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The Agency Root Feast was held April 5. Nearly 400 people attend the annual ceremony. See page 3 for the Simnasho Root Feast celebration.

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Comprehensive Plan— People's input sought

At the request of the Tribal Council, the Land Use Planning Committee is now coordinating the process of updating the 1969 Comprehensive Plan. This plan will provide a general policy framework for Tribal Council decisions on the use and development of resources for the next 20 years. It is designed to resolve conflicts and to achieve compatibility between different kinds of resource use such as rural housing, agriculture, livestock, wildlife, water, and timber. The updated Comprehensive Plan can be thought of as an overall umbrella under which more specific planning takes place. These more specific plans, including recreation, housing, timber management and range management plans, will need to be coordinated with the general policies set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

be based on the policies in the Comprehensive plan, the needs and desires of tribal members will be considered during all phases of the planning process. This will make the Comprehensive plan a valid statement of tribal goals and objectives.

To facilitate tribal member involvement in the planning process, the Land Use Planning Committee has prepared a slide-tape presentation on the Comprehensive Plan update. This slide-tape presentation provides an orientation to what the plan is all about, as well as how every tribal member may become involved. The Land Use Planning Committee will present the slide-tape program to all interested groups and individuals. A series of meetings with other tribal committees and administrative groups is already in progress. Tribal members may also request the slide-tape program be shown at individual homes. This provides an opportunity for tribal members to participate in the planning process who are not involved with an organization or committee.

A key element in the plan is tribal member involvement. The plan can only be developed through the active participation of all tribal members. Because many future decisions by the Tribal Council will

Water system money "unfrozen"

A \$746,000 grant application for the Deschutes Domestic Water System that had been frozen when the Reagan Administration took over, is working its way through the process again.

The Economic Development Administration grant application was one of 62 in the nation that was "unfrozen" and the only such application in Oregon to receive EDA commitment since the freeze.

If the longstanding EDA commitment had not been

honored, "a hardship would have resulted to the Tribes because we already had to readvertize for bids to meet EDA requirements," said Tribal planning director Ray Rangila. That rebidding took additional time and money on the part of the Tribes.

The \$8 million water project is being funded by a \$2.8 million FmHa loan and a \$1.29 million grant, an IHS grant for \$400,000, the EDA grant for \$746,000, and with \$2 million of tribal money.

Voters approved the water

project in a July, 1979 referendum vote and work is progressing pretty much on schedule, according to tribal sources. Some of the transmission lines are in and the treatment plant at the Dry Creek intake site is underway. The reservoirs are nearly completed.

Completion of the long-awaited domestic water system is anticipated in early 1982. The new water system will serve the Warm Springs Agency area and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Community General Council

has been rescheduled

for

Tuesday May 12, 1981

Tribes award hydro contract to A.S.C.

by Donna Behrend

Following Governor Atiyeh's signature to side-step state legislation which prevented the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs from acquiring a \$15 million state loan, the Tribes awarded A.S.C. constructors, Incorporated the contract to complete the Warm Springs hydroelectric project.

Although A.S.C.'s bid

exceeded the engineers expectations by \$2 million, their bid at \$11,726,000, was about \$3 million lower than the three other bidders.

According to Jerry Dibble, consulting engineer, the tribes had a few concerns about A.S.C.'s bid. "Their bid was high, they were outside the construction schedule and their bid was unbalanced. But after consulting with A.S.C. we feel more comfortable with them now that all terms have been met."

Dibble continued, "We

asked them to verify their bid. They have agreed to the terms of contract and they have agreed to meet the construction schedule. The wage rate meets the union schedule."

The Tribal Council was delighted at the April 1 meeting when informed that legislation was being passed that would enable them to assume the \$15 million low interest loan. The tribe will pay bond interest and the state department's administrative costs, as well as the principal on the loan.

The tribes annual interest rate will probably be under 11% as compared to an estimated 15% for a loan on the private lending market. Dibble estimated the savings to be about \$600,000 annually.

According to engineers, the downstream wall of the rereg dam needs strengthening. Work on the strengthening of the wall as well as lengthening the wall about 50 feet to accomodate a downstream coffer dam will be some of the first projects to be worked on before installation of the

powerhouse.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held April 22 beginning at 10 a.m. at the dam site. All tribal members and their families are welcome. Work is scheduled to begin by mid-May. Anyone interested in working for A.S.C. on the hydroproject is encouraged to contact Lizzie Rhoad at the Madras Employment Office at 475-6101 or the tribal personnel office. However, no hiring will be done until the middle of May. A.S.C. is an open shop contractor.