

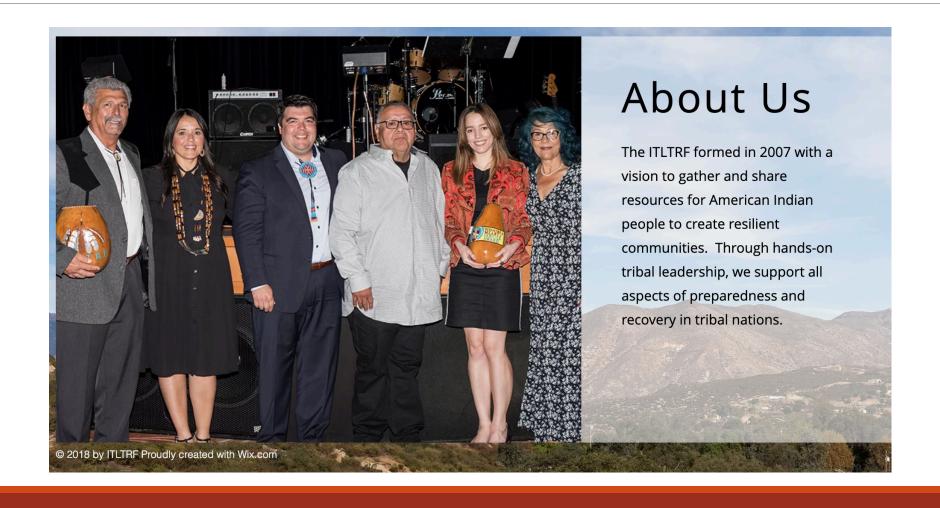
# Tribal Emergency Management in the Face of Climate Change

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INTER TRIBAL LONG TERM RECOVERY FOUNDATION

## ITLTRF: 10 Years Strong







#### Our History

Born from the ashes with a mission to share, prepare, and protect!

ITLTRF Video on Recovery

Image: Viola Peck



























#### ITLTRF Member Tribes



To help American Indian families and communities be resilient.



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## Commitment, Advocacy, & Philanthropy

#### MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- •Annual Dues, \$2,500
- Quarterly Business Meetings
  - Representative plus Alternate/Partner Member
- Joint Coordination Meetings with Riverside/San Bernardino Tribal Emergency Managers Workgroup
- Special Meetings
- Trainings and Workshops for Preparedness and Long Term Recovery
- •Staggered Term for Executive Officers
  - 2018-2020, Chairperson/Treasurer
  - 2019-2021, Vice Chairperson/Secretary

#### SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Rise & Shine for Resiliency Breakfast
- Gather & Share Resources Gala
- Putt Fore Preparedness
- Run for REZilience (5K)

# Signature Events Your Support Matters



- Breakfast, March 22, 2019
- Gala, May 10,2019
- Putt Fore Preparedness, October 4, 2019
- Charity Run, November2019





#### What We Do

- Coordinate regional information and resources for preparedness and recovery
  - ➤ 2019: San Diego County Medical Countermeasures for Strategic National Stockpile Plan
  - ➤ 2019-2018: Southern California Tribal Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement
  - ➤ 2019-2018: Southern California Catastrophic Earthquake Plan
  - ➤ Host local FEMA/Cal OES trainings and workshops
- Share information and resources for preparedness and recovery
  - > ITLTRF Mini-Grants for preparedness and recovery
  - Quarterly Newsletters (information and updates)
  - Provide technical & direct assistance for capacity building
    - ✓ Grant writing
    - ✓ Plan development
    - ✓ Training and exercise
- Simplify access to disaster preparedness and relief services
  - Mentor organization and tribal partner
  - Serve as fiduciary agent for grants/donations
  - Fundraise for unmet needs in recovery













### All-in 4 Change





















### Who We Help











#### Dogwood Drive, east of Coffey Park

Santa Rosa, CA 2017

Photo from NIJC ÏTLTRF Award Presentation" (August 2018)



Coffey Park
Santa Rosa, CA 2017

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## NIJC & CIMCC Create Tribal Disaster Recovery Network

- NIJC deployed a tribal community and member needs assessment of fire impacts
  - Currently developing a CalEPA Wildfire Education Project (Summer 2019)
- CIMCSS delivered cultural skills workshops to bring people together for a "Healing through the Cultural Arts"
  - ➤ Basket weaving
  - >Traditional food preparation
  - Mini cradle baby basket weaving
  - ➤ Beading medallions

## Torres Martinez Desert Band of Cahuilla Indians



Desert Sun Times (02 Aug 2018)



Calfire.org (07.23.2018)



#### What We Have Learned



We need to work together; we can't afford not to!

