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Simnasho-Schoolie Water People Said 'Yes' But Too Few Voted

Though the August 9 referendum election asking for \$360,000 to develop a Simnasho-Schoolie Flat domestic water system was supported five to one, thirteen too few people cast their ballot.

Official election results revealed that 272 tribal members voted "Yes" and 54 voted "No". The total of those who cast their ballots was 326, thirteen short of the number required to make the election legal.

"It's tough to miss by just that many," said Tribal Council Chairman Gene Greene the next day.

At a morning session August 10, the Tribal Council decided that before setting up another referendum date, it would be wise to schedule a General Council meeting at Simnasho to more fully explain the project.

The General Council meeting has been set for Monday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. Council members and management personnel will be present to explain the project and answer questions.

Since \$360,000 in matching funds from EDA hinges upon the willingness of the Tribes to put up their 50 per cent for the project, Tribal Planning Director Ray Rangila was asked

how EDA is going to proceed.

Rangila said that, though not enough voted, EDA feels that there is enough support among tribal members to pass the referendum in another election. On that basis, EDA will continue to process the paperwork on the assumption that the Tribes will fund their half of the project cost.

If not enough people vote on the next referendum, then the only other alternative might be to include the Tribes' share of the project cost in the 1978 budget, according to Rangila.

With the General Council meeting scheduled for August 29, a new referendum election date probably couldn't be scheduled until mid-September. "And that's cutting it pretty close," noted Rangila.

He explained that EDA must obligate all their funds in September and that regionally they had wanted to do so by mid-August. But they have agreed to go ahead with the initial paperwork which will take about a month.

"We want to get the design and bidding process completed as soon as possible so construction of the water project will take place during this drought year," said Rangila.

During a discussion in Council Chambers as to why not enough people got out to vote, a number of factors

emerged. It was agreed that the timing of the election was bad because many people were away picking and canning berries. But, as Elmer Quinn pointed out, there was a time factor involved with EDA.

Simnasho representative Larry Calica said he believed that not enough information went out to the voters and that there are misunderstandings about the project that need to be cleared up. "People also have some good questions which need to be answered," he noted.

Election Board official Woodrow Smith, Sr. commented that a "vote here" sign didn't get put up at the Teen Center until well after noon.

"We sorely need a permanent sign on canvas that could be rolled up and stored with the ballot boxes," he said.

There was also mention of possible confusion because of the dual election system on the reservation. The August 9 referendum election was a Tribal election where voters must be 21 or married but do not need to register. In a Secretarial election, voters need only be 18 but must be registered in advance.

But basically, it was felt that the domestic water project had not been explained properly to the older people, and that if it had been there would have been a greater voter turnout.

So for these reasons, the

Tribal Council has called for a General Council meeting at Simnasho Monday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m. The Council hopes for a good attendance at that meeting so people can have their questions answered and any misunderstandings cleared up.

NOTICE

GENERAL COUNCIL
MEETING
Re: Simnasho-Schoolie Water
Simnasho Longhouse
August 29
Dinner - 6:00 P.M.
Meeting - 7:00 P.M.



Not everyone could escape the heat of the HeHe Longhouse after Huckleberry Feast August 14. The clean-up detail had plenty of dishes to face. Digging in were Alecia Keo, Sheila Wahnetah and Kate Daniels.

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Hay Purchase Program Ends

(By Roger Stwyer)

The Tribal hay purchase program will be coming to a halt September 1, Clint Jacks

extension agent, announced this week. This would include the three percent loan from the tribe, and the contracting of hay by the tribe. According to Clint Jacks, "anyone purchasing hay after September 1 will be done on an individual basis."

Applications for loans can be obtained by Buddy Kalama, Jacob Frank, or Clint Jacks, in the extension office upstairs in the old administration building.

Listing of prices is as follows: Barley-alfalfa, \$55.00 delivered; (year old) oat-alfalfa, \$65.00 delivered; Barley-alfalfa, \$60.00 in Madras; Alfalfa, \$65.00 in Culver; Alfalfa-grass, \$55.00 in Metolius; Grass-straw, \$30.00 in field.

Samples of hay can be seen at the extension office.

Anyone interested should contact the extension office or credit office before September 1.

HEAT MAKES HURRY OF HUCKLEBERRY FEAST

Only the very strong lingered over their huckleberries at the feast on August 14. Not because the berries weren't delicious, but simply because the temperature in the packed HeHe Longhouse had everyone running for fresher, if not cooler, air.

The rodeo arena, where dust was flying, was not the coolest spot around but after a stop at the VFW concession for cold pop the HeHe crowd sprawled on car hoods and against the fence to witness the post-feast event.

Of course a handful of folks steamed in the kitchen readying the Longhouse for dancing and stick games.

Though the temperatures cooled as evening wore on, the stick games proved to be "real hot" according to one observer. Wilson Wewa and Allegra Robinson battled well into the night and the kids danced till all hours.

Dancing and gambling prevailed the night before, also. At least a dozen tepees ranged along the river for those who made an entire

weekend out of celebrating the arrival of ripe huckleberries.

The berries were gathered this year from the High Rock area. Bernice Mitchell remarked sadly, "The huckleberries were thirsty. They really needed water." The baskets loaded with tasty berries gave little indication of drought conditions, however.

The feast attracted many more people this year despite several conflicting powwows, fair, rodeos and feasts. Last year's wintry conditions were far more discouraging than this year's heat.

Temperatures

Aug. High Low

1	108	67
2	108	70
3	104	64
4	105	65
5	98	64
6	94	61
7	99	59
8	100	60
9	99	58
10	98	61
11	104	62
12	110	62
13	104	64
14	99	62
15	102	58
16	104	61
17	108	62
18	99	65