

Press Release

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PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE PURCHASE OF CROSBY'S LODGE, PYRAMID LAKE NEVADA

DECEMBER 17, 2019, NIXON NEVADA: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe will be purchasing the Pyramid Lake Lodge, a 23-acre parcel of land previously known as “Crosby’s Lodge” located within the Tribe’s Reservation and adjacent to Pyramid Lake, a unique desert oasis. The Lodge provides groceries, gifts, gasoline, lodging, and entertainment to support recreation and fishing of trophy cutthroat trout. The Tribe intends to purchase the Lodge and its amenities to develop fishing and recreational opportunities around Pyramid Lake.

Pyramid Lake is located thirty-five miles northeast of Reno, Nevada in a remote desert area located in the counties of Washoe, Lyon and Storey. The area of the Tribe’s Reservation contains 475,000 acres or 742.2 square miles. Out of this acreage approximately 112,000 acres covers the service of a terminal desert lake, Pyramid Lake. Pyramid Lake is approximately 27 miles long and 11 miles wide at its widest width. Pyramid Lake measures 350 feet at its deepest point, with a surface elevation of 3,397 above sea level (as of 2015). The perimeter of Pyramid Lake extends over 71 miles overall. Pyramid Lake is one of the most valuable assets of the Tribe and is entirely enclosed within the boundaries of the Reservation.

Fishing enthusiasts as well as individuals and groups seeking unique recreation experiences around the lake, have been enjoying this incredible resource with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for decades. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe sees the opportunity at the Pyramid Lake Lodge as not only a great business decision, but also an important reconnection with a parcel of land that had been removed from its Reservation without consent.

Chairman Anthony Sampson Sr. “The lake is home to our most sacred spaces, amazing wildlife and geologic formations has provided our culture a sense of tranquility and spirituality that cannot be seen anywhere else,” said Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Anthony Sampson Sr., “This space, our home, we want to share, and we want to control in order to maintain its spiritual significance and environmental integrity. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is looking forward to developing the new Pyramid Lake Lodge into one of the best experiences in fishing and recreation, and educating the public about the significance of our lands, water and culture.”

Chairman Sampson Sr., thanked NUMU Inc., the business and economic development arm of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, which will be in charge of the development. The Tribe appointed the following individuals to serve on the Board of NUMU, Inc.: Gary Shaw, a member of the Tribe and Chairman of the NUMU Board; Brandon Ceroke, a tribal member of the Tribe and Treasure of NUMU Board; Virginia Cline, a member of the Tribe and Secretary for NUMU; Brian Wadsworth, a member of the Tribe and member of the Board; Sherry Ely-Mendes, a member of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council who serves in an *ex-officio* capacity for the Board; Kip Richie, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe and CEO of Greenfire; and Shannon Keller O’Loughlin, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Executive Director and Attorney for the Association of American Indian Affairs. The Board of NUMU, Inc., selected Drew Rice, to serve as the CEO of the Tribe’s Corporate Board. Rice is assisted by Cassandra Darrough to seek out quality investors interested in doing business with the Tribe. Rice and Darrough’s team efforts have been successful in drawing in our current partners and securing a path to successful partnerships. The Board of NUMU collectively stated, “NUMU, Inc., is looking forward to working with the Tribe and our business partners to support and grow the Tribe’s economic development opportunities to benefit Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe members. Pyramid Lake is an important resource that the Tribe has fought for, and will continue to protect.”

Also, in recognition are the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council Members who approved and assisted in facilitating the purchase of Crosby Lodge: Anthony Sampson Sr. Chairman, Alan Mandell, Vice Chairman
Council Members: Janet Davis, Judith Davis, Nathan Dunn, Sherry Ely-Mendes, John Guerrero, William Miller, Sharon Shaw Keever, and Michele Smith.

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About the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's members are direct descendants of the Northern Paiute people who have occupied the vast area of the Great Basin for thousands of years. The Tribe maintains a 477,000 acres reservation 35 miles northeast of Reno NV. The reservation fully contains Pyramid Lake, a 175 sq. mile desert terminal lake primarily receiving water from the Truckee River.