

## **Managers log Tuesday, April the 28th 2020.**

While COVID-19 is with us and it's around us and we're trying to maintain some safe distancing and being cautious about spreading this virus from one another, and that makes sense.

Now, the Hoopa Valley Tribe is requiring that you, while on the reservation, wear face coverings whenever in public. And these coverings when combined with that social distancing of six feet and frequent hand washing, could reduce the transmission of COVID-19 just generally being around others. So that makes sense.

I remember back when we're in the beginning of requesting from Congress, sole ownership of the square portion of the reservation, which eventually became the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act. And in that process, there was a small group of people. And we'd meet and we'd write letters, because that's what was required, if we flood congressional offices with a lot of letters saying that we want this to happen and that this was our land for many, many, many generations, thousands and thousands of years. And we just had testimony that this was only right thing to do is to split the reservation. We'd keep the square portion, the extension goes to the Yuroks because that's their territory. Makes sense.

And we resolve the Jessie Short case. And so we met, we wrote letters. I remember taking home one of those writing pads with about 80 pages, blank pages. I spent one evening just writing letters, 80 letters, then we bring them all back. And there's another group of people who took them out in the community and had people sign them. So we had, I don't know how many letters we ended up sending to Congress. There's quite a few. And it worked. That was part of the setup.

So I'm thinking, hmm, how many people we got with this requirement of wearing face masks? What if five people, non essential staff, or even volunteers hopefully, at five people who made 10 masks a day because there's a lot of people in the valley who either can't afford a mask. As we're not giving away like we're giving away food. We got this whole community food box days. So there's an organization of people who do this. And that's helpful. That's the game Helping ourselves, that's community coordination.

Another coordinated effort is to lessen the spread. Five people making 10 masks a day. That's 50 masks a day times five days a week that's 250, do that for one month. You got 1,000 masks that you could hand out to people. You got a lot of street people, we got a lot of visitors, just hand them out. If you don't have money, somebody don't have a mask, give them mask. Say, Please wear this.

Personally, I like to kind that tie in the back. Just make it a long string and you could always adjust it and cut it as more comfortable. I don't like the ones with the elastic because, one, I wear glasses and I got hearing aids. The elastic around my ears you know is very uncomfortable. So I prefer either having two tied in the back or just one. Like a bandana type where you can tie it down but you need to tighten it around the chin. That's the kind I would prefer. That's my preference.

Just thought that might help, some people be willing to do that. Prevent the spread lower that curve or flatten that curve as they say. You too can be a hero. Thanks for listening

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