facebook page which we have begun to utilize for the sharing of information
- Joe Mike and Keith Honaker are the managers of the page
- Like and Follow to be entered into a special drawing December 2022 (Prize to be announced)
- QR code on your table will link you to the page



## Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

971 followers · 25 following

Manage

Message



Quick access

Admin actions



# Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

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Tribe of the Western Shoshone

# Duckwater Website

## Our Heritage

Located in a high desert valley in northern Nye County, Nevada, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe sits in the beautiful Railroad Valley, near the Big Warm Spring. The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is a federally recognized tribe of the Western Shoshone and is governed by a five-member tribal council.

# Duckwater Website

Upon completion website will be a resource hub for not only our guests that want to know more about us but also our employees and community members. We are working with Puyenpa Technology's who is helping redesign the page. Once complete there will be

- Digital Forms
- Up-to-date contact information
- Contact for comments and question
- Images and graphics that reflect who we are as Duckwater Shoshone Members
- Continuing Education information and resources
- Real time news and information
- Links to information and documents
- Employee Portal
- Specific calendars and schedules of events



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EVENTS ABOUT CAREERS CONTACT

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Sample Footer Text

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# Accomplishments and News



# Finance Update

In 2022 the tribe has paid off the following loans

- Laundromat 44K
- Septic Truck 29K
- Water Rehab. Project 76K
- Water Rehab. Project 106K
- Vehicle Loan 36K
- Vehicle Loan 32K
- 2016 Health (IHS) Unallowed expenses paid off in the amount of 24K
- **A Forensic Audit was performed and released in January of 2018, which was in addition to the 2017 annual audit. There are no BIA questioned costs in the forensic audit, and the auditor confirmed that he did not send it to the BIA.**
- **Currently the tribe holds no debt with the exception of the trucking debt, which was forgiven and is in final stages of the loan being forgiven**
- **Funding Agencies have 6 years to pursue resolution of questions cost with the tribe**
- **Finance received a new building utilizing the COVID funding**



# Community Services Building



Purchased through COVID funding



# Judicial Building



Purchased by funding from former Barrick now Nevada Gold Mines

# 24 Hour Fuel Station

Constructed with COVID monies

Tribal Council approved to have fuel price reduction though the remainder of 2022



# COVID funding

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- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funding
- Appliance / Storage Shed
- Private Wells
- Rehabilitate the Tribal Administration Office
- Large Generator (Finance Office)
- Elders Renovation Project (age 70+, 23 elders identified)  
(Recliners, Handicap Toilets & Showers, Handrails, Ramp)
- Distribution Center
- Fence Repair
- Storage Unit for Tribal Administration
- Staff Housing Maintenance (14 units)  
(Roof replacement, skirting, decking, exterior painting, gutters)
- Elders Supplemental Assistance (age 62+, 42 elders participating)
- Positions (Senior Advocate and COVID Coordinator)

# COVID funding continued

## Completed Projects

- Elders Roofing Project (age 62+, 21 homes identified)
- Internet for Students (10 household participated)
- Housing Office (purchase of housing office)
- Roads Project (chip seal the roads)
- Finance Building (purchase of the Finance Building)
- Payment to Tribal Members (2 Distributions in 2021)
- Employee Premium Pay
- Livestock Assistance (credit applied to livestock owners)
- Land Assignment Holders (credit applied to assignment holders)



# New Officer

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The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is proud to announce the hiring of our new law enforcement officer. Officer Eric Watts who will be joining Chief Lucas in providing law enforcement services to the Duckwater Community. Officer Watts has been in Law Enforcement for 17 years most recently holding a post on the Walker River Paiute Reservation as the Indian Highway Safety Officer, Officer Watts began his career in 2006 in Golden California and since then has been not only a officer but also a tactical medic for a SWAT unit in Central Valley California as well as K9 officer of the year in 2017. alongside his success and experience in public policing he also has a background in EMS and Fire for around 20 years. The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is lucky to have a skilled individual joining the organization and looks forward to getting to know Officer Watts and welcomes him into our community.

Officer Watts was officially sworn in in Sept 3, 2022 by Vice Chairwoman Debbie O'Neil on the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation.



# Financial Literacy Training

Financial Literacy Training was provided to Managers, Directors, and Council Members to promote staff development, Continuity, and to ensure the leadership bodies of the Tribe understand the complexities of the tribe's financial system. The class was developed in collaboration with the Duckwater Community Development Group and Duckwater Finance Manager. Participants had to complete a series of worksheets, homework and post course quiz. Trainings like these will continue to be offered moving forward



Notes

## Meeting Notes and Summary Reports

Meeting Reports are available upon request, reports that are available will be posted in a reasonable amount of time after the attendance of certain meetings. There will be a process developed for requesting the notes/reports.



# PUYENPA

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# A Duckwater Shoshone Tribal 8(a) Organization

Our organization is built on the foundation of experience, expertise & professionalism. We provide services & support that produce high-quality results and a high-impact future.

[Work with us](#)



# Puyenpa

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- Duckwater owns 51% of the business
- Business is divided into 5 Categories
  - Information Technology
  - Enterprise IT / Telecom
  - Defense / Cybersecurity
  - Construction
  - Business Development
- Shareholders meet quarterly to receive updates about the meeting
- 2021 – Puyumpa profited 2,685,425
  - From that the tribe received \$917K

**Puyenpa is going to be presenting at the Q4 community update meeting in December here in Duckwater**

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Upcoming Events



# Veterans Day 2022

Day to be determined

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# 2022 Tribe Annual Christmas Dinner

Sponsored By:



Q&A

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# Future Meetings

- What would you like to see us present on in the future
- Is Quarterly Meetings enough
- What's your thoughts on this meeting in particular



Thank  
you

Next Meeting Date  
December 15, 2022