• \$1 in Preparedness Saves \$4 in Recovery

Our unified effort creates resiliency and change in behavior—from "it won't happen to me attitude" to "it's not a matter of 'if' but 'when' it happens to me" attitude.

### Homeland Security Issues







#### U.S. 2018 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters January-September 2018 Western Wildfires Summer-Fall 2018 Northeast Winter Storm March 1-3 Central and Eastern Severe Weather Southwest/ May 13-15 Southern Plains Drought Northeastern and 2018 Eastern Winter Storm January 3-5 Hurricane Florence September 13–16 Central and Northeast Severe Weather May 1-4 Colorado Hail Storm June 18-19 Southeastern Tornadoes Southern and Eastern and Severe Weather Tornadoes and Severe Weather March 18-21 April 13-16 Texas Hail Storm June 6

### California Wildfire Report (Cal Fire) 2018

Interval	Fires	Acres
January 1, 2018 through December 3, 2018	6,284	876, 147
January 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017	7,117	505,956
5 year average (same interval)	5,756	233,483
2018 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & US Forest Service)	7,571	1,671,203



# Red Alert! Our Climate Has Changed



- •The average U.S. temperature for the year to date (January through March) was 36.8 degrees F, 1.6 degrees above average, placing it among the warmest third of the climate record (NOAA)
- •During 2018, the U.S. has experienced the fourth highest total number of events, only behind the very active years of 2017, 2011 and 2016.
- •In 2018 (as of October 9), there have been 11 weather and climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each across the United States.
- •These events included 1 drought event, 6 severe storm events, 1 tropical cyclone event, 1 wildfire event, and 2 winter storm events.
- •Overall, these events resulted in the deaths of 105 people and had significant economic effects on the areas impacted.
- •The 1980–2017 annual average is 6.0 events (CPI-adjusted); the annual average for the most recent 5 years (2013–2017) is 11.6 events (CPI-adjusted).

Source: NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) U.S. Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters (2018). <a href="https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/">https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/billions/</a>

#### Most Vulnerable

- •Elders age 65+ who live in isolation are the most vulnerable (University of Waterloo; 2 Feb 2018)
- •Data show that since 2000, approximately 99 percent of counties in the U.S. have experienced significant damage from some type of natural disaster, with costs expected to increase significantly over coming years.
- •Last year the United States suffered more than \$260 billion in direct damages from natural disasters -- mainly from hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.
- •Study from Rice University focused on wealth inequalities using a racial analysis.
- •Demonstrated that counties that receive more federal aid from FEMA for recovery tend to show the greatest gaps in wealth inequalities between whites and other racial/ethnic groups
  - Study does not focus on White/AIAN, but we can surmise based on other statistical data, that our AIAN communities are similarly and adversely affected as other non-white racial/ethnic groups.
    - Whites accumulate more wealth after natural disasters while residents of color accumulate less," Elliott said. "What this means is wealth inequality is increasing in counties that are hit by more disasters

#### Contact ITLTRF

- Assess your Tribal Preparedness and Resiliency
- Develop Strategic Plan for Emergency Management
  - ➤ Write or Update Hazard Mitigation Pre-Disaster Plan
  - Write or Update Threat and Hazard Risk Assessment
  - ➤ Write or Update Emergency Operations Plans
- Assist with Grant Funding
  - Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant (Due November 12, 2018)
  - Staffing for Adequate Fire Fighters (Summer)
  - Fire Prevention and Safety Grants Coming Soon!
  - Tribal Homeland Security Grant Funding (June)
- Assist with Community Preparedness Training
  - Supported with Mini Grant Application



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## "In the depths of suffering We rise up like warriors-That is authentic power."



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