

**Excerpt from Hoopa Roads Department HVTC IDT Planning Strategy, Business Plan 2014, and related discussion notes.**

**Asphalt Plant Project**

Currently Tidewater is requesting the Tribes Position in having the plant remain in Hoopa. Scott Darger, GM Tidewater Inc. is the point person. As per the Chairpersons directive, Mike Hostler is taking the lead on this project. Mike is familiar with this project and will work diligently to accomplish implementation by the next paving season with oversight by myself.

Project Action Items

1. Contact Scott Darger at Tidewater to discuss Tidewaters intentions.
2. Develop Plan to implement project as a positive for the community through a public meetings/
3. Identify the appropriate EPA Permits necessary to operate plan with bag house filter submitted application 12/10/13
4. Complete PG&E Application for direct power with \$5000.00 deposit made on 1/8/14
5. Request funding from USDA for \$50K for PG&E service application

This is the Roads department current projects status and update. If the IDT planning team have any questions please let me know

Respectfully,

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*Notes from a telephone conversation with Mike Hostler and Joseph R. Orozco*

Call made on or about 2-3-2014

**JRO** I called to follow up on the report Loren submitted to the IDT Team on 1-22-2014. He said there were public meetings planned and I wondered if these meetings happened or will yet happen.

I Spoke with Michael Hostler, is named as the lead person on the lead person on the Tide Water project. He told me no the meetings happened and they may by the end of this month or in the beginning of March. I related that the report mentions the installation of a bag house to help filter the emissions. He agreed and said an electric heater will also help eliminate the smell we experienced in Campbell Field.

Tide Water had submitted an application to the EPA office in San Francisco, but he didn't know the results yet. Seems Tide Water was under the impression they didn't need EPA approval to operate the portable plant on a reservation. TEPA did not have the air quality monitoring equipment to measure the minute particulates present in the plant exhaust emissions. He reassured me every effort was being made to improve the operation to safer conditions.

My concern was that I felt there was no safe condition possible for an asphalt plant operation in the valley. The smoke and smell people complained about was only a symptom of a more dangerous situation. The more long range harm would be caused by the minute particulates that do not have any odor and are far too small to be seen. I felt the smell and the smoke was physical proof that the air was poisoned.